Local man arrested after failing to report to prison

A Snyder man was arrested Friday afternoon after he failed to report to a Federal Prison Camp in Bastrop.

Arlie Eicke, convicted on 21 counts of bank fraud, was taken into custody about 5 p.m. Friday at his home in Snyder after a warrant was issued at 3:45 p.m. by U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings.

The warrant said that Eicke, 43, "knowingly failed to surrender for service of sentence." Eicke had been directed to report to begin serving a 38-month sentence at 2 p.m. Friday at the federal prison.

Court papers said Deputy U.S. Marshal Ronnie O'Neal talked via telephone with prison officials in Bastrop and it was confirmed at 2:43 p.m. that Eicke had failed to report. Court papers further stated that Eicke was observed outside his residence in Snyder after 2 p.m. Friday.

The warrant was executed by Police Chief Lannie Lee, Sheriff Keith Collier and Texas Ranger John Billings. Chief Lee went to Eicke's home and allowed him a few minutes with family members.

Eicke left without incident and carried only a stack of papers. Among the papers was a writ that Eicke told local authorities he had sent to U.S. Attorney Janet Reno. He said her failure to respond to the writ made the charges against him null and void. Eicke will remain in the Scurry County jail over the weekend. Federal marshals are expected to be here Monday to transport him to a federal facility.

Failing to report is a violation of federal statutes, but as of late Friday no additional charges had been filed. Eicke had been free on a $5,000 bond.

Eicke, along with his brother, Johonnas Eicke, was indicted in October, 1994 on 21 counts of conspiracy to commit bank fraud by issuing more than $1 trillion in bogus cashier's checks on Central Dominion Trust, a non-existent bank operated out of Arlie Eicke's home. Court documents said the bank consisted of a computer and fax machine.

In August, the Eicke brothers were convicted on all 21 counts. Johonnas Eicke was sentenced to 71 months, and one week later, Arlie Eicke was assessed a 38-month prison term.

During his sentencing hearing on Feb. 9, Arlie Eicke asked that he be able to serve his sentence at the federal prison camp in Big Spring. Judge Cummings said he would make that recommendation but that assigments are left up to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. Eicke's failure to appear could also result in reconsideration of the security level type of facility in which he will serve.

During his sentencing hearing last month, Arlie Eicke read from a letter that questioned the court's jurisdication because "Texas is a sovereign foreign country."

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A letter to the editor in this edition of the Snyder Daily News argues that neither Eicke brother is subject to the federal government's "corporate" jurisdiction.

A paid advertisement, also placed by their mother, Lavelle Eicke, announces a meeting of the "Republic of Texas" to be held next Saturday in Lubbock.

Also named in the 1994 indictment was Heath Altshuler who was arrested in London and is still there while awaiting extradition. Johonnas Eicke reportedly remains in the Lubbock County jail awaiting transfer to a federal facility.

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Sometimes the problem is not whether the glass is half full or empty, but it's who owns the glass."

We're not too keen on lawsuits, but we are rooting for the guy up in Virgina who is suing a magazine for selling his name and address without his permission.

At first glance, the lawsuit may appear petty, but the man is drawing support from fellow sufferers across the country who receive unwanted junk mail.

The plaintiff is Ram Avrahami, a 33-year-old former marketing manager for a telephone company. He has filed suit against U.S. News and World Report and argues that if a company can buy and sell his name, which he owns, he ought to get a share of the profit.

"It is unfair to me. Actually it is unfair to me twice," he says. "The magazine sells my name without asking me, and then I receive the junk mail for which I really have no use."

The suit is not the first to challenge direct-mail marketing, but it is apparently the first to target the seller of a mailing list.

The plaintiff is seeking $1,100. This requested judgment includes the eight cents the company got for his name, and the rest is for aggravation. In legal terms we suppose that is pain and suffering. The man must be serious, because he has already exceeded more than that on his legal bills.

Representatives of the direct marketing industry claims the suit is unfounded, and they fear devastating consequences if the plaintiff prevails. The lawsuit cites a Virginia state law protecting unauthorized use of a person's name for commercial purposes.

The marketing industry claims a man's name on a list is not something he owns, and that the law was meant to protect celebrities and other public figures.

The Direct Mail Marketing Association points out that people who don't want junk mail can register with the association, which will then ask its 3,600 members not to solicit their business.

The plaintiff argues that he followed the procedure for no junk mail and still gets unwanted mail nearly every day.

We just wish he would have included selling telephone numbers. We don't mind the junk mail as much as we do the solicitor who calls just as you sit down for dinner.

Court meets Monday

Only two items of business face the Scurry County commissioners court when it meets Monday at 10 a.m.

The court will consider a resolution of support for a juvenile detention facility in Taylor County and will again vote on an ordinance banning open fires in the county.

Walking the beat in Snyder's public schools



JUST OBSERVING - Snyder Police Department's resource officer David Holley observes students as they change classes. Holley divides his time between the campuses at Snyder High School and the junior high. (SDN Staff Photo)

Officer helps maintain safe, secure environment

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

A policeman patrolling the halls of a school building?

Probably in Dallas or Houston, but surely not in Snyder!

"That's what I heard when I started working as the department's resource officer in association with the school district," said patrolman David Holley. "What people must realize is that we in Snyder have the same problems as larger towns — only on a smaller scale."

A 1987 graduate of Snyder High School, Holley used to walk the same halls as he is now patrolling.

The resource officer position, as it is referred to by the police department, was created for basically two purposes, said Holley.

"The school district wants a safe, secure facility in which its students are taught and the police department wants to rebuild the relationship between the students and the police department," said Holley.

"We want the kids to know that police officers are not the bad guys and we are here to help when needed."

The program has worked in that aspect as Holley said students often come to him with their personal problems.

"They'll stop and talk to me in the halls or at a ballgame or even in the lunch room," said the three-and-a half year member of the Snyder Police Department.

Holley said the program has been well received, and most students and parents he has talked to are in favor of the program also.

Students were a little apprehensive at first to see a uniformed officer in the hallways but once they realized he was not there to "hound" them, the students became more receptive.

"Ninety-five percent of the kids are good kids and cause no problems," said Holley. "I'm here for

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Few taking advantage of early voting

Only a small percentage of the county's registered voters have taken the time vote in the March 12 party primaries, the clerk's office reported at the close of business Friday.

Some 223 ballots have been cast so far in the early voting period, which began Feb. 21. That's only two percent of the record-number 10,091 registered voters in the county.

Voters have one more week to cast an early ballot. The period ends Friday, March 8.

Of the 223 ballots, 131 were cast in the Democratic Primary and 92 in the Republican Primary. Voters may cast a ballot in either primary, but not in both.



Early voting is held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through March 8 on the third floor of the courthouse.

There are only a handful of locally-contested races in the primaries.

Deputies Darren Jackson and Joe Cheyne are seeking the Democratic nomination for sheriff. Republican Party sheriff's candidates are Kerry Fritz, also a deputy, and Gorman police chief Joe Simpson.

One other contested race in the Democratic primary has incumbent Precinct 1 commissioner Ralph Trevey facing a challenge from Max Beasley.

In the Republican Party primary, Michael W. Hartman and Dena Reecer are seeking nomination for county attorney.

Voters in both parties are also choosing nominees for president, U.S. Senate, Congress, half the state Senate, all 150 Texas House members, a seat on the Railroad Commission, four places on the Texas Supreme Court, three places on the Court of Criminal Appeals, and half the members of the State Board of Education.

In one Texas House race of particular note locally, Aspermont rancher Carl Willingham is opposing Big Spring businessman Scott McLaughlin in the Republican Party bid for State Representative of District 70.

TAAS testing begins Tuesday

SISD students are set to take the state-mandated Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test over a three-day period, beginning Tuesday.

TAAS writing for grades 4, 8 and Exit Level will be given Tuesday. On Wednesday, Exit Level math and TEAMS match will be conducted. Thursday will see Exit Level TAAS reading and TEAMS English/language arts.

Sophomores, juniors and senior students who have not shown mastery on one or more portions of the TAAS, and registered out-of-school examinees, are eligible to take the test.

Scurry County Coliseum will be the testing site for sophomores and out-of-school examinees. Juniors, seniors and English limited proficiency students will be tested in the high school library.

Those taking the test must be on time, and no make-up sessions will be held.

Out-of-school examinees must be at the coliseum by 8:30 a.m. with an admission letter and picture identification. Only registered TAAS out-of-school and TEAMS examinees who have picture identification will be admitted.

Reservations due by March 15 for chamber banquet

Bob Phillips, popular producer and star of the "Texas Country Reporter" television show, is the featured speaker for the annual Snyder Chamber of Commerce Banquet, set for Tuesday, March 19.

Reservations must be made by noon on March 15.

Theme for the banquet will be Land of the White Buffalo. Dress will be casual.

Phillips has spent more than 20 years on the road, providing tales of ordinary people doing extraordinary things, and of Texas and history and landscape. He is the author of the book, "52 Offbeat Texas Stops."

The banquet will be held at 7 p.m. in Scurry County Coliseum and will feature a meal and annual chamber awards.

Tickets, $12.50 for adults and $6.50 for children, may be reserved by calling the chamber of commerce at 573-3558.

ASK US

Q—Is Western Texas College going to hold a candidate forum before the March 12 primaries?

A—There are no plans for the college to sponsor a candidate forum before the primaries but one is being considered prior to the November general election.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 56 degrees; low, 21; 7 a.m. reading Saturday, 27; no precipitation; total for 1996, .21 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Saturday, sunny. High around 70. SW wind 5-15 mph. Saturday night, mostly clear. Low, upper 30s. Sunday, mostly sunny. High, mid 70s.



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Of 61 days in 1996, the sun has shone 58 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, and adds persuasiveness to his lips.

Proverbs 16:23

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Chain will settle discrimination cases

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-based restaurant chain has agreed to hire thousands of black, Hispanic and older workers to settle a complaint that the company generally hired white for dining room jobs.

The agreement was announced Friday between the Pappas chain and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. It involves four of the chain's restaurants in Houston, but does not include other restaurants owned by the chain, including those in Dallas, San Antonio and Austin.

The complaint said that the restaurants discriminated against blacks, Hispanic and workers over 40 by hiring whites for the better paying dining room jobs such as waiters, waitresses, hosts and hostesses.

The complaint also alleged that the restaurants hired primarily Hispanics for low-skill kitchen jobs, such as dishwasher and busboys.

In the complaint, the federal agency alleged that the company's hiring practices violated the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Blacks, Hispanics and people over 40 who were denied dining room jobs and non-Hispanics who were denied kitchen jobs at Pappas restaurants are eligible for monetary damages. In addition about 3,100 of those workers will get a chance to work in one of the Pappas restaurants, officials said.

Pappas settled the charge without admitting any wrongdoing.

The amount of money Pappas will pay the workers it failed to hire is confidential, but Harriet Joan Ehrlich, district director of the EEOC in Houston, said it's substantial.

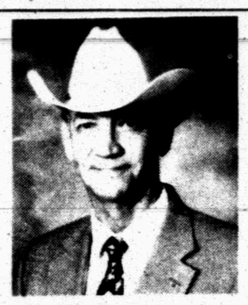
The administrative cost of the settlement will also be paid by the company.

Ms. Ehrlich said the agency also will monitor the company's efforts to hire minorities.

The agreement covers Pappasito's Cantina, Pappas Seafood House, Pappamia Italian Kitchen and Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen.

It does not include Pappas' Dot Coffee Shop, Pappas Bar-B-Q, Pappas Brothers Steak House or any of its Dallas, San Antonio or Austin restaurants, Pappas attorney Jim Neel said.

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THE IMPERIALS — The Imperials, renowned Gospel singers, will be in concert Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Scurry County Coliseum. The First Church of God in Ira is sponsoring the event. (Contributed Photo)

Imperials concert scheduled April 5

The Imperials will be in concert Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Scurry County Coliseum. The concert is sponsored by the First Church of God in Ira.

Admission is free, but a love offering will be taken.

The Imperials are both Grammy and Dove winners and they have made numerous national appearances.

The contemporary Gospel singing group celebrated its 30th year in 1994. Although the members have changed throughout the years, the quality, sound and popularity has not changed.

The Imperials of this decade have focused their ministry on the church body. In 1993, they appeared in 174 churches of all denominations.

All members of the group are licensed ministers and include Armond Morales, David Will, Jeff Walker and Steve Ferguson.

San Angelo residents mark death of private in Army

SAN ANGELO (AP) — One year has passed since the battered body of 19-year-old Army Pvt. Tracie Joy McBride was found on a remote roadside But the pain and grief shared by those who knew her, however briefly, remains fresh.

About 150 soldiers paid their respects to the slain soldier at Goodfellow Air Force Base on Friday, the day before the one-year anniversary of the discovery of her body near a bridge, 22 miles north of San Angelo.

"I think for those of us who are still here, it's gotten a little bit easier but not all that much," said Col. James Faust, who commands Goodfellow's Army battalion. "It's hard to get over a loss like this."

Miss McBride had been at the base little more than a week when she was abducted from a base laundry room on Feb. 18, 1995. Louis Jones held her captive in his San Angelo home for several hours before beating her to death with a tire iron and then dumping her body in Coke County.

A jury found Jones guilty in October and sentenced him to die. But that brought little solace to a community that once thought itself too small, too friendly, too West Texas to be the site of something so horrific.

"It has been a year of change, of personal growth and of a search for justice against those who take life so thoughtlessly," said Army Capt. Kelly Snyder, Miss McBride's company commander for just nine days before the abduction.

Goodfellow's flags flew at half-staff all day. During the memorial ceremony, soldiers stood at attention as a flag was raised, then lowered and folded. It was to be sent to Miss McBride's parents, Jim and Irene McBride, in Centerville, Minn.

"I think the healing is never finished," Mrs. McBride told the San Angelo Standard-Times from the family's home.

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February Students of the Month

Hermleigh School has named its Students of the Month for February.

Recipients include Josie Torres, kindergarten; Nickolas Eaton, first grade; and Rebecca Wood, second grade.

Others chosen are Tyler Rogers, third grade; Danny Elder, fourth grade; Reecie Sauceda, fifth grade; and Kendra Nachlinger, sixth grade.

Teachers select Students of the Month based on the following criteria: academics, attendance, promptness in turning in work, cooperation and congeniality.

Doctors save baby after mother shot on school bus

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Kyunia Taylor, soaked with blood after being shot on her school bus, was wheeled into the emergency room.

As doctors struggled against hope to save her life, they faced an agonizing moral question: At what point should they give up on the 15-year-old girl and turn their attention to her fetus?

"What was clear was despite the most aggressive attempts at life support the young woman was not responding," said Timothy Buchman, who headed the trauma team at Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

They made a split-second decision to end the live-saving attempts and did an emergency Caesarean section — delivering Kyunia's daughter.

Born one to three months premature to a mother whose body had stopped supplying her with oxygen, the prognosis for the 3-pound baby looked bleak.

Doctors couldn't find a heartbeat. One of them used two fingers to begin compressions on the tiny chest. A breathing tube was placed in the baby's mouth. Catheters were inserted into the umbilical cord to deliver fluids.

"We had to make the baby better, we had to get her heartbeat going," Buchman said. "And we did."

Relatives named the baby Diamond, the name Kyunia had picked out. The infant was still in critical condition late Friday but showed some signs of improvement.

"She's beginning to stabilize, however it's still way too early to say how things are going to go," hospital spokeswoman Kim Kitson said. Among other things, doctors fear the child suffered brain damage from the prolonged lack of oxygen.

Kyunia died after being shot four times in the chest and arms while sitting on a school bus on the city's north side. The teen-age gunman who boarded the bus Thursday also shot the driver before running away.

The 60-year-old driver, Richard Lanemann, survived. He was upgraded from critical to satisfactory condition Friday.

The gunman remains at large.

The crime happened in an area that police say is plagued by shootings, gangs and drug activity. Some doors are padlocked, and black bars cover the windows of many of the red brick homes in the neighborhood.

Kyunia had just boarded a bus bound for Beaumont High School, where she was a ninth-grader, a quiet girl who liked to write poetry.

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Zoo lizard sparks salmonella outbreak

DENVER (AP) — When Taina Vitt took her 6-year-old son Coleton to the Denver Zoo to see the Komodo dragons, he got almost close enough to touch the lizards — and close enough to contract salmonella.

Within three days, Coleton developed bloody diarrhea, vomiting and a 104-degree fever. He apparently had grabbed some straw from the pen of one of the four reptiles.

"There was a time I didn't think he'd live, he was so badly dehydrated," his mother said.

The boy was among 50 people stricken with a rare, particularly virulent type of salmonella bacteria after visiting the Denver Zoo exhibit during five days in January. Eight people, including Coleton, were hospitalized.

Some of the victims had stroked one of the reptiles as it was being held by a zoo employee, while others had simply touched the tops and sides of the wooden enclosure, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

In a preliminary report Thursday, the CDC said that of the four Indonesian lizards on display, one tested positive for the salmonella strain.

The dragons had been moved into the wooden enclosure from their usual glass cage for the zoo's "Dragon Days" exhibit. It was not known how many people visited the exhibit.

The victims ranged in age from 3 months to 23 years, with most under 14, said Dr. Richard Hoffman, an epidemiologist with the Colorado Health Department. No zoo employees were infected.

The Komodos apparently defecated in the enclosure and then walked around, spreading the bacteria to the barriers, Hoffman said. The salmonella strain was particularly virulent — 78 percent of the victims developed bloody diarrhea, compared with 40 percent to 50 percent during a typical outbreak.

The dragons have been returned to their glass cage, where visitors cannot touch them or the inside of the enclosure, and will never go on exhibit again, zoo spokeswoman Suzanne Juhas said.

"This was considered a one-time event," she said.

About 30,000 cases of salmonella are reported each year in the United States, according to the CDC. Many people who get it don't even realize it. But in babies, the elderly or those with AIDS, the bacteria can kill.

Most cases are contracted from raw or undercooked chicken, beef or eggs.

The CDC reported in 1995 that 90 percent of reptiles carry salmonella in their feces. And in 1994 and 1995, health departments in 13 states reported unusual strains of salmonella bacteria that were traced back to reptiles.

In October, a 3-week-old Rochester, Ind., boy died of salmonella he apparently contracted from his family's pet iguana.

The spread of salmonella can be thwarted by washing hands after using the toilet and by cooking food at high enough temperatures to kill the bacteria.

In its report Thursday, the CDC recommended that zoos stop visitors from touching the reptiles, erect double barriers to keep animals and humans apart, and provide warning signs and facilities for people to wash their hands.

"We are waiting for a formal report in writing from them before we make any final decision," Juhas said Friday when asked what actions the zoo planned to take. The Denver Zoo posted no warning signs during the exhibit.

Coleton visited on Jan. 14 and was in the hospital four days later after becoming so weak he could not walk. He spent four days in the hospital before recovering.

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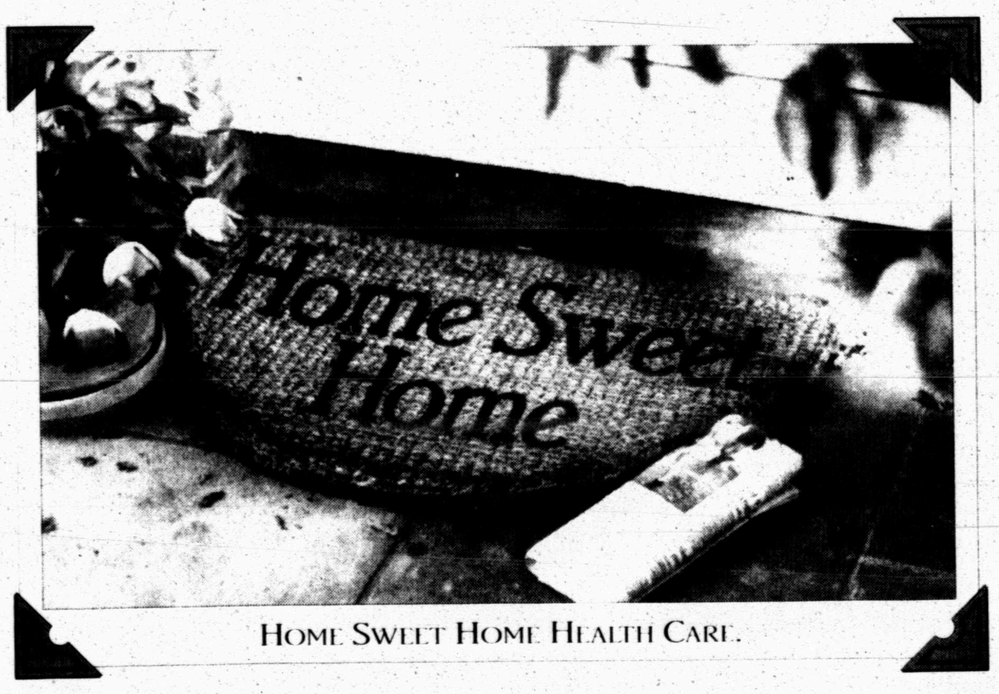
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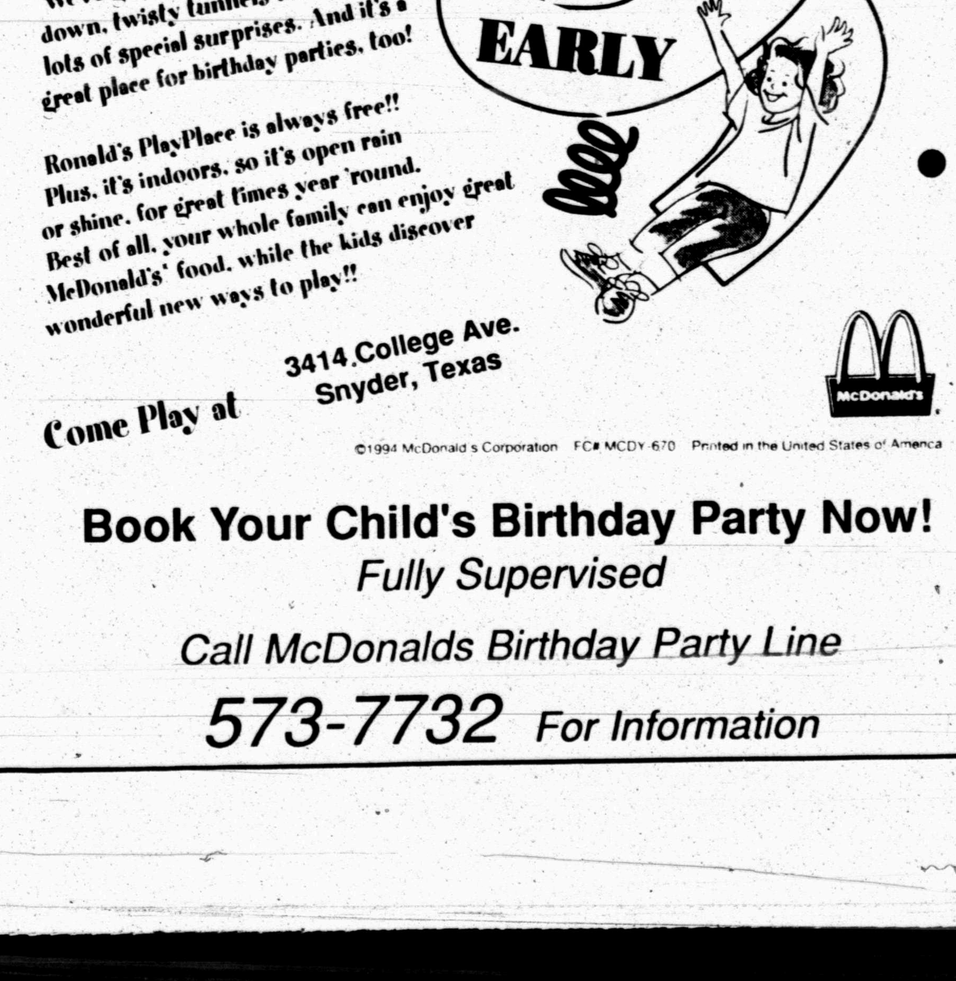
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Exiles will not go into Cuban territory

MIAMI (AP) — Leaders of a Cuban exile flotilla pledged to stay in international airspace and waters Saturday when they commemorate the deaths of four people shot down by Cuban fighter planes.

"Anybody who deviates, we consider them a provocateur," said Jose Basulto, head of the Cuban-exile search-and-rescue group Brothers to the Rescue.

Under Coast Guard escort, 13 airplanes and 13 boats were to head for the spot where two Brothers to the Rescue aircraft were downed by Cuban MiGs last Saturday.

President Clinton on Friday declared a national emergency to provide authority for the Coast Guard to take whatever steps necessary to prevent U.S. vessels from entering Cuban waters. Coast Guard cutters are armed with mounted machine guns but are not part of the military in peacetime, and report instead to the Transportation Department.

Clinton said he was motivated by "Cuba's demonstrated willingness to use reckless force, including deadly force, in the ostensible enforcement of its sovereignty."

The U.S. Navy had three vessels in the area to support the Coast Guard, and the Air Force was sending more F-15 and F-16 fighter jets to the region. Pentagon officials wouldn't say where the jets would be during the flotilla.

The flotilla faced literal rough water: Saturday's forecast was for 5- to 7-foot seas, possibly increasing to 9 feet, and 23 mph winds, with thunderstorms that could produce 40 mph gusts. Small boats were cautioned to avoid open seas.

"It's a moderate-to-high risk," National Weather Service forecaster Jim Lushine said. "I myself would think twice about going out in those conditions."

Participants on the water planned to hold a prayer service and lay floral wreaths at the same time of day the planes were shot down. The air convoy was also to throw flowers on the same spot before heading back to a memorial service at Miami's Orange Bowl.

"We are saying to Castro, 'You are not the hoodlum of the Florida Straits,'" Basulto said. "That message carries through to the island."

As of Friday afternoon, flotilla organizers were still going ahead with plans. None of the boats are smaller than 30 feet, and all will be inspected for their seaworthiness before leaving Key West on Saturday, the Coast Guard said.

The number 13 is significant: Exiles want to commemorate the sinking of a Cuban tugboat, the 13 of March, by Cuban authorities on July 13, 1994. Some 41 people, many of them children, were killed.

The last Cuban-exile flotilla, on Sept. 2, was canceled mid-way when one of the boats sank in bad weather and a man died of a heart attack. Three protesters were injured July 13 in another memorial flotilla when two Cuban gunboats sideswiped the lead boat, which had crossed into Cuban waters.

Basulto, the one surviving pilot of last week's mission, said: "Of course I am scared, but I have learned to overcome that fear. There are going to be losses along the way, and I may be just one of them."

Cuba has defended shooting down the planes, saying they strayed into its territory.

Cuban officials also warned that anyone who did it again could face similar retaliation. On Friday, though, Cuban Foreign Minister Roberto Robaina said that Cuba "will act with the utmost restraint to avoid new incidents."

The site of the air and sea service is about 21 miles northwest of Havana, beyond the 12-mile limit of Cuba's territorial waters.

"If people enter Cuban territorial seas without permission, they may place themselves and others at serious personal risk," said Coast Guard Adm. Roger T. Rufe Jr.

The Federal Aviation Administration warned that any pilot who flies into Cuban airspace risks losing his license or aircraft and could be fined or imprisoned.

Basulto, who has been investigated by the FAA for flying over Havana and dropping anti-Castro leaflets, said Friday that none of the pilots or flotilla members planned to cross the 12-mile limit.

"This is a memorial," Basulto said. "Unless I go there, I will not release my feelings that they died and I was there but didn't."

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Financial Focus

Some trapeze artists work without nets. Most, however, prefer the added safety of a net in case anything goes wrong.

Similarly, some mutual funds have safety nets, and some don't. Some funds invest entirely in performance stocks that pay little or no dividends. Their goal is gains in value. But if growth doesn't occur, there's no safety net of dividends.

Other funds focus on dividends, which can be more predictable than gains. These funds, generally known as equity-income funds, typically invest in portfolios of broadly based companies with long histories of uninterrupted dividend payments. Such stocks are often priced reasonably low in relation to their earnings, giving them an additional safety net that is attractive to value-conscious investors.

The stability of the dividend is the safety net that will bring income into the fund even if a stock's price declines. For example, a stock priced at $50 paying a $2 dividend yields 4 percent. Suppose the stock drops to $25, yet the company maintains the $2 dividend. Maintaining the dividend helps prevent further decline in the stock value and may turn the loss into a price recovery.

In addition, equity-income funds typically diversify their investments among companies in a wide range of industries. This safety net protects the fund from drastic declines in any one industry.

A focus on income and a diversified portfolio are common to most equity-income funds. However, each fund also has its own investment strategy. One fund, for example, invests in a number of foreign companies; another focuses more on bonds; and a third has neither bonds nor foreign stocks.

Another equity-income fund opened in 1987 with an objective of increasing income to its shareholders every quarter. So far, the fund has achieved that for 31 consecutive quarters. Shareholders who have owned this fund has been able to meet its objective by investing in companies with histories of raising their dividends. In fact, in a recent 12-month period, 80 of the 99 companies in this fund's portfolio increased their dividend payments.

Equity-income funds, with their safety nets, have a place in almost every investment plan. They can be an excellent choice for the portion of your portfolio designated to provide regular income.

To learn more about equity-income funds, you can obtain the latest report from Morningstar or Value Line research services from your investment representative or public library. These reports are easy to use and take most of the work out of your research if you're a mutual fund investor or plan to be one, these publications are good friends to have.

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Senior Center News

Bingo starting at 10 a.m. Monday will kick off activities for the week in the Senior Citizens Center. Other game sessions for the week include 42 at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, canasta at 1 p.m. Wednesday and bridge at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

A musical program presented by Hoss Clayton and his band is scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday. More music will be provided by Mary Torrence, Herman Richburg and Carl Stokes at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday. The Kitchen Band will go to Snyder Healthcare Center to entertain residents at 10 a.m,. Wednesday and the Sunshine Choir will go to the center at 10 a.m. Friday.

Senior citizens who need help in filling out income tax returns are invited to meet with Bernhard Bartels from 9-noon and 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays. Blood pressures are checked free of charge from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. each Friday.

The Tri-Chem textile painting class will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday. Pool lessons for women are scheduled after lunch on Thursdays. Everyone is invited to participate in the exercise class which meets at 11 a.m. Monday through Friday.

The center will honor senior citizens who give volunteer time throughout the year at the annual banquet at 6:30 p.m. on March 22. Those planning to attend are asked to sign the reservation list in the center's office.

The Senior Center is located at 2603 Ave. M and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Transportation to the center or to run essential errands around town can be arranged by calling the office at 573-4035.

Porter Wagoner records album

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Grand Ole Opry star Porter Wagoner had a little help from his friends — 100 of them — as he recorded an album.

Dolly Parton, Little Jimmy Dickens, Holly Dunn, George Jones and Waylon Jennings were among the contingent that gathered at a recording studio to help record cuts for the album.

"I think this is the greatest event I have ever attended in Music City USA, and I've been here 39 years," Wagoner said.

Also on hand at Thursday's session were Alan Jackson, Randy Travis, Brenda Lee and Billy Ray Cyrus.

Date Book

March 2, 1996

Today is the 62nd day of 1996 and the 72nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1978, Vladimir Remek of Czechoslovakia became the first human from a country other than the United States or the Soviet Union to be launched into space.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Sam Houston (1793-1863), Texas statesman; Sholom Aleichem (1859-1916), writer; Kurt Weill (1900-1950), composer; Moe Berg (1902-1972), baseball player-intelligence operative; Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss, 1904-1991), author; Tom Wolfe (1931-), writer, is 65; Mikhail Gorbachev (1931-), Russian statesman, is 65; John Irving (1942-), novelist, is 54; Lou Reed (1943-), songwriter, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points in leading the Philadelphia Warriors to a 169-147 victory over the New York Knicks.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The idea of perestroika... combines continuity and innovation, the historical experience of Bolshevism and the contemporaneity of socialism." — Mikhail Gorbachev

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1994, central Pennsylvania was blanketed by 2 feet of snow.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar. Accord Publishing, Ltd

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Feb. 26) and full moon (March 5).

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March 3, 1996

Today is the 63rd day of 1996 and the 73rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1931, the "Star Spangled Banner" became the official national anthem of the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George M. Pullman (1831-1897), manufacturer; Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922), inventor; Matthew B. Ridgway (1895-1993), U.S. general; Jean Harlow (1911-1937), actress; Julius Boros (1920-), golfer, is 76; Herschel Walker (1962-), football player, is 34; Jackie Joyner-Kersee (1962-), athlete, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Wayne Gretzky broke the single-season goal scoring record when he netted his 77th, 78th and 79th goals of the season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?" — Francis Scott Key

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1994, Boston established a new single-season cumulative snowfall record of more than 89 inches.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar. Accord Publishing, Ltd

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Feb. 26) and full moon (March 5).

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Those with carpal tunnel syndrome cannot collect

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginians who get carpal tunnel syndrome on the job cannot collect workers' compensation benefits, even if their doctors call the ailment a work-related disease, the state Supreme Court has ruled.

In a unanimous opinion Friday, the court said that whether an impairment is an occupational disease as defined in the Workers' Compensation Act is more a legal question than a medical one.

The Virginia Court of Appeals had upheld compensation awards to a Richmond copy editor and poultry plant workers in Bridgewater and Broadway. The court relied on doctors who said their patients had a disease.

"But just because a doctor opines that a particular impairment is a disease does not necessarily make it so," Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico wrote.

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UIL ART WINNER — Ryan Neves, art student of Ned Moore at Snyder High School, has been selected to receive one of the top six T-shirt design awards for the 1996 Academic State Meet Contest. Winning places will be announced and medal and certificate awards will be presented on Saturday, May 4, at 1 p.m. in the LBJ Auditorium on the University of Texas campus.

SPARTAN sets Monday meeting

Local and area businesses are invited to a meeting at the SPARTAN service office Monday evening in Post.

The meeting is set for 7 o'clock and is designed to help small business owners who wish to do business with South Plains Community Action Agency as a vender.

It is the policy of the SPARTAN Transit System to involve minority business, specifically small and disadvantaged businesses and women-owned firms.

For further information, contact Boxie Weems at 573-7403 or Luis Perez, SPCAA/SPARTAN program director, at 1-800-462-8747.

The SPARTAN service office is located on U.S. Highway 84.

Diamond M Wing unveiling Sunday

LUBBOCK — The newest addition at the Museum of Texas Tech, — the Diamond M Wing — will be unveiled Sunday.

A legacy of former Snyder residents C.T. and Claire McLaughlin, the Diamond M Fine Art Collection was donated to Texas Tech by the Diamond M Foundation.

Featured at the unveiling will be an exhibition titled "The Diamond M Fine Art Collection: Creating the Legacy." The exhibition will include more than 180 of the 300-plus pieces in the collection.

Included among the works in the collection are sculptures by Frederic Remington, Glenna Goodacre, Robert Summers and Goodacre. The artwork includes works by Howard Pyle, Philip Russell Goodwin, N.C. Wyeth, Peter Hurd, George Phippen and Joseph Imhof.

The galleries will be officially opened at 2 p.m. and the exhibition will be on display through Dec. 31. The exhibit is free to the public.

The Diamond M Wing will add more than 11,000 square feet of space to the museum, providing three new first-floor public galleries and storage space for the musuem's growing collection of art.

Emergency surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — Emergency gallbladder surgery sidelined Julie Andrews, who is starring in the hit gender-bending Broadway musical "Victor-Victoria."

The actress will be out of the show for at least a week, a spokesman said.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Monday, March 4, 1996

Stick to your knitting this year. Don't get involved in an imperfect partnership. You can achieve tenfold success if you're willing to work for it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You can plan your moves carefully, but you may make more work for yourself than necessary. Do not allow emotional pressures dupes Pisces to act impulsively and gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will fare better in the year ahead if you put aside desires for the trivial and focus your energies on matters you've neglected recently.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you try to gratify personal whims, you might experience letdowns. Be more dedicated and anticipated. Prepare yourself boldly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try not to impose your opinions on companions or they might not find a market for.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Make effort to keep obligations that the very least today with fuller

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) not to let yourself be awkward situation defend a position believe.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) should help restrict your

Some elbow room in order to function effectively today.

Your Birthday

Monday, March 4, 1996

What you will accomplish independently in the year ahead you can achieve through competent allies. Friends in the right places could help you to improve your lot in life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your judgment in regard to important issues will be quite keen today. Peers who do not think as clearly as you do should not be permitted to chip away at your resolve. Major changes are ahead for Pisces in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Conditions relating to your career will generate favorable trends. Increase your involvement in meaningful objectives while opportunities exist.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today a seemingly moderate gesture of goodwill from a friend might lead to something much larger and more advantageous than you originally imagined.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not resist change today, especially at home. These shifts could benefit you, as well as the people connected to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Larger and bolder ideas will have better chances for success today than your less-significant actions. Think big and have faith in your creativity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Luck will be on your side in arrangements that could add to your finances. However, in order to reap rewards, you must try to be persistent and methodical.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There will be a big difference today between gambling and taking a calculated risk. If you think you can benefit from the latter, don't be timid.

Family needs household items

A community wide shower will be held Sunday from 2 until 4 p.m. at Hermleigh Community Center for the Bill Luna family, who lost all of its household items in a fire last year.

Needed are pots, pans, knives, small kitchen utensils, serving spoons, waste baskets, pillows, towels, sheets and bedroom furniture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The flashes of intuition you've learned to depend on could be on target again today, especially in regard to your material affairs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Variety and change will help refurbish your mental outlook today. Plan to do something interesting and different with a fresh set of people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You will have an above-average chance of earning a profit today. If you think you have something that could make money, get it to the marketplace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The smaller fragments of your plans should fall into place today as soon as the broader outline is conceived. Begin with the overview and work your way down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Even if it causes you a degree of inconvenience today, go out of your way to assist someone who helped you out recently.

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The white leisure suit that John Travolta wore in "Saturday Night Fever" was sold to film critic and "Sneak Previews" host Gene Siskel for $2,000.

In a form of pidgin English used in the Pacific islands, a violin is called a "scratch'im in belly out come squeak allasame pussycat."

Divisions to merge

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — About 300 employees may be losing their jobs when Dillard Department Stores Inc. eliminates two buying offices.

The buying office in San Antonio will be absorbed by divisional buying offices in Fort Worth and Tampa, Fla. The Cleveland buying office will be absorbed by the St. Louis office.

Alex Dillard, executive vice president, said in a release that "less than 300 employees are potentially affected by these changes and we hope to offer alternative positions elsewhere in the company to a substantial number of the affected employees."

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UNLAWFUL ANNEXATION

The leaders of the re-established Republic of Texas say that the U.S. unlawfully annexed Texas in 1845. They point out that the U.S. Constitution does not provide for the annexation of a foreign nation. Such annexation can only be accomplished by an amendment to the Constitution. Since no amendment was passed, the annexation is null and void on its face.

THE WORLD COURT

After the Civil War the Congress created a corporate government called the District of Columbia. This altered form of government is not only repugnant to the Constitution, but some claim it has replaced constitutional government. In any event the District of Columbia signed the Treaty of London in 1872 which created a de facto corporate body known as the Hague in the Netherlands. The Hague is the home of the World Court.

When the current leaders of the Republic of Texas began to organize, they first created a legal entity known as a Land Planning Commission. Using this base, they re-instituted the Republic of Texas as a sovereign nation according to the Law of Nations. They next filed suit in the Texas Supreme Court against the U.S. Government. The Texas Supreme Court dismissed the suit on November 16, 1995 for lack of jurisdiction, a tacit admission that the Republic has legal standing.

The leaders then filed suit in the World Court, which settles disputes between nations. The Republic of Texas gave the U.S. Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, three notices to show up and defend the position of the U.S. government. He never showed up and never filed a single document. According to law the U.S. lost by default. The process was complete on January 2, 1996 at 1:40 p.m. when the Republic of Texas filed the final documents with the World Court.

LEGAL PROCESS

Note that the legal process to regain the sovereignty of the Soil of Texas is not an act of seccession. That was lawfully accomplished in 1861. The process is to assert the legal independence of Texas.

The Provisional government of the Republic of Texas has ambitious goals for the restoration of freedom on Texas soil. They want to a) eliminate, b) privatize, c) deregulate/decentralize, or d) reorganize all agencies within the existing State of Texas. They want immediately to order all agencies of the State of Texas or of the United States to cease intervention and interference with the rights of any citizen of the Republic of Texas. This would include the expulsion of the Internal Revenue Service from the Soil of Texas.

THE NEXT STEP

The next step in the process is to hold a constitutional convention within the next two years. In the meantime an effort will be made to inform the residents of Texas about the above events.

The legal issues raised by the Republic of Texas will not go unchallenged by the U.S. government. However, if we are a nation of laws, as we purport to be, then it seems clear that the Law is on the side of the Republic. In the final analysis, the legal issue might be a moot point. Forces are at work around the globe which make it seem inevitable that not only Texas, but other states as well, will be seeking independence from the U.S. government.

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SPORTS

LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

Senior Little League registration

Tuesday and Thursday will be the days to sign up for Snyder Senior Little League. This league will replace the junior teenage league and is for players 13-15.

Registration times will be from 4 to 7 p.m. A birth certificate and parent will be needed. There will be a $35 registration fee. Sign-ups will be held at the First United Methodist Church.

Workers needed for Canyon Reef

Anyone wishing to help work the Canyon Reef Relays Saturday is asked to contact coach Tommy Doyle at Snyder High School or the athletic director's office.

Call 574-6035, 574-6039 or 573-6301 for more information.

March Madness softball tourney

The March Madness softball tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at McKenzie Park in Lubbock.

The tournament will feature men's medium two homeruns, men's low D no homeruns. ASA sanction COR 47 red stitch balls will be used.

Entry fee is $110 per team with a deadline of March 7 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Mike Allen at (806) 797-0073 or Pat Kelly at (806) 795-8384.

St. Patrick's Day softball tourney

The 11th annual Merchants Classic St. Patrick's Day weekend men's softball tournament will be held in Andrews March 15-17.

Entry fee will be $125 per team with an 8 p.m. deadline on March 13. There will be a 16 team limit.

For additional information, contact James Senger at (915) 523-4564 or (915) 448-1892.

Fantasy baseball league forming

The West Texas Fantasy Baseball league will be forming with the draft to be held on March 24 at 1 p.m. in the annex room of the Housing Authority, 409 Oak Street in Colorado City.

For more information, contact Keith Cranfill at 728-3591.

Working women's golf

Snyder Country Club women members who would like to play golf, but cannot play in the women's golf association are invited to come and play strictly for fun.

The first night of play will be April 2 at 6 p.m. There will be no planned format and you may play as many holes as time allows or as few as you want to.

For more information, contact Cynthia Jackson at 573-7549 or Vivian Norwood at 573-7839 after 6 p.m.

Tigers win two baseball games in Big Spring tournament

The Snyder Tigers picked up two wins Friday in the first round of the weather-delayed Big Spring varsity baseball tournament.

In its first game, Snyder knocked off Midland Greenwood, 13-2, and then came back and put away Big Spring, 13-6.

Against Greenwood, in the top of the first, lead off hitter Kevin Hildebrand got on with a walk and then Bryant Roberson took a 0-2 pitch out of the diamond for a two-run homerun.

In the second, Snyder put three more runs on the scoreboard, aided by hits from David Smith, Roberson and Jeremy House. Snyder had a 5-0 lead going into the bottom of the second.

Greenwood came back in their half of the fourth and scored its only two runs before the flood gates opened for Snyder.

The Tigers came up with four runs in the fifth, coupled with four more in the sixth.

Greenwood pitching gave up five walks in the fifth. The only Tiger hit came when Clay Berryman stroked a double that scored three.

In the sixth, Roberson and House both got singles to lead off the inning. They would later score when Patrick Cumbie would hit a two RBI single. Smith knocked in Gene Pollard for the third run of the inning and Cumbie would steal home for the fourth.

Berryman went the distance on the mound, allowing two runs on six hits, four strike outs and two walks. Snyder got 13 runs on 11 hits.

"It was nice to see our bats come alive in both games," said coach Roland Herrera.

The Tigers got off to another fast start in the second game against Big Spring.

Pollard picked up a two RBI single to bring in Hildebrand and House in the first. Pollard later would score on Ty Estes' single to give Snyder a 3-0 lead.

Snyder would get three more in the second and add five more in the third to take a 11-0 lead. Pollard got an in-the-park home run in the third.

Big Spring, coach by former Tiger Bobby Doe, would pick up two runs in the third to make it an 11-2 game.

Snyder would close its scoring in the fourth with two more runs to make it an 13-2 ballgame.

Big Spring would pick up two runs in both the fifth and sixth innings.

Estes picked up the win on the mound for Snyder. He allowed six runs on eight hits, struck out eight and walked six.

Pollard went five for five at the plate with a home run, a triple and three singles. Roberson was four for five, picking up a triple and three singles.

The Tigers were to play Greenwood again Saturday at 12:45 and then turn around and face Big Spring at 3:15.

Snyder will return home and host Midland High at 6:30 Tuesday.

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Lady Tigers suffer two close losses in tourney

The Snyder High School Lady Tigers softball team was defeated twice Friday in the Brownwood tournament.

In pool play, Snyder was edged by San Angelo Central, 10-9, and then lost to a tough Midland Lee team, 12-10.

In the first game, Snyder scored first in the bottom of the second, but Central would come back with three in the top half of the third. The Lady Tigers would come back and answer Central with two in the bottom of the third to tie the game at three.

Central would regain the lead in the fourth on two runs, but the Lady Tigers went back on top in the bottom of the fourth, 6-5.

Central would pick up what would be the game winning run in the top of the sixth. The Lady Bobcats scored four runs. Snyder came back with two in the bottom of the sixth. Both teams added one run each in the seventh.

Snyder came up with nine runs on 10 hits and committed four errors while Central had 10 runs on 15 hits and committed five errors.

Joanie Wemken picked up the loss for Snyder on the mound. Wemken did go two for three at the plate with two doubles. Amanda Huff was three for five with three singles. Shawn Purcell also picked up a double.

In the second game, Snyder jumped out to nine runs in the top of the first before Midland Lee came back with three. The Lady Tigers would not cross home plate again until the fourth inning.

Midland Lee scored one in the third, three in the fourth and fifth and the game winner in the sixth.

Huff would suffer the loss on the mound. Huff gave up 12 runs on 14 hits.

Joanie Wemken would go four for four with two doubles. She was six of seven for the two games. Raechele Wemken and Jodi White both had doubles and Huff added a triple.

"We did not have the intensity against Central," said coach Billy Hicks. "Considering they (Midland Lee) beat us twice last year, 22-1 and 12-2, I think it gave Lee a wake up call to how much we have improved."

Snyder started the bracket part of the tournament Saturday with a noon game against San Angelo Lake View. The winner was to play the winner of Brownwood-Central at 4 with the losers playing at 4 at a different diamond.

The championship game was set for 6 with the consolation game also at 6.

For the year, Snyder is now 5-5.

The Lady Tigers will be on the road Thursday when they take on Eastland in a 5 p.m. game.

Lady golfers in second at Green Tree

After the first round of the Midland Golf Classic being played at the Green Tree Country Club, the Snyder High School Lady Tigers are sitting in second place.

Snyder fired a team total 359, 10 strokes behind first place San Angelo Central. Abilene High is on the Lady Tigers heels with a 362.

Individually for Snyder, Daysha Weaver shot a 87, as did Julie Doolittle. Alissa Wells carded an 88 and Kiesha Gafford a 97.

Ozona looks to repeat as 2A state champs

AUSTIN (AP) — Sarah Howden scored 14 points and defending champion Austin Westlake survived a furious fourth-quarter comeback to defeat Amarillo 56-55.

Westlake will attempt to repeat as 5A champions against Elsik, but the Chaparrals were lucky to move on.

After trailing 55-42 with 2:31 left, Amarillo (29-9), the 1994 5A champion, went on a 9-1 run to pull to 56-51 with 1:06 left. But the Sandies failed to take advantage of an ice-cold Westlake and hit only two of six free throws in the final 46 seconds.

After Jenny Blades hit a driving layup with 14 seconds left to pull Amarillo within 56-55, the Sandies failed to foul to stop the clock and Westlake escaped with a victory despite missing 10 of their final 12 free throws, including seven straight misses in the final 1:43.

Blades led Amarillo with 17 points, followed by Christi Cook with 10 points; and Danielle Johnson with eight points and 10 rebounds.

Sarah Herrington had 13 points, Krista Watson added 12 and Korie Morgan scored eight for Westlake.

The game was decided at the free-throw line.

Amarillo was 7-of-23 from the foul line. Westlake, which at one point was 13-of-15 from the foul line, let the Sandies back into the game by going 4-of-15 in the fourth quarter and finishing 18-of-32 from the foul line.

Amber Tarr scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as defending champion Ozona defeated Poth 57-47.

Ozona (36-2), which beat Poth in last year's semifinals 65-42 on its way to the state title, will play in Saturday's championship game against Gunter (35-1).

Poth, led by Jacqueline Jansky with 14 points and nine rebounds, finishes the season 32-6 after making its third trip to the state tourney.

Ozona, which is dominated by sophomores, took control of the game in the first quarter as Tarr scored nine points, including a 3-pointer, in helping the Lady Lions build an 18-3 lead.

The margin bulged to 34-13 at halftime as Ozona connected on 15-of-33 shots (45.5 percent) in the first half compared to Poth's 5-of-21 (23.8 percent).

In the other semifinal, Jill Sutton hit a state record tying six 3-pointers, including three in a decisive fourth-quarter run that lifted Gunter to a 48-37 victory over Edgewood.

Edgewood, led by Keesha Randle with 21 points and 10 rebounds, finishes the year 33-3 after making its first tourney appearance.

Edgewood went up 26-25 with 38 seconds left in the third quarter on a pull-up jump shot by LeeAnn Howell. But Sutton, who also had 10 rebounds and four steals, answered with three 3-pointers in an 11-1 run that gave Gunter a 36-27 lead with 6:34 to play.

Edgewood pulled to 42-36 on two free throws by Randle, but Gunter hit its free throws down the stretch to pull away.

Jill Sutton's twin sister, Amy Sutton, hit four 3-pointers to finish with 12 points.

Howell and Jennifer Stanberry each had six points for Edgewood.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	42	15	.737	—
NewYork	32	24	.571	9½
Miami	27	31	.466	15½
NewJersey	24	32	.429	17½
Washington	24	33	.421	18
Boston	20	37	.351	22
Philadelphia	11	44	.200	30

Central Division

Chicago	51	6	.895	—
Indiana	37	20	.649	14
Cleveland	33	23	.589	17½
Atlanta	32	24	.571	18½
Detroit	29	26	.527	21
Charlotte	28	28	.500	22½
Milwaukee	20	35	.364	30
Toronto	14	41	.255	36

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	39	17	.696	—
SanAntonio	37	18	.673	1½
Houston	38	20	.655	2
Denver	23	32	.418	15½
Dallas	20	36	.357	19
Minnesota	17	39	.304	22
Vancouver	11	43	.204	27

Pacific Division

Seattle	44	12	.786	—
L.A.Lakers	36	20	.643	8
Phoenix	28	28	.500	16
Sacramento	25	29	.463	18
GoldenState	26	31	.456	18½
Portland	26	32	.448	19
L.A.Clippers	19	37	.339	25

Thursday's Games
Orlando 114, New Jersey 98
Indiana 94, Golden State 85
Cleveland 95, Milwaukee 86
Houston 109, Philadelphia 95
San Antonio 120, Toronto 95
Dallas 137, Denver 120
L.A. Clippers 122, Sacramento 110

Friday's Games
Seattle 106, Boston 96
Portland 102, Miami 88
Atlanta 74, Cleveland 68
Minnesota 105, Charlotte 101
Utah 99, New York 88
Chicago 110, Golden State 87
Detroit 102, Phoenix 97
Dallas 119, Vancouver 111
L.A. Lakers 100, Washington 95

Saturday's Games
Seattle at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Denver, 9 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Phoenix at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 3 p.m.
Charlotte at Indiana, 3:30 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.
Golden State at New York, 6 p.m.
Washington at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

GIRLS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

AUSTIN (AP) — Pairings for the University Interscholastic League girls playoffs:

Semifinals

Conference 1A
Nazareth 58, Round Top-Carmine 27
Celeste 47, Zephyr 30

Conference 2A
Gunter 48, Edgewood 37
Ozona 57, Poth 47

Conference 3A
Slaton 70, Lindale 54
Groesbeck 71, Liberty Hill 54

Conference 4A
Canyon 64, Crosby 26
Cedar Hill 52, Waco Midway 51

Conference 5A
Austin Westlake 56, Amarillo 55
Alief Elsik 59, Georgetown 55

Finals

Class 1A
Nazareth 43, Celeste 30

Class 3A
Slaton (26-7) vs. Groesbeck (35-2)10:30 a.m. Saturday, Frank Erwin Center

Class 2A
Gunter (35-1) vs. Ozona (36-2) 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Frank Erwin Center

Class 4A
Canyon (31-0) vs. Cedar Hill (35-4) 4 p.m. Saturday, Frank Erwin Center

Class 5A
Austin Westlake (35-2) vs. Alief Elsik (39-0) 8 p.m. Saturday, Frank Erwin Center

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SPORTS

SWC Tournament: a smorgasbord of nostaliga and basketball big shots

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Some say it was a bad basketball league. Maybe. The Southwest Conference never produced a national champion although Houston and Arkansas came close.

But it was always fun and controversial and a good reason to get out of the house on a winter weekend.

"Football and spring football" were the only reasons for living in Texas, former Longhorn sports publicist Jones Ramsey, once proclaimed.

But there were a lot of wild and exciting times, particularly during the SWC tournament in early March.

The last day for SWC basketball will be Saturday March 9 in Reunion Arena in the finals for both men and women. You might want to be there.

Besides nostalgia and history, it could be a great finale. There have been many in the postseason classic in its two decades plus one year.

The 107-104 overtime win by Texas last year over Texas Tech was a honey with Brandy Perryman of the Longhorns tying it in regulation with a 3-point shot.

This game will rank as one of the all-time best in the series, certainly in the top 10.

Research by this corner has found other candidates.

Back-to-back wins by Texas Tech in the mid-80s were thrillers. The Red Raiders beat Arkansas 67-64 in 1985 when Bubba Jennings came through. Tech nailed Texas A&M 67-63 the next year as coach Gerald Myers pulled off another one of his tutoring miracles. Tech became the lowest seed at No. 5 to ever win the Classic title.

Who can forget the 1984 matchup between Houston, with Hakeem Olajuwon, against Arkansas and Joe Kleine? The Cougars survived 57-56 as Charles Balentine put in what many thought to be the winning shot but officials ruled the horn had already sounded. The Arkansas bench didn't take the decision gracefully.

The year before the Cougars, ranked No. 1 in the nation, barely survived the Texas Christian Horned Frogs before prevailing 62-59 behind Olajuwon and Larry Micheaux, who sank two free throws with seven seconds left to secure the victory. Clyde Drexler was held to seven points by the tough TCU defense. The Cougars went on to lose to North Carolina State in the national championship game.

Another great game was Texas A&M's 52-50 win over Arkansas in the Hemisfair Arena in San Antonio in 1980. David Britton scored 23 points as the 18th-ranked Aggies overcame a Razorback club that had such stalwarts as Scott Hastings and U.S. Reed.

My personal favorite was the 1979 game in The Summit, which featured a coaching chess match between Abe Lemons of Texas and Eddie Sutton of Arkansas.

Playing before a record 15,499 fans, Sutton instructed his fifth-ranked Razorbacks to slow things down. Obviously, this was before the shot clock. The team did. Arkansas led 18-15 at halftime as the Hogs passed 20 times before they shot.

Arkansas won 39-38 with Lemons fuming at Sutton and Sutton yelling back. It was tremendous theater.

Houston defeating Texas 92-90 in 1978 was another great game as was Arkansas' 80-74 win over the Cougars in 1977 when the "Triplets" played well. Sidney Moncrief, Marvin Delph and Ron Brewer combined for 70 points.

The first-ever title game was a dandy when Texas Tech beat Texas A&M 74-72 as Rick Bullock scored 28 points, hauled down 19 rebounds and blocked four shots.

My all-time tournament team causes a headache and leaves much open for debate. But it would consist of Bullock of Tech, Olajuwon of Houston, Moncrief of Arkansas, Britton of Texas A&M and Alvin Robertson of Arkansas. All were tournament MVPs.

SWC official Charlie Green says there has been an upsurge in sales this year.

Many fans want to say goodbye to an old friend.

SDN SPORTS WEEK

BASEBALL

Monday: Levelland at Snyder 9th, 6:00
Tuesday: Midland High at Snyder, 6:30
Thursday-Saturday: Tiger JV in Frenship Tournament
Saturday: San Angelo Lake View at Snyder, Doubleheader, Noon
San Angelo Lake View at Snyder 9th, Doubleheader, Noon, Practice Field

SOFTBALL

Thursday: Snyder at Eastland, 5:00
Snyder JV at San Angelo Lake View Varsity, 5:30
Friday: Lubbock Coronado at Snyder, 6:00
Saturday: Midland Lee JV at Snyder JV, 2:00

GOLF

Sunday-Tuesday: WTC at New Mexico Junior College Invitational Tournament at Ocotillo Country Club in Hobbs, N.M.
Monday: Snyder JV B & G at San Angelo JV Invitational
Friday & Saturday: Snyder boys at San Angelo Invitational
Snyder girls at Andrews Invitational

TENNIS

Friday-Saturday: Snyder Tournament
Saturday: Snyder JHS at Colorado City

TRACK

Friday: Snyder JHS at Lamesa
Saturday: Canyon Reef Relays, Tiger Stadium in Snyder

RODEO

Thursday-Saturday: WTC at Odessa College

TAYLOR MADE

By Brent Taylor Sports Editor

If you have an athlete at home, you might be interested in reading the following article, entitled "Parent Responsibilities." It was put together by a coach where trouble developed with parents who "knew more about coaching than the staff." It is not an uncommon problem here, or at any school. The suggested role of parents applies to mothers and dads of all athletes.

1. Be sure your child has a minimum of six to eight hours of sleep each night. If athletes manage their time properly, they will have plenty of time for studies. Learning to manage one's time is part of becoming an adult.

2. As a parent, it is your responsibility to feed your child three meals a day. Be sure he/she is eating nutritional meals and not junk food.

3. When the weather is cold, be sure your child is wearing a coat or sweater to school.

4. As a parent, it is your responsibility to know where your child is going when they leave home, who they will be with and what time they will return.

5. Listen to your child when they are downhearted about their progress in their particular sport. If a player is dissatisfied with something--playing time, position, etc., he/she should talk to the coaches about it first. Parents should not interfere. Teach your child to work out his own problems.

6. Do not coach your child at home. If you want to coach, apply for a coaching job. Do not interfere.

7. Be positive with your child at home. Do not criticize the coaches, the program, or your child's abilities at home; he/she will get constructive criticism and correction in the program.

8. If your child is sick, be sure the coaching staff is notified in advance that the player will miss practice. As a parent, you should take your child to the doctor or do whatever is best for a quick recovery.

9. If your child is too sick to practice, he is also too sick to go other places. Keep him at home until he/she is well.

10. Do not gossip. This creates dissension among the parents and the team.

11. Do not try to live your athletic endeavors through your child. Allow them to perform to their capabilities, not to your level of expectations.

LITTLE DRIBBLERS RESULTS

MINORS

LAKERS 31, BULLS 24

Bulls: Jacobee Martinez 4, Ty Collier 4, Eric Martinez 12, Blake Seale 2, Clinton Blume 2.

Lakers: Tanner Reed 12, Wesley Kellner 5, Garrett Pinson 6, Nathan Wilkins 2, Jordan Dea 6.

HAWKS 31, SIXERS 17

Sixers: Zach Cain 6, Justin Souder 1, Joshua Pickerel 10.

Hawks: Kenneth Fabre 4, Dustyn Williams 5, Cade Owen 2, Isaac Ramon 12, Chase Luft 8.

NUGGETS 43, ROCKETS 30

Rockets: Lico Castillo 8, Colter Williams 20, Brandon Graves 2.

Nuggets: Kris Hatley 10, Tucker Early 7, Demetrius Horn 6, Lee Scott 12, Joshua Kemp 2, Zac Garcia 6.

KNICKS 47, LAKERS 30

Knicks: Jake Barnes 17, Cade Simpson 4, Jess Wall 16, Blake Grimmett 10.

Lakers: Tanner Reed 12, Wesley Kellner 7, Garrett Pinson 2, Nathan Wilkins 2, Jordan Dea 7.

HEAT 53, BULLS 25

Heat: Kevin Marshall 2, Justin Stoker 4, Jed Martin 17, Thomas Hefner 2, Brad English 2, Bryan Clifton 4, Matthew Qualls 8, Trey Woolsey 2, Martin Villarreal 12.

Bulls: Jacobee Martinez 6, Ty Collier 4, Eric Martinez 9, Clinton Blume 6.

CELTICS 43, MAGIC 32

Magic: Tyler Pollard 1, Tanner Beard 5, Matt McCormick 2, Brady Reed 12, Josh Key 2, Patrick Alderetti 10.

Celtics: Todd Wall 7, Clay Williams 4, Will Davis 2, Alex Best 6, Wade Pinson 24.

MAJORS

PACERS 48, CAVALIERS 36

Cavaliers: Ryan McKamie 2, Jay Scott 4, Jason Hall 12, Charlie Gorman 10, Craig Bowen 2.

Pacers: Chris McLeod 6, Jase Olvera 16, Rudy Martinez 6, Nicholas Landes 18, Isaac Villenueva 2.

MAVERICKS 30, SPURS 27

Spurs: Logan Hill 5, Cory Lyons 5, Keith Sharp 2, Brandon McGwire 15.

Mavericks: Nathan Smith 8, T.J. Jones 2, Dustin Bryant 6, Zach Starnes 14.

RAPTORS 38, MAGIC 21

Magic: Tyler Pollard 4, Tanner Beard 4, Matt McCormick 2, Brady Reed 2, Josh Key 2, Patrick Alderetti 4, Mark Haynes 3.

Raptors: Adam Roemisch 18, Chance Greenwood 4, Brooks Nunley 5, Rowdie Cumbie 8, Chris Sorrells 3.

JAZZ 46, CAVALIERS 31

Cavaliers: Jay Scott 2, Jason Hall 9, Charlie Gorman 15, Craig Bowen 5.

Jazz: Colter Bedell 6, Tate Thompson 9, Josh Mendoza 9, Joseph Minefee 2, Wes Martin 4, Steven Ortegon 11, Paul Overhaulser 5.

PACERS 35, CELTICS 25

Pacers: Chris McLeod 8, Jase Olvera 10, Rudy Martinez 7, Isaac Villenueva 4.

Celtics: Todd Wall 4, Clay Williams 4, Alex Best 3, Wade Pinson 14.

SPURS 50, MAGIC 36

Spurs: Shawn Roemisch 2, Logan Hill 5, Stafford Grey 2, Dustin Davenport 2, Cory Lyons 11, Brandon McGwire 28.

Magic: Heath Conner 2, Tyler Pollard 3, Tanner Beard 9, Matt McCormick 4, Brady Reed 6, Josh Green 6, Patrick Alderetti 6.

MAVERICKS 44, CAVALIERS 28

Cavaliers: Jay Scott 2, Jason Hall 5, Case Hardy 2, Charlie Gorman 13, Craig Bowen 6.

Mavericks: Nathan Smith 20, T.J. Jones 9, Jeff Fine 2, Dustin Bryant 2, Zach Starnes 8, Tyler Riggan 3.

PACERS 36, RAPTORS 29

Pacers: Chris McLeod 6, Adam Rodgers 2, Jase Olvera 14, Rudy Martinez 4, Nicholas Landes 10.

Raptors: Adam Roemisch 14, Chance Greenwood 2, Brooks Nunley 9, Rowdie Cumbie 2, Jon Medrano 2.

JAZZ 48, CELTICS 40

Celtics: Thomas Vargas 2, Todd Wall 2, Clay Williams 17, Wade Pinson 19.

Jazz: Colter Bedell 8, Tate Thompson 7, Josh Mendoza 12, Wes Martin 4, Steven Ortegon 9, Paul Overhaulser 8.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Minnesota	2	0	1.000
California	1	0	1.000
Chicago	1	0	1.000
Detroit	1	0	1.000
NewYork	1	0	1.000
Baltimore	0	0	.---
Boston	0	0	.---
Cleveland	0	1	.000
KansasCity	0	1	.000
Milwaukee	0	1	.000
Oakland	0	1	.000
Seattle	0	1	.000
Texas	0	1	.000
Toronto	0	1	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	1	0	1.000
Chicago	1	0	1.000
Colorado	1	0	1.000
Houston	1	0	1.000
LosAngeles	1	0	1.000
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000
SanFrancisco	1	0	1.000
Montreal	0	0	.---
St.Louis	0	0	.---
Cincinnati	0	1	.000
Florida	0	1	.000
NewYork	0	1	.000
Pittsburgh	0	2	.000
SanDiego	0	1	.000

Friday's Games
Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Minnesota 9, Pittsburgh 6
Chicago White Sox 7, Texas 2
Los Angeles 10, Kansas City 4
Detroit 8, Cincinnati 4
Philadelphia 7, Toronto 6
N.Y. Yankees 5, Cleveland 2
Colorado 4, Milwaukee 0
California 2, Oakland 1
San Francisco 12, San Diego 3
Chicago Cubs 12, Seattle 6
Houston 6, Florida 5, 10 innings

Saturday's Games
Atlanta vs. Montreal at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Florida at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Texas at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Cincinnati at Plant City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. St. Louis at St. Petersburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2:10 p.m.
California vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Chicago White Sox vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (ss) vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Montreal vs. Atlanta at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Kansas City at Haines City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Florida at Jacksonville, Fla., 1:35 p.m.
California (ss) vs. Oakland (ss) at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Milwaukee at Chandler, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Oakland (ss) vs. California (ss) at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

McGinnis named defensive coordinator for Arizona Cardinals

Snyder native David McGinnis has been named defensive coordinator for the Arizona Cardinals.

A 1969 graduate of Snyder High School, McGinnis has been serving as linebackers coach for the Chicago Bears for the past 10 years.

"I was fortunate to have 10 years in a city like Chicago and with an organization like the Bears," McGinnis told the Chicago Tribune recently. "I was grateful to be able to work with Mike Ditka and Dave Wannstedt and I appreciate (former Bears Vice President) Bill Tobin bringing me into Chicago. I started out working with linebackers like Mike Singletary and a list of others."

The Cardinals recently hired Vince Tobin as their new head coach.

"I am really excited about Dave because he deserves an opportunity," said Wannstedt. "He has worked with Vince before with the Bears and at Missouri; he knows what type of people he is going to be dealing with, so he is in a very comfortable situation."

McGinnis, 44, spent 13 years coaching on the college level before joining the Bears. His first job was as freshman coach at his alma mater, Texas Christian. He also has had coaching stops at Missouri, Indiana State and Kansas State.

McGinnis was a part of Vince Tobin's Bears defensive staff in 1986, which set an NFL record of fewest points allowed at 187.

"I wouldn't consider it paying my dues," said McGinnis of his many years as an assistant coach. "I had an opportunity to work with some high-class people."

McGinnis is the son of Phyllis McGinnis of Snyder.

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Month-old baby recovering from operation on tiny heart

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — A tiny, three-week-old baby with a garbanzo bean-sized heart was recovering Friday from a life-saving operation in which doctors used instruments so small they had to be special-ordered.

Tanner Durham weighed less than 1 pound when he was born three months early on Feb. 8 with multiple heart problems.

On Tuesday, doctors removed a membrane in his heart that was restricting the flow of blood to his kidneys and other vital organs.

Without the operation, he could have had a fatal stroke or suffered from mental retardation.

In critical but stable condition Friday, Tanner was crying, kicking his legs and flailing his arms in an incubator at University of Missouri Children's Hospital, said Dr. Tim O'Connor, a neonatologist.

He weighed just over a pound and is about the size of O'Connor's hand.

"He's doing pretty well. He wakes up and he cries and we sedate him and he goes back to sleep," O'Connor said.

During the procedure, a catheter fitted with an inflatable balloon was passed through an artery in the baby's umbilical chord and guided to the aorta. The balloon was inflated to the diameter of a toothpick.

"It was like a watchmaker working on watches, very delicate work," pediatric cardiologist Zuhdi Lababidi.

The heart's tiny size made open-heart surgery too risky, Lababidi said.

Lababidi measured the baby's paper-thin aorta wall beforehand so he could special-order a catheter and balloon. One wrong move could have been fatal.

"Because of his small blood volume any blood loss would have been life-threatening," Lababidi said. "If we lost eight milliliters of blood, 1½ teaspoons, he would have gone into shock."

On Saturday, Tanner will have a second operation, commonly needed by premature babies, to close a blood vessel in his heart that is supplying too much blood to his lungs, O'Connor said.

"It's something we were planning all along," O'Connor said.

Esther Durham, of Nevada, Mo., said her son was doing better Friday.

"He had a lot more color afterward and was resting better," she said. "I was worried through the surgery that a lot of things might happen, but I did a lot of praying. This is just a miracle."



SHS PRE-REGISTRATION — Charlene Light, standing at right, and other Snyder High School counselors will assist students with pre-registration which begins March 21 and will continue through April 29. Students shown are from left, front row, Justin Phillips and Lane Scott, ninth grade, Leslie Daniell, 10th grade; back row, Rebecca Hernandez, 11th; Felisha Biggers, 10th, Eric Tovar and Twylla Brown, 12th grade. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dad charged with killing his daughter

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A father has been charged with killing his baby daughter, who disappeared five years ago after he tried to trade her for new car, cash and a down payment on a new house.

James Francis Meegan, 39, was jailed without bond on a murder charge Friday, even though the body of little Francine Meegan has never been found.

"We really don't believe that she is alive, but we're not any closer to locating her than we were before," said police Lt. Larry Spinosa. "We are hoping to get some leads which will eventually lead us to her body."

Police, who would not discuss what evidence they have in the case, began questioning Meegan last month.

Initially, Meegan and his wife, Lillian, had no explanation of what happened to the girl, but later said she had been taken from a casino parking lot. They never filed a report on the alleged kidnapping.

Authorities were first alerted to Francine's disappearance in January when the former boyfriend of Lillian Meegan's sister came to them with his suspicions.

Francine was last seen one month after she was returned to her natural parents by a couple who balked at paying any more than the $30,000 — which included the new car, cash and the down payment for a house.

SHS counselors prepare for spring pre-registration drive

Pre-registration will begin at Snyder High School on March 21 and will continue through April 29. Materials will be handed out to the seniors of 1997 on March 5, to juniors on March 6 and to sophomores on March 7.

Students will meet in the Worsham Auditorium at 1:45 p.m. on those respective days. At the meeting, students will receive a copy of the Pre-registration Bulletin listing all course descriptions and other information concerning high school curriculum and requirements for graduation.

Also, each student will get a schedule card to list course selections for the coming year. After students have listed the courses, the card must be signed by a parent before students will be allowed to pre-register.

Since students are responsible for learning about the courses they select, students and parents are encouraged to read the bulletin and to select courses carefully. To assist students in learning about the curriculum, counselors and teachers will be available to answer questions and to provide information for the students.

Counselors will also meet with students individually when they pre-register. In addition, students are encouraged to talk to teachers about the courses they are considering. Students may make arrangements to talk to teachers by calling the high school counseling office. (The new number for the counseling office is 574-6049.) To further educate the eighth grade students about the curriculum at Snyder High School, a tour of the campus will be conducted on April 16. They will be bused to SHS, and the tour of the campus will include all of the elective departments. Teachers will discuss their courses and answer students' questions.

The counselors will meet with the eighth grade class at Snyder Junior High School on Monday, April 15, at 2:15 p.m. to discuss pre-registration procedures and academic requirements. Materials will be handed out to students, and next year's freshmen will also be required to list course selections and to get a parent to sign the card.

The signed card must be submitted to counselors when they pre-register on April 23-24. Prior to pre-registration, a meeting for eighth grade parents is planned for April 16, 7 p.m. in the Worsham Auditorium. The counselors will discuss graduation requirements, and the teachers will present information about their departments and courses.

Clinton lauds newtork decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton Saturday lauded this week's decision by the television industry to rate TV programs and permit parents to block "numbing and corrosive" violence and sex.

"Something remarkable happened this week; something that can forever help parents, children and anybody who cares about what our children watch on television," Clinton said in his weekly radio address, recorded Friday.

That event, he said, was the decision by the leaders of the television industry, meeting at the White House, to voluntarily establish a ratings system for their entertainment offerings amid pressure by the administration and Congress.

"We took an enormous step toward controlling the images of violence and bias that can enter our homes and disturb our children," Clinton said. "In study after study, the evidence has steadily mounted that television violence is numbing and corrosive."

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Car sales increase

DETROIT (AP) — Chrysler and Honda set monthly sales records and Nissan had its best February since 1989 as the traditional spring sales surge came early for some car makers.

The largest automaker, General Motors Corp., said Friday its vehicle sales rate in February was 5.3 percent higher than a year ago, with car and light truck categories both showing gains.

No. 3 Chrysler Corp. reported its U.S. sales rate for cars and light trucks was 19.8 percent higher than in February 1995.

"I think there was a little pent-up demand on the East Coast from January," Chrysler executive vice president James Holden said. Winter storms had slowed showroom traffic early in the season.

American Honda Motor Co. reported a sales rate 19.6 percent higher than a year ago, with Accord up 28.6 percent and Civic up 17.5 percent.

Ford Motor Co. and most of the European companies release their February sales reports next week.

More subpoenaed documents turn up

WASHINGTON (AP) — In dribs and drabs, White House aides are belatedly releasing more Whitewater documents to congressional investigators, fueling Republican suspicions that President Clinton has something to hide.

The latest disclosure came Friday night, when senior Clinton aide Bruce Lindsey gave the Senate Banking Committee two pages of sparse notes from a key 1993 Whitewater meeting at the White House.

Lindsey testified about the meeting Jan. 16 but told lawmakers he didn't "remember taking specific notes." His attorney, Allen Snyder, said Lindsey had forgotten until this week that he had made the notes.

The jottings turned up Wednesday, the lawyer said, after he conducted a fresh review of his Lindsey files. Snyder said he worked Wednesday to determine what the documents were, then went out of town on business Thursday and faxed the documents to the banking panel Friday night.

Committee officials had already gone home for the weekend and were not immediately available for comment.

The notes do not appear to break new ground. But the abrupt discovery of the documents several months after they had been subpoenaed is apt to fuel Republican accusations that the White House has dodged repeated requests for all Whitewater papers.

It also could bolster GOP arguments to extend the Senate's Whitewater investigation. The authority of the chamber's special Whitewater committee expired on Thursday.

To make matters worse, White House officials say they suspect other Whitewater-related documents will turn up as they intensify and expand their searches.

"We're sort of damned if we do, damned if we don't," said Jane Sherburne, a White House attorney handling Whitewater matters. She said Republicans are suspicious if the White House doesn't produce new documents, "then if we turn up documents, as soon as we produce them we get killed on that."

Sherburne said Lindsey's notes were turned over directly to his attorney months ago — not the White House.

"These documents were withheld from us, too," she said. "We had no opportunity to review them and didn't know they existed."

The Lindsey notes mark the latest in a string of belated document discoveries related to Whitewater, including the mysterious appearance of Hillary Rodham Clinton's billing records in the White House family quarters two months ago.

In another recently discovered set of notes, then-senior White House aide Mark Gearan wrote that even the president couldn't convince Mrs. Clinton early in the Whitewater affair that an independent prosecutor should be appointed.

Of the three pages released Friday, two are Lindsey's notes of the key Nov. 5, 1993, meeting at which top White House officials briefed Clinton's private attorney on the then-growing Whitewater controversy.

That meeting became a focus of the Senate Whitewater Committee after notes by a White House lawyer, William Kennedy, were released reluctantly by presidential aides.

Jury gets Menendez retrial case; attorney rips judge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As soon as jurors began deliberations in the retrial of Erik and Lyle Menendez for the shotgun slayings of their parents, a defense attorney began ripping the judge.

Leslie Abramson, Erik's attorney, said outside court Friday that she has never before been so handicapped by a judge's rulings. She noted specifically that the judge limited a defense argument on the effect of alleged parental abuse on her client.

"The heart and soul out of our case was removed. I've never seen such rulings," she said. "We were prohibited from putting on witnesses. It has been hell."

Asked if she was confident of the outcome deliberations, Abramson said, "I am not confident. I have no idea what's going to happen."

The case went to jurors nearly seven years after Jose and Kitty Menendez died in a hail of gunshots at their Beverly Hills mansion.

Lyle, 28, and Erik, 25, are being retried on murder charges in the Aug. 20, 1989, slayings. Their separate juries deadlocked in the first trial, unable to decide whether the defendants were the calculated killers portrayed by the prosecution or victims of lifelong physical, emotional and sexual abuse by their father.

Judge Stanley Weisberg urged jurors to ignore the pressures of public opinion swirling around the hotly debated case and on Friday gave them a dizzying array of possible verdicts from which to choose.

Deliberations lasted several hours before the panel adjourned for the weekend. They were to resume on Monday.

At both trials, the defense said the brothers feared their parents were planning to kill them rather than risk disclosure of a dark family secret of incest.

Complicating the jurors' task was a need to decide two special circumstance allegations if they convict. The charges of lying in wait and multiple murder would expose the defendants to a possible death penalty, and a lengthy penalty phase trial would ensue.

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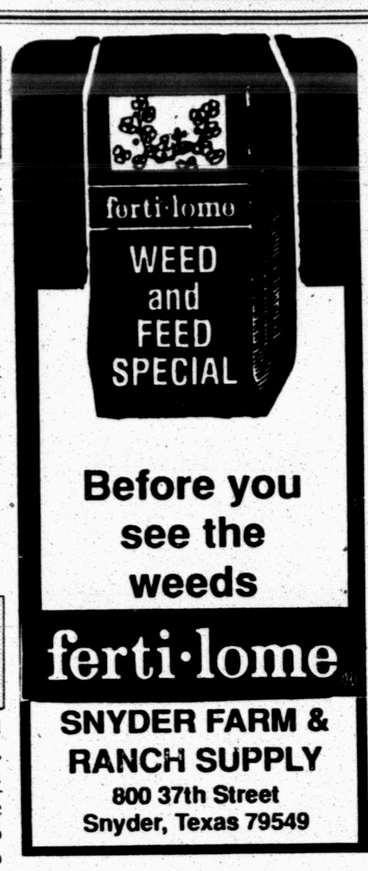
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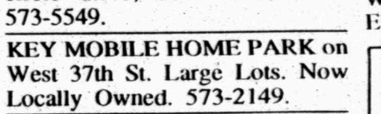
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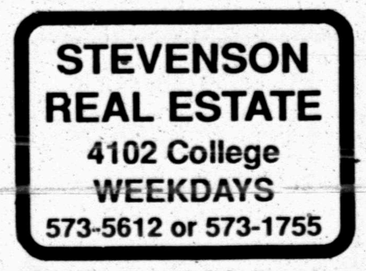
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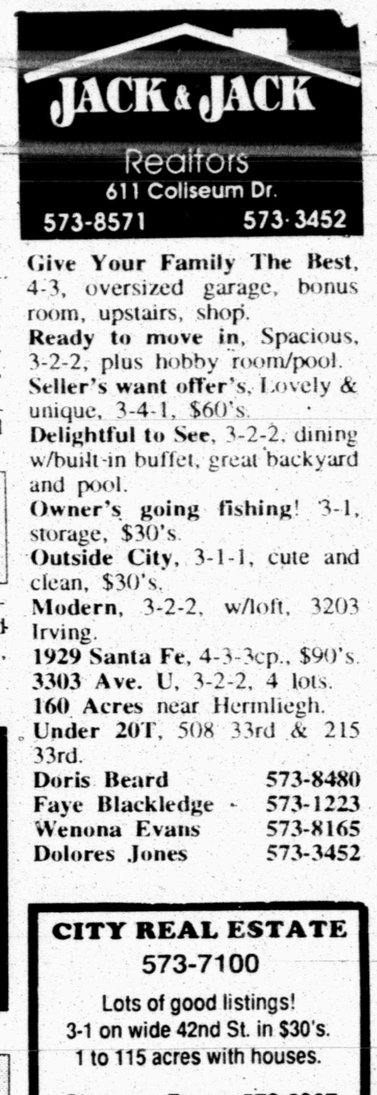
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010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The State of Texas
County of Scurry

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of Claude Edward Allen, deseased, Probate Case Number 5,286:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the estate of Claude Edward Allen, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 29th day of February, 1996, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Pearl Albritton Allen, 212 28th St., Snyder, Tx. 79549 within the time prescribed by law.

Excecuted this 22nd day of February, 1996.
Pearl Albritton Allen,
Independent Executrix
of the estate of
Claude Edward Allen, deceased

Pamela Odom Gough,
Independent Co-Executor
of the estate of
R.H. Odom, Jr., deceased

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Clinton plan would emphasize troop welfare

WASHINGTON (AP) — Placing living conditions for the troops above a pressing need for new weapons, President Clinton's $243 billion defense budget plan for next year would provide a 3 percent pay raise and money to repair thousands of housing units.

Set for public release Monday, the proposal is detailed in documents obtained Friday by The Associated Press. Overall, it cuts defense spending from this year by 6 percent, allowing for inflation, and projects a continuing decline until 1999 and 2000 when it levels off and begins a gradual increase.

At first glance, the $38.9 billion for weapons purchases hardly seems miserly. It includes money for four destroyers, a dozen improved Navy fighter planes and an attack submarine. But in inflation-adjusted dollars, it represents the lowest level of defense procurement since the Korean War.

Based on a comparison with last year's projected budget for the 1997 fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, Clinton appears to be sticking close to his own script for defense spending. But the new plan adjusts some accounts, placing greater weight on pay and housing than the president had projected a year ago.

The relatively low level of weapons spending before an upturn later in the decade runs counter to the advice of some top military commanders, including the just-retired vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. William Owens.

Clinton's decision also drew concern from key lawmakers.

"Modernization must be restored to levels necessary to recapitalize our forces," said Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Republicans last year projected they would add $14 billion to the defense plan that Clinton had forecast for 1997.

Rep. Floyd Spence, R-S.C., chairman of the House National Security Committee, challenged the notion that Clinton is taking good care of the troops.

"The strain on our military personnel and their families continues to grow as the services are being asked to do more with less while the perennial promise of adequate budgets continues to be pushed further out into the future," Spence said.

He and other Republicans have complained repeatedly of the burden imposed by a high tempo of military operations in places such as Haiti and Bosnia. For this year, such missions will carry a total price tag of $2.8 billion. For 1997, the president is seeking $1.1 billion to cover the costs of contingency operations: $590 million for operations in northern and southern Iraq and $542 million for the Bosnia deployment.

Under the proposal, active-duty forces would decline by 25,000 people to a total of 1.46 million. That leaves a cut of an additional 39,000 in future years to reach the planned floor of 1.42 million under the Pentagon's strategic blueprint.

Strength of the selected military reserves would drop by 30,000 to 901,000. Defense Department civilian employment would decline by 34,000 to 807,000. The documents indicate that long-planned military personnel reductions are all but complete.

In 1997, the budget will support 10 active-duty Army divisions, four Marine Corps divisions, 357 ships including 11 aircraft carriers and one in reserve, and 20 Air Force fighter wings.

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: W. C. SKEEN, and if deceased, the legal representatives of said defendant and the unknown heirs and named defendant, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of said named defendants, if the unknown heirs of the said named defendants are dead;

GREETINGS:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being the 15th day of APRIL, 1996, at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable 132nd District Court of Scurry County, at the Court House in Snyder, Texas. Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 27th day of February, 1996, the file number of said suit being No. 19398. The names of the parties in said suit are:

R. E. GLASSCOCK, as Plaintiff and

W. C. SKEEN, as Defendant

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit:

Said suit is an Application for the Appointment of a Receiver to Execute an Oil and Gas Lease covering and [redacted] mineral interest owned by defendant in the following-described tract of land situated in Scurry County, Texas, to wit:

All of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section No. 443, in Block No. 97, of the H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Abstract No. 1964, Scurry County, Texas, containing 160 acres, more or less.

If this Citation is not served within [redacted] days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 27th day of February, 1996.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Texas, this the 27th day of February, 1996.

District Clerk, 132nd Judicial District Court of Scurry County, Texas.

Elaine Pruett

NOTICE AFFORDING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING

The Texas Department of Transportation is planning to reconstruct 30th Street between S.H. 350 and F.M. 1607 in Snyder, Scurry County, Texas. The proposed project involves reconstructing the existing city street to a continuous curb and gutter section. The finished street will have three different finished sections. From S.H. 350 to Ave. "T", a 64 foot section with four 12 foot travel lanes and a continuous left turn lane. From Ave. "T" to Ave. "Z" a 47 foot section with four 11 foot travel lanes. From Ave. "Z" to F.M. 1607, a 52 foot section with four 12 foot travel lanes. Additional right of way and displacement will be required.

Maps showing the location of the project, the environmental assessment prepared for the project and any other information relative to the project are on file and available for inspection and copying for the price of copying at the office f the District Engineer, 4250 North Clack, Abilene, Texas.

Information about the state's relocation assistance program, the benefits and services for displacees, and information concerning the relocation assistance office, as well as information regarding the tentative schedules for construction, may be obtained from the Texas Department of Transportation at the address listed above.

Any interested Citizen may request that a public hearing be held covering the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed location and design of the proposed project by delivering a written request to the Ms. Maribel P. Chavez, P.E., District Engineer, 4250 North Clack, Abilene, Texas, 79603 on or before April 1, 1996.

In the event that such a request is received, a public hearing will be scheduled and adequate notice will be publicized about the date and location of the hearing.

RESALE OF TAX SALE PROPERTY
DATE AND TIME OF SALE:

MARCH 5, 1996, 2:30 P.M.
PLACE: FRONT DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, OR THE FOYER, SNYDER, TEXAS.

The property listed below will be offered to the public at an auction sale at 2:30 P.M. Tuesday, March 5, 1996 at the Front Door of the Courthouse, or the Foyer, Snyder, Texas. The property is now owned by Scurry County, Trustee. The County foreclosed on the property for unpaid taxes, and now offers it to the pubic in accord with Section 34.05, Property Tax Code. The Starting bed is set out opposite each tract. All reasonable bids will be considered. All bids are subject to approval by the Commissioner's Court and all other taxing units holding liens on the property. For questions, please call the Scurry County Tax Office, 915-573-9316, or Parmer, Steen & Young, P.C., 1-800-933-5647. The redemption period has ended, except where noted. Purchasers will hold fee title immediately.

Item No.	Property/I.D. No./Former Owner	Bid
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2.	Vacant Lot at 2203 Ave. I, Snyder, Texas. Former Vincente Gaona Property. S30' of N70', Lot 4, 5 and 6, Block 1, Castevens Sub. of Block 15, Cody Addition. (R5490) Appraised Value: $1,056.00	$ 200.00
3.	Vacant Lot at 1500 College Ave. Former Vincente Olivarez Property. Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Castevens Sub. of Block 15, Cody Addition. (R5490) Appraised Value: $6,000.00	$ 600.00
4.	Vacant Lots on Ave. M, Between Dorsey Ave. and Andress Ave. Former David Mapes Property. Lots 12 and 13, Block 34, Andress Hts. (R3524) Appraised Value: $1,800.00	$ 600.00
5.	Vacant Lot next to Former Property Above. Former Robert Loshonkohl Property. Lot 14, Block 34, Andress Hts. (R3555) Appraised Value: $900.00	$ 300.00
6.	Vacant Lot at Ave. V & 8th St. Former Bob Hughes Property. Lot 1, Block 4, Scarborough Addition. (R4081) Appraised Value: $3,500.00	$ 300.00
7.	Vacant Lot on Huffman Ave. Between Ave. V and Ave. W. Former M. C. Powell Property. Lots 3 thru 6, Block 23, Boothland West. (R4245). Appraised Value: $4,500.00	$1,000.00
8.	One Ten Acre Tract out of Section 171, Block 97, H & TC, Southwest of Snyder, Texas. (R1852) Appraised Value: $11,000.00	$1,500.00

In deposition, Simpson calls himself 'controlling' person

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson denied accounts in Nicole Brown Simpson's diary that he cursed her and threatened her with jail days before she was killed, a deposition transcript shows.

Simpson called himself a "controlling person" and told lawyers that his ex-wife did things his way until the months before her death, according to transcripts obtained by The Associated Press on Friday.

In another unusual twist, Simpson testified that just six months before the June 12, 1994, slayings of Ms. Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, he donated some of his clothes, which may have included gloves, to "some guy named Fuhrman, believe it or not," the transcript shows. Simpson identified this Fuhrman as a concierge in New York.

The testimony came in the seventh and eighth days of Simpson's 10-day deposition in a wrongful-death civil lawsuit filed by Goldman's relatives and the estate of Ms. Simpson. The trial was set for September.

The questioning focused primarily on Simpson's relationship with Ms. Simpson, and allegations that Simpson abused and degraded her, the transcript shows.

Simpson acknowledged they had numerous fights — including the day before they got engaged — but said the only time a fight left her injured was in 1989. And, he repeated, she was the aggressor and only got hurt when he tried to fend her off.

Simpson denied he was an obsessive person, as prosecutors alleged, but said, "I'm a controlling person."

"I think in general that I like my space," Simpson said. "I like things the way I like things, and people who come into my life tend to conform to the way I do things."

"Did Nicole conform?" asked lead plaintiff attorney Daniel Petrocelli.

"Yes," he said. "Not the last year we were together, but certainly before, she did, yes."

By "last year," he said, he meant 1993 to 1994.

Simpson also was pressed on whether he had a nasty argument with his ex-wife nine days before she was killed.

In a diary, Ms. Simpson wrote that an angry Simpson confronted her at her house about 8:30 p.m. on June 3, 1994, after she had hung up on him the night before, according to excerpts of the diary obtained by the AP.

Simpson accused Ms. Simpson of dodging her taxes, the diary said.

"You gonna pay for this, (expletive)," Simpson said, according to the diary. "You're hiding money from the IRS. You're gonna go to jail, you (expletives). You think you can do any (expletive) thing you want. You got it coming. I've already talked to my lawyers about this, (expletive). They'll get you for tax evasion, (expletive). I'll see to you you're not going to have a (expletive) penny left, (expletive)."

Dr. Gott
By Peter Gott, M.D.



Drugs, diet may help irritable bowel

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from irritable bowel syndrome. Do you have a "recipe" for this condition?

DEAR READER: Irritable bowel syndrome refers to a constellation of symptoms — maldigestion, gas, abdominal cramps, and constipation or diarrhea — that occur periodically and are usually worsened by fatigue and anxiety.

In patients with IBS, the intestine is physically normal; symptoms are caused by a malfunction of the digestive process.

IBS is a "rule-out" diagnosis. Other, more serious disorders have to be tested for and discarded before IBS is confirmed. Such serious disorders include peptic disease, gallstones, ileitis, colitis, and others. Therefore, normal blood tests, X-rays, ultrasound, and colonoscopy are paramount to the diagnosis. No one knows the cause of IBS.

There is no consistent therapy for IBS. Many patients can be helped by stress counseling. In others, dietary factors — such as rich, spicy food — may play a role. (However, many IBS patients are unaffected by dietary restrictions.) Drugs, such as Donnatal, that relax the intestine may help, as do many products, such as Metamucil, that contain supplemental fiber.

Unfortunately, no doctors have hit on a "recipe" for IBS. Each case must be treated individually. Therefore, your best resource for guidance and advice is your family physician or a gastroenterologist.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Irritable Bowel Syndrome." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to my attention at P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son had a sebaceous cyst removed from his back a few years ago. He now has a ganglion cyst on his wrist that has been lanced twice and is to be removed soon. What causes him to get these various cysts? Is there any prevention?

DEAR READER: A ganglion is a benign cyst that commonly arises from bone or tendons. Ganglia are sometimes multiple. No one knows what causes them, but they are painless and do not affect health.

Sebaceous cysts, often called "wens," are not related to ganglia. These cysts occur in the sweat glands deep in the skin's pores. They, too, are harmless. However, they can become infected and require surgical drainage and/or antibiotic therapy.

As a general rule, ganglia and sebaceous cysts tend to recur, after removal, unless the lining of the structures is also removed. If the fluid is simply drained, more will accumulate inside the cyst.

Ganglia don't require surgery unless they cause symptoms because of their location; sebaceous cysts can be ignored unless they become infected. There is no method of preventing either disorder.

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I cannot remember when I, like millions of other adults, was more awestruck by a news report. The source of my wonderment was the recent meeting of the American Astronomical Society. These scientists really caused me to catch my breath, when they announced new findings about our universe. The researchers' conclusions were staggering.

By pointing the Hubble Space Telescope at a minute section of the sky next to the Big Dipper, scientists were permitted a first-ever view of worlds beyond anything earth-bound telescopes could ever have provided. In a sense, each astronomer was like a child in a semi-dark room, who sees light coming through the keyhole of his door. Curious, the child crosses the room and puts his eye to the keyhole: He is stunned by the bright, lavish and gigantic party in the ballroom next door.

And it is a big party, no doubt.

The pictures from the Hubble telescope were jammed with stars. After appropriate calculations, the researchers concluded that there are probably about 50 billion galaxies in the universe.

All of us have become inured to huge numbers, such as the national debt, but consider the implications of this figure.

We live in the galaxy of our Milky Way, which contains 50-100 billion stars. Earth is a dot — less... a pinpoint — in this enormous collection of planets, stars, nebulae, and other heavenly bodies. Look up at the clear night sky. The millions of twinkling specks that you see are only a fraction of the total number. The Milky Way galaxy is so immense that light itself takes thousands of years to cross it.

And now scientists tell us that there are 50 billion MORE galaxies, most so large that they put the Milky Way to shame.

I don't know about you, but I am humbled and troubled by the enormity of this discovery. In one brief meeting in San Antonio, Texas, astronomers have not only shaken the foundation of science, but they have turned upside-down our quaint notions of the cosmos, God and the importance of Earth in a divine scheme.

Is it any longer appropriate to ask God to find a parking space at the mall, and then thank Him when you do? Does each death in the world (as we know it) make any imprint whatsoever on the Universe as a whole? With so much chance for extra-terrestrial life, can we afford to be so smug about being special and unique? As a microcosm of our (limited) universe, don't we have an obligation to celebrate our tiny world and come together in peace and harmony?

If the truth be known, we are a hopelessly ignorant and barbaric crowd of ruffians, who — as recently as 500 years ago — believed a flat Earth was the center of the universe created by God for our own personal pleasure. Maybe He did, but we should also consider that we are merely an infinitesimal part of something that is too immense for us to comprehend. Therefore, perhaps we should look not to the heavens but to ourselves for salvation and comfort. This is where clergy and physicians can help: in just getting through the day-to-day business of living.

If the astronomers' revelations have any practical merit, it is this: We need to love and take care of one another in this hostile and often unpredictable world. Come to think of it, isn't this precisely what the Bible teaches?

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The three flags that currently fly on the moon are the United States', the Soviet Union's and the University of Michigan's.

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GOLDEN TERRACE VILLAGE

Arrests noted

Scurry County deputies arrested 37-year-old Rudolfo Velasquez at the Park Village Apartments Friday morning on two felony charges.

Velasquez was arrested on a Scurry County warrant for felony driving while intoxicated while Nolan County had a warrant for surety withdrawal on a separate case.

He is also a suspect in the beating death of a Sweetwater man early Friday morning in Roscoe.

Richard Salgado, 41, was at an automobile repair shop with five other men late Thursday and early Friday morning when a fight broke out. Salgado was first taken to a residence in Roscoe and then to Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater where he was dead on arrival.

City officers arrested 28-year-old Isidoro Contreras at 2:14 p.m. on a warrant for probation violation from Tarrant County. He was arrested near 25th Street and Avenue G and listed his home address as Roswell, N.M. He was on probation for aggravated kidnapping.

Other arrests include a 33-year-old female who was arrested at 9:25 a.m. on city warrants for failure to yield the right of way and for failure to appear.

At 12:14 Saturday morning, officers arrested a 37-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity Friday, officers were called to Wilson Motors at 7:30 a.m. in reference to someone breaking into the building. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted.

Jeff Smith requested a deputy at 3:20 p.m. in reference to someone taking two guitars from a residence on County Road 465.

A Class C assault report was submitted at 5:25 p.m. in reference to a person being assaulted at a house in the 300 block of Harlan.

Officers responded to a possible gun shot at 6:46 p.m. near 23rd Street and Avenue O. It was discovered, however, that an electrical transformer had shorted out and exploded.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Americans Abroad Discover Medicare Limits the Hard Way

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I recently took my 80-year-old mother-in-law to see her ancestral village in Ireland. On our return trip through Wales, my mother-in-law fell and broke her hip, which necessitated a partial replacement and a three-week stay in the hospital. In attempting to pay the hospital bill, we were advised by Medicare that it does not cover injuries or illnesses sustained outside of the United States!

Needless to say, this revelation was devastating to us, since my mother-in-law lives on a small Social Security income.

I have talked to more than 20 people since we got the bad news — and have found only three who were aware of this exemption.

Abby, it would be a public service if you publicize this fact as a warning to others who plan to travel outside the country.

STEVE CRAWFORD,
CHAMBLEE, GA.

DEAR MR. CRAWFORD: People on Medicare should discuss purchasing supplementary medical insurance, which will provide coverage while they are in another country.

Those who are not on Medicare should make certain their health insurance policy provides coverage while they are out of the country. Many plans do provide some type of coverage, such as emergency services, but each plan varies, and it is up to the individual to find out what his or her plan offers.

Most insurance brokers and agents have an insurance guide that lists the various plans and the coverages they offer. If you are unable to obtain one from a broker or agent, contact your state insurance department or state insurance commissioner's office for a guide.

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DEAR ABBY: Last September, my son was talking on the phone when he had to be told that [illegible] ing heart forever. It was a terrible shock to all of us.

Many friends and neighbors brought in food for our family. However, some neglected to put their names on the containers, so now I have several nice bowls and pans, and I don't know to whom they belong. I am too embarrassed to start telephoning people in an effort to learn who brought what.

Abby, please advise your readers that when taking food to a bereaved family, they should write their names on the containers so they can be returned to the owners.

Thank you from a grieving mom.

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WIS.

DEAR MOM: My heart goes out to you and your family on the loss of your beloved son. Realizing our mortality, we all expect that one day we will bury our parents, but having to bury a child is surely one of life's most heartbreaking experiences.

Thank you for writing to remind people who bring food to bereaved families to be sure their names are on the containers so they can be returned. Or better yet, bring food in disposable containers.

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BARBERSHOP TALK: The famous French comedian Fernandel went to a new barber. Excited at having such a prominent customer, the barber almost danced around him and could hardly do enough. Finally, when he had finished, he got a mirror, held it behind the famous head and whispered, "Is that all right?"

Fernandel looked at him sternly and replied, "Almost — just a little longer in the back, please."

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DEAR ABBY: I am 20 years old, [illegible] half, and have a 3-month-old son. We don't have much money and are struggling to get by.

Last week a friend of my mother's called and said, "Let's go to lunch. I want to see your new baby." I assumed it would be her treat. Imagine my embarrassment when I was asked for "my share" of the check. All I had with me was $5. My mother put in the rest.

Had I known I'd be expected to pay for my lunch, I would have suggested that she stop by my house to see the baby.

Was I wrong to assume that she'd be treating me to lunch?

EMBARRASSED

DEAR EMBARRASSED: No. Since she invited you to lunch, she should have paid for it. However, some people make a practice of going "Dutch" and assume that everyone else understands.

Before accepting an invitation, leave nothing to chance. Ask, "Are we going Dutch?"

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DEAR ABBY: I'm an avid reader and respect your opinion, which prompts me to write this letter. I am 31, and for three years I have been dating "Tom," who is 11 years older than I am. We have a fantastic relationship and can usually work out our differences. Recently we've been discussing marriage.

Tom has two daughters from a previous marriage. "Angie," the 21-year-old, does not live with him. "Michelle" is 18, a senior in high school, and will be leaving for college in the fall. Their mother is still living, and I am not attempting to take her place.

Tom and I attend all Michelle's functions together, and I praise her when she excels in something, but after three years, she has not warmed up to me. I don't mind her cool treatment, because she is always respectful and courteous.

If Tom and I marry, I would pre[illegible] that Michelle not address me by my first name.

What is the appropriate way for children to address their stepparent? (By the way, Angie is very fond of me and we get along great.) Tom and I have agreed to abide by whatever you suggest.

TEXAS READER

DEAR READER: Since Tom's daughters are adults, and only slightly younger than you, they might be uncomfortable calling you "Mom." And to call you "Mrs. So-and-so" would be too formal.

The two remaining options: Your first name, or a mutually agreed-upon nickname.

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DEAR ABBY: Can you please help me decide what to do? I am 60 years old and have adult children.

I want to write a journal of my life, but there are a few shocking things in my family's past. How much should I tell my children? Or should I leave the family skeletons in the closet? I've been worrying about this for a long time.

MRS. "O"

DEAR MRS. "O": How much of your life you choose to reveal is a decision that only you can make; however, I urge you to think carefully before revealing information that could hurt family members.

Above all, whatever you disclose in your journal must be the truth.

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For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Report: evidence does not support claims by Fuhrman

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal, state and local investigators have found little evidence that Mark Fuhrman committed the crimes he boasted of to a screenwriter, The New York Times reported Saturday.

Furthermore, interviews with more than 40 of Fuhrman's colleagues, friends and critics, as well as a review of confidential police documents, suggest that many of his lurid stories were concocted by an egotistical and troubled man, the Times reported.

Johnnie Cochran Jr., who represented O.J. Simpson in his murder trial, portrayed the former detective as a "lying, perjuring, genocidal racist." Prosecutor Marcia Clark called him the "worst LAPD has to offer." And several jurors cited his untrustworthiness in deciding to acquit Simpson in the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

But the Los Angeles public defender's office reported that its review of the 35 most serious cases in which Fuhrman had been the investigating officer since 1988 showed virtually no complaints against him.

"Astoundingly, there was not a single complaint about planting evidence," Michael Clark, a deputy public defender, said in a statement in January. Nor were there any complaints about racial misconduct.

On the contrary, Clark said in the statement, "there were some compliments paid to Fuhrman by arrestees," some of whom were members of minorities. Clark concluded that although Fuhrman might well be a racist, he had "grossly exaggerated" his experiences on the tapes.

There are now three investigations into his conduct: the 1981 civil rights probe, an inquiry by the California attorney general's office into whether he committed perjury, and a review of all his cases by the Los Angeles Police Department.

The Times reported that all three investigations have found little to back up Fuhrman's boasts to screenwriter Laura Hart McKinny in tapes that were played at the trial.

Fuhrman told McKinny that police officers often manipulate evidence and frame innocent people, and that he enjoyed lining up "niggers against the wall and shooting them."

But the Times said its own interviews found that Fuhrman's public image is based in large part on his fantasies, and often has been at odds with his everyday life.

For example, Fuhrman made racist comments, yet counted blacks among his close friends. He boasted of violent exploits as a marine in Vietnam, yet spent the war on a ship in the South China Sea. He cultivated a reputation as a macho officer, yet he really wanted to be an artist.

"Looking back on it, I think he had a real identity problem," Janet Hackett, who divorced Fuhrman in 1980, told the Times. "He loved art, but he joined the Marines and the police as if he was trying to prove himself. On the outside Mark is very poised, but inside he had the lowest self-esteem you can imagine."

Kmart has filed lawsuit over recent register raid

MIAMI (AP) — Kmart Corp. has filed a lawsuit against the attorneys who got federal marshals to empty the registers at two stores to force the discount chain to pay a $2 million judgment.

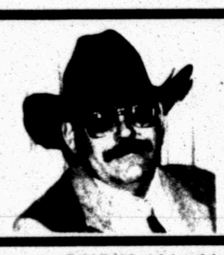
Kmart is seeking more than $15,000 in punitive and compensatory damages and attorneys fees, according to the lawsuit filed Friday in Broward County Circuit Court.

U.S. Marshals raided two stores in Hollywood and Davie on Feb. 12, taking $52,327 in cash from the registers. They left the coins.

"The actions, prompted by an overzealous attorney, inconvenienced and frightened our associates and customers, and inhibited the operation of these two stores," the Troy, Mich.-based chain said in a statement.

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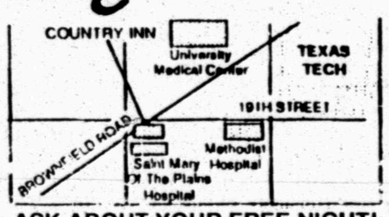


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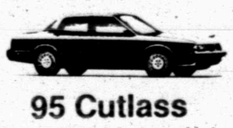
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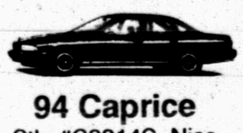
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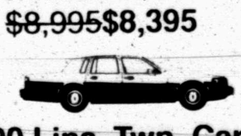
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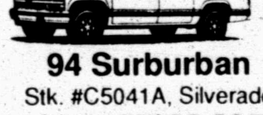
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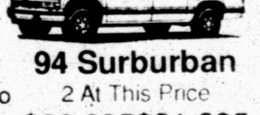
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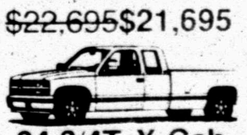
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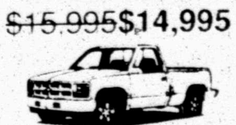
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Dole's focus shifts to S.Carolina primary

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Sen. Bob Dole hoped to restore his status as Republican presidential front-runner Saturday in South Carolina, while his rivals looked for momentum from the first-in-the-South primary.

Dole led in public polls, and campaign aides seemed confident he would keep Pat Buchanan, who was running second, from an upset even as the commentator appealed to the heavy-voting Christian right. He called himself the "one real conservative candidate left in the race who can win."

Dole and his GOP establishment supporters were even suggesting to audiences in the campaign's last days that votes for other candidates would be meaningless, or worse, for loyal Republicans.

"A vote for anyone other than Bob Dole is a vote for Bill Clinton," Gov. David Beasley said at a Friday rally. Dole was confident enough to skip campaigning in the state on election eve — and brash enough to be the only candidate to plan a "victory" party tonight in the state.

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander and publisher Steve Forbes were expected to contest for third place. Forbes bought television advertising time but only came to the state once, on Thursday, for a debate and a speech at a Christian Coalition rally.

Early turnout appeared heavy despite some coastal rain, election officials said Saturday.

"People have been voting steady throughout the morning," said Conway Belangia, director of elections for Greenville County.

Dole, who has been campaigning on his war record and battle injuries as much as his legislative experience, won Robert Moody's vote Saturday because of the Senate majority leader's military service.

Conservative upsets Labor Party's reign

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — A conservative leader claimed victory Saturday after early election results showed his coalition soundly defeating Prime Minister Paul Keating, who campaigned to sever links with the British monarchy.

Keating, 52, said he would resign as leader of the Labor Party, although he will remain a member of Parliament as least for the time being. A high-school dropout, he has known no career other than politics, having served 26 years in parliament and four years as prime minister.

"We have been elected with a mandate, a very powerful mandate," said John Howard, who campaigned on promises to support small businesses and curb the labor unions that had been Keating's major allies.

Howard, 56, announced victory for his National-Liberal coalition shortly after Keating conceded what appeared to be a surprisingly large defeat.

"Labor is finishing its time in office with a very proud record," Keating said, congratulating Howard.

Australian Broadcasting Corp. projections showed Howard's coalition gaining as much as a 40-seat majority in the 148-seat House of Representatives, the legislature's main chamber.

Officer patrols the hallways

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the five percent that do.

"Those 95 percent are in school to get an education and my job is to help them in every way I can."

Holley said student-to-student confrontations are what he deals with on a daily basis.

"It's both physical and verbal confrontations," said Holley.

When students fight on school property, their parents are notified and citations are issued when warranted, said Holley. The students are filed on for disorderly conduct for fighting and they have to appear before the municipal judge.

Noting that students at both Snyder High School and the junior high have been arrested in recent weeks for possession of illegal drugs, Holley said citizens in Scurry County must be aware that kids of all ages have access to drugs.

"If they want them, they can get them," said Holley.

Holley attended a workshop in Austin earlier in the week and said speakers there stated that marijuana useage among students is increasing among high school and junior high age kids.

"Possession of drugs on a campus is something we — the police department and the school district — will not tolerate and we will punish the offenders to the fullest," said Holley.

Holley said he believes his presence in the hallways and around the campuses has deterred drug useage and possession by students.

"I don't keep a regular schedule as to which campus I might be on, so I just may pop up anywhere and the students know this," he said.

And this year, the police department has its own drug dog to make unannounced searches on campuses and the parking lots.

Holley said his goal is to make the campuses of the school district safer for present students and for future generations.

"My wife Jerra and I have two kids, Tye and Tanna, and I feel like they'll both go to school here. I feel whatever we can do today to make the schools and the city a little safer, they and their friends will be better off when they are in these buildings."

Court revokes 1991 probation

A 46-year-old Snyder man will begin serving a five-year sentence in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice after the man's probation was revoked Thursday in 132nd District Court.

Uvalde Perez Jr. of 902 30th St. was ordered to prison by Senior District Judge Gene Dulaney after Perez violated terms of his probation, assessed in 1991 after Perez had pleaded guilty to the burglary of a building owned by Jeff Fredrick.

Perez left a community correctional facility without court approval, failed to report and failed to make restitution and pay probation fees.

Perez must also pay a $500 fine and make restitution of $695.

Obituaries

Mrs. McClain

1905-1996

Funeral service was set for 4 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Ruby Lee McClain, 88. The Rev. Alan Lee, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. McClain, a long-time resident of Scurry County, died Friday, March 1, in Snyder Healthcare Center after a long illness.

Born Dec. 22, 1907 in Whitehouse, she married Raymond J. McClain on Nov. 12, 1933 in Snyder. He died in 1966.

A homemaker, Mrs. McClain lived in the Union Community for many years and was a member of the Union United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, three brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include a brother, Cecil Hall of Hermleigh; and several nieces and nephews.

Wesley Sims

1918-1996

SWEETWATER — Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the McCoy Chapel of Memories for Wesley Elwood Sims, 77, of Snyder. The Revs. Cleckler Smith and Orvel Brantley were to officiate. Military graveside rites were to be conducted by the Nolan County Honor Guard in the Sardis Cemetery in Fisher County.

Mr. Sims died Thursday, Feb. 29, at his son's residence in Snyder.

Born May 24, 1918 in Roby, Mr. Sims was in the trucking business several years in the Odessa area. He lived in Snyder the past three years. Mr. Sims was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include one son, Donnie Sims of Snyder; one daughter, Kathy Wright of Midland; two sisters, Vi Myslicky of Odessa and Dorothy Venable of Fort Worth; three brothers, Bill Sims of Hawley, B.W. Sims of Alexandria, La., and A.C. Sims of San Angelo; five half sisters, Vida Bosshard of Georgetown, Merle Purkhiser of Fort Worth, and Thelma Lee, Sis Kelly and Deanie Basham, all of Dallas; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Lois Engler

1923-1996

JACKSBORO — Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church for Lois Rene Engler, 72, who died Thursday, Feb. 29, in Jacksboro.

Norman Rushing was to officiate with burial to follow in the Oakwood Cemetery under the direction of Coker Funeral Home.

Born in Vera, she married Bill Engler on July 26, 1942 in Rule.

A former resident of Snyder, Mrs. Engler was a member of the First Baptist Church and worked in the Jacksboro school cafeteria.

Survivors include her husband, W.B. "Bill" Engler of Jacksboro; a daughter, Carolyn Furnace of Copperas Cove; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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What's Up?

UW award luncheon set

Scurry County United Way will hold its award luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Monday at Rudy's. The deadline for reservations was Friday.

Civil defense sirens

The city's civil defense sirens will be tested at noon Monday, weather permitting.

Barbecue luncheon

Noah Project West will host a barbecue luncheon fund-raiser from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Prices are $6 for adult plates and take-outs and $3 for children age 12 and under. Tickets are available at Classic Interiors, Bar-H-Bar and at the door.

WTC boosters to meet

Western Texas College Booster Club will meet at noon Monday at Golden Corral for a dutch treat lunch. Visitors are welcome.

Bible lessons to air

A series of Bible lessons on video tape is being aired on Snyder's TCA Cable TV channel 2, featuring Mike Tackett as speaker. The second tape, "Why I Know Christianity Is True," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

High school boosters

Snyder All-Sports Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at First Christian Church.

Ira ISD open house

Ira ISD will hold open house Monday with a supper, tours of classrooms and a one-act play. The hamburger supper is sponsored by the Senior Class and will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Cost is $4.50.

Rooms may be viewed from 6:30-7:30. The one-act play cast will perform "Macbeth" in the new gym at 7:30. Also, Ira Council for Excellence will host a book fair in the library beginning Monday and running through March 7.

Free tax help available

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) provides free tax assistance to persons age 60 and older, and to low income persons of any age, in preparing their income tax returns. This service is available free at Scurry Senior Citizens Center each Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m.

For more information, call 573-4035 or 573-3822.

Noah Project evaluation

Noah Project board of directors is beginning the process of long-term strategic planning for the organization. Anyone who has received services from Noah Project is asked to call 1-800 444-3551 anonymously and answer some brief questions.

'Odd Couple' continues

The female version of Neil Simon's comedy "The Odd Couple" is currently on stage at the Ritz Theatre.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are available at the door.

'John & Abigail' at WTC

"American Primitive or John & Abigail," a play by William Gibson, concludes with an 8 p.m. performance Saturday in the Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre.

Tickets, available at the box office, are $5 for adults and $3 for students and senior citizens.

LCU choir performance

The Lubbock Christian University Acappella Chorus will present a free concert at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the auditorium at 37th Street Church of Christ. The public is invited.

Grand jury meets Monday

Only three cases are scheduled to be considered by the Scurry County grand jury meeting in 132nd District Court. The jury will report at 9 a.m. Monday.

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

1-15-21-33-34

(one, fifteen, twenty-one, thirty-three, thirty-four)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

2-0-3

(two, zero, three)

Bus overturns on highway; one dead

OLD BRIDGE, N.J. (AP) — A bus returning to New York City from Atlantic City casinos overturned early Saturday on an icy highway, killing one person and injuring at least 34.

The Grey Line bus rolled over on the Garden State Parkway, which was slick from snow that was falling, Sgt. John Donogan, an officer at the scene.

The identity of the person killed wasn't released. Highway lanes remained closed hours after the crash so work crews could remove a body.

The fatal mishap occurred about 5:20 a.m. about six miles south of New Brunswick in central New Jersey.

Civil War veteran to be honored on March 9

Agnes Sorrells remembers her 'papa' — Hermann von Roeder

Few living persons can say that their father fought in the Civil War. Agnes Sorrells of the Knapp Community can.

She and other family members will attend a special grave marking dedication ceremony on March 9 for her father, Hermann von Roeder, who died in 1926 and is buried in Ira Cemetery.

Though almost 98, Agnes Wilhelmine von Roeder Sorrells has a good memory and excellent communication skills.

A few years ago, she wrote "The Things I Remember About My Papa," one of several volumes of family history.

During a recent interview, Agnes said her "papa," as she refers to him, told her, "While it (the Civil War) was going on I tried to kill every damm Yankee that I could, but I am glad that I never did know that I killed one for sure. I am very thankful that I don't."

He never engaged in hand-to-hand combat, she said, something her papa was grateful for.

Agnes said he did not relate many stories about the War Between The States, but she remembers him saying, "Things should never be settled by war."

However, from what he did share with his family, Agnes gleaned a few facts which she included in her book.

After lying about his age, Hermann enlisted in the Confederate army in 1863, at the age of 17. In a letter which Agnes still has, Hermann wrote to his own mother about the circumstances of how he learned that a younger brother Loui had been killed in the fighting.

According to the letter — written in German — Loui was killed on April 12, 1864. A member of Wood's regiment, Loui was "shot through the heart" when they attacked a gunboat.

Fourteen others were killed and 34 wounded. Hermann wrote that he "did not arrive until after Loui was buried in an old field near the bank of the Red River."

Hermann took it rather hard that his brother was killed so early in the fightings.

He later collected Loui's horse and saddle. Someone had already taken his (Loui's) six shooter, but Hermann wrote that he was assured that it would be returned.

He later sold the saddle for $60 Confederate dollars because he did not think it would be worthwhile to take it back to Texas.

Hermann's letter gives the impression that Loui was killed instantly, but according to "These Are The Generations," another volume of family history written by Flora L. von Roeder, that may not be how it happened. Hermann's letter was written shortly after he learned of his brother's death. More details apparently followed later. According to one version which may or may not be true, the company was retreating when Loui and two other Confederate soldiers became separated from the company.

"Loui was seriously wounded but kept going until they found a safe hiding place. In severe pain with no medicine to take, Loui slipped into a semi coma.

Hermann also revealed in his letter that he had been injured in the fighting and was hospitalized for a time. However, he left early to return to his regiment.

According to Flora von Roeder's book, Hermann, in spite of his brother's death, still possessed an air of fearlessness that was also attributed to his father and uncles.

She recounts one war tale where Hermann and his company were retreating when they rode past a watermelon patch. He jumped off his horse, ran to the field and gathered two big watermelons under his arms, remounted and rode to catch up with his company. Apparently, Hermann thought, "They all deserved some refreshments after a day in battle."

Hermann later survived the Battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill against General Bank's Red River expedition. He also joined Company G, 4th Regiment of the Texas Cavalry in Austin County after it returned from New Mexico.

In her book, Agnes writes that the father of one of her cousins who later became a U.S. Senator related the following story about Hermann. Agnes is not sure if this actually happened or not.

It seems that when one of Hermann's men in Company G complained that he had no shoes to wear, Hermann removed his own boots and gave them to him.

Since monies were very tight during the war, Agnes said her father "got pretty hungry sometimes." Apparently, after he returned home from fighting he ate everything that was served unlike his boyhood days when he would not eat food he did not like.

When her papa was a young man, Agnes described him as a "kind of a spendthrift" because he liked to not only drink beer but treat others to it as well.

And since he ran for justice of the peace, she wrote that that "was an easy way to indulge in such a

See FOLKS, Page 4B



Hermann von Roeder

Hermann von Roeder...

Sons of Confederate Vets to honor Civil War soldier

Confederate and Union soldiers opposed each other during the Civil War, but the North and South will come together peacefully Saturday afternoon, March 9, to honor a Civil War veteran buried in Ira Cemetery in 1926.

Members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will conduct a Confederate grave marker dedication for Hermann von Roeder at 2 p.m.

In addition, Lubbock members of the Fourth U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) will join their Snyder counterparts, Wendell Sollis and Bruce Stewart, for the traditional sabre salute.

Steve von Roeder of Austin will give the welcome, Rev. C.J. Smith will give the invocation and SCV members will present the colors and honor guard to the music of "Dixie" and "Bonnie Blue Flag."

Charles Oliver will give the history of the 4th Texas Cavalry.

Greg Hector, the Texas Division commander of the SCV, will present the Real Daughter Medal and Rev. Monte Wike will give the benediction.

Three pledges will be repeated including American, Texas and Confederate. Lucille Sterling will give the history of the von Roeder family and Max von Roeder will read a letter Hermann wrote to his mother during the war.

A special marker for Hermann's grave (see page 4B) will be unveiled with formal dedication to follow. The SCV infantry will provide a rifle salute and the Littlefield Battery will conduct the cannon salute.

At least 10 uniformed members of the SCV are expected, including Steve von Roeder of Austin, great-great grandson of Hermann (see story page 5B).

The playing of "Taps" will conclude the program.

The public is invited.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is an association of male descendants of those who served the Confederate States of America. This year mark's its centennial celebration.

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J.B. and Mamie Patterson
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Married fifty years

J.B. and Mamie Patterson, who live 10 miles southwest of Snyder, will be married 50 years on March 8 and honored at a reception on Sunday, March 10, from 2-5 p.m. at their home

Married in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. M.W. Clark, with the Rev. Clark performing the ceremony, the couple have lived on a farm four miles north of Ira for the past 34 years.

Patterson, born on July 15, 1915 in Bronte, and Mrs. Patterson, born near Ira on Sept. 2, 1922, met near Ira in November of 1945.

Semi-retired farmers, the Pattersons are members of the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

Hosting the event will be their children and their spouses, Ted and Renee Floyd and Albert and Retha Canon, all of Snyder, and their grandchildren, Tommy and Holly Reynolds of San Angelo, Heather Floyd of Snyder and Allison Canon of Snyder.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Canyon Reef 4-H Club; Senior Citizens Center; 7 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

Beta Sigma Phi; MAWC; 7:30 p.m.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; program, "How to Prune Roses," by Wilson Howell, member of American Rose Society; hostess, Geleska Baze; 9:30 a.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; Rudy's; 6:30 p.m.

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.



SET JUNE WEDDING — Mr. and Mrs. Ed McDaniel of Snyder announce the engagement of their daughter, Louise Cates, to Phillip Payblas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Payblas of Hurst. Miss Cates is the daughter of the late Dale Cates. She and Payblas are planning a June 29, 7 p.m., wedding in the First Baptist Church Chapel in Snyder. A reception will follow in the Snyder Country Club. (Photo By Harley Bynum)



FIVE GENERATIONS — Little Ashley Semler of Dallas, the fifth generation of the Schwarz family, is pictured with, from left, Ora Heath of Snyder, her great-great-grandmother; June Schwarz, her great-grandmother from Loraine; Larry Schwarz, her grandfather of Snyder; and her mother, Melody Semler of Dallas. (Contributed Photo)

Meat substitute has taste all its own, reporters said

EDITOR'S NOTE: At a news conference Tuesday, officials of VitaPro Foods offered reporters a buffet of foods cooked with the soybean-based meat substitute they have sold to Texas prisons. Spoon in hand, Associated Press newsman Juan Elizondo took the taste test. Here's his verdict.

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — It doesn't exactly taste like chicken, or beef, or anything else for that matter.

But a dehydrated soybean-based meat substitute at the heart of a state contract investigation is tastier than bread and water.

As state and federal officials investigate a multi-million dollar contract between the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and VitaPro Foods, the Canadian company Tuesday defended both the deal and the product.

Yank Barry, the company's chief executive officer, said VitaPro tastes good and is good for inmates.

To back it up, Barry offered reporters at a news conference an array of VitaPro dishes prepared by VitaPro cooks. On the menu: cream of chicken soup, chili, shepherd's pie, chicken salad and a burger.

All except the burger are served in Texas prisons, cooks said.

"You have to rehydrate it properly," said John Bailey, former food manager for the Texas prison system and a demonstrator and cook for VitaPro. "And you have to have the proper spices."

Bailey and other cooks prepared the foods served Tuesday. Most taste testers found it OK, although the chicken salad looked a lot like oatmeal. The consistency of all of the flavors was much the same and none of the meals had much flavor.

Bailey said the samples were intentionally bland.

Many prisoners have complained about the taste, but Barry said that problem is in the preparation. He said the prison system is using a 5-to-1 ratio of water to VitaPro instead of the recommended 2-to-1 ratio.

"I don't blame them," he said of complaining inmates. "If they are mixing it 5-to-1 it wouldn't be edible unless you want soup."

Barry, smiling over a serving of shepherd's pie, said the product not only is being misused, but over-served. He said the company recommends around 15 servings of VitaPro a month, but prison officials are serving VitaPro at least once a day.

"I wouldn't want to eat filet mignon 30 times a month," Barry said.

Redford reviews 'Men'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Redford says his role in "All the President's Men" played a part in the sensationalism of today's news coverage.

"To have seen so many journalists after the success of the film being drawn to journalism for the wrong reasons — less of truth-getting and more about getting exposure — is just a sad fact of life," Redford told TV's "Extra."

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Kranz, M... wed in a... ring cer...

Michele Lynn ... Ray Dennis exch... vows in a double-r... 6 p.m. on Feb. ... Mansion in Sweetw... Miller Robinson, ... nial Hill Bap... officiated.

Parents of the br... and Sandra Grave... parents are E.B. a... All reside in Sny...

The bride was gi... by her father. Ri... Jake Graves of Sny... the bride.

Vows and rin... exchanged betwee... the groom's ch... Dennis of Aust... Dennis of Snyder...

A formal dinne... Mansion followed... An Italian creme ... decorated with fr... made by Reta's ...

Mrs. Dennis, ... graduate, is emplo... western Bell Telep... and her husband ... Texas State Univ... employed by McC... ing in Snyder.

Country twa...

NASHVILLE, ... The Beach Boys' ... little country twan... their Surf City s...

Members of th... group are recordin... country stars thi...

Lorrie Morgan ... Tuesday on "... Baby."

Brid...

By Phillip ...

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WEST ♠ K Q 10 6 5 4 3 ♥ 7 ♦ K J 9 2 ♣ 4

SOUT... ♠ J ... ♥ K Q ... ♦ A Q ... ♣ A K ...

Vulnerable ... Dealer: So...

South	West
1 ♥	3 ♠
4 NT	Pass
6 ♥	Pass

Opening ...

Wait to ele...

In a speech in t... on March 2, 1770, ... Chatham, said, "I ... because they love ... them for the noble ... in the last war [the ... War]."

Today's deal ... Smith of Marlow ... the bridge corresp... Telegraph.

North couldn't b... over three spades ... four trumps. But a ... dummy came down ... silence from South.

After winning t... dummy's spade ac... ed to take the dia... there was no ru... could always be tr...

Declarer drew ... top clubs and ruf... the dummy. Wha... That West had be... one club and, p... spades. This mea... monds. The finer... work.

So, South tried ... led the spade eig... planning to discar... if East played ... However, East w... with the nine. No... exited with his dia...

What could th... West played low, ... concede a ruff an... ning with the 10... with the diamond... to lead into South... monds or conced... Nicely done!

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Z... Ba... Sund... S... Tickets

Kranz, Denn[illegible] wed in double-ring ceremony

Michele Lynn Kranz and Jal Ray Dennis exchanged marriage vows in a double-ring ceremony at 6 p.m. on Feb. 3 in Mulberry Mansion in Sweetwater. The Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Wesley and Sandra Graves. The groom's parents are E.B. and Pat Dennis. All reside in Snyder.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Ring bearer was Jake Graves of Snyder, nephew of the bride.

Vows and rings were also exchanged between the bride and the groom's children, Somer Dennis of Austin and Trace Dennis of Snyder.

A formal dinner in Mulberry Mansion followed the ceremony. An Italian creme wedding cake, decorated with fresh roses, was made by Reta's Cake Shop.

Mrs. Dennis, a Texas Tech graduate, is employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone in Snyder, and her husband is a Southwest Texas State University graduate, employed by McCormick Marketing in Snyder.



Mr. and Mrs. Jal Ray Dennis
(Photo By Wadleigh Studio)

Country twang added

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Beach Boys' latest effort has a little country twang mixed in with their Surf City sound.

Members of the rock 'n' roll group are recording an album with country stars this week.

Lorrie Morgan joined them Tuesday on "Don't Worry Baby."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 03/02/96
♠ A 8
♥ A 9 5 2
♦ 8 7 6 5 4
♣ 6 3

WEST
♠ K Q 10 6 5 4 3
♥ 7
♦ K J 9 2
♣ 4

EAST
♠ 9 7 2
♥ 6 4
♦ 10
♣ Q J 10 9 8 7 2

SOUTH
♠ J
♥ K Q J 10 8 3
♦ A Q 3
♣ A K 5

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	3 ♠	4 ♥	4 ♠
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

Wait to elect

In a speech in the House of Lords on March 2, 1770, William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, said, "I love the Americans because they love liberty, and I love them for the noble efforts they made in the last war [the French and Indian War]."

Today's deal was sent by Lord Smith of Marlow to Tony Forrester, the bridge correspondent of The Daily Telegraph.

North couldn't bring himself to pass over three spades with two aces and four trumps. But apparently when the dummy came down, there was a stony silence from South.

After winning the first trick with dummy's spade ace, South was tempted to take the diamond finesse. But there was no rush, as the finesse could always be tried later.

Declarer drew trumps, cashed his top clubs and ruffed the club five in the dummy. What had he learned? That West had begun with one heart, one club and, presumably, seven spades. This meant he had four diamonds. The finesse was unlikely to work.

So, South tried for an endplay. He led the spade eight from the dummy, planning to discard the diamond three if East played a lower spade. However, East was awake, covering with the nine. Now South ruffed and exited with his diamond three.

What could the defenders do? If West played low, East would have to concede a ruff-and-discard after winning with the 10. And if West went up with the diamond jack, he would have to lead into South's ace-queen of diamonds or concede a ruff-and-discard. Nicely done!

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O'Donnell buys Hayes mansion for $770,000

NYACK, N.Y. (AP) — Comedian Rosie O'Donnell is stepping in where Madonna feared to tread, buying the mansion that Helen Hayes called home.

O'Donnell is paying $770,000 for Pretty Penny, the 22-room, three-story home along the Hudson River 20 miles north of New York City, real estate agent Dale Lydecker said Thursday.

He said others who had looked at the house included Madonna, but she decided the brick wall around the property wasn't enough to guarantee her privacy.

Hayes, the First Lady of American Theater, bought the house in 1931 with her husband, playwright Charles MacArthur. He died in 1956, she in 1993.

Their guests at the house over the years included Moss Hart, Richard Rodgers, Jimmy Durante and Katharine Hepburn.

Hayes once said the mansion's name came from a friend's remark: "This place must have cost a pretty penny."



FEBRUARY WEDDING — Mary Morris and John Mark Ford were married at 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 23 in the gazebo on the South side of the Scurry County Courthouse. Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Kenney are parents of the bride and the bridegroom's parents are Leona Ford of Snyder, and the late Norman Ford. Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds performed the ceremony. (Contributed Photo)

A man should always consider how much he has got than he wants and how much more unhappy he might be than he really is.
Joseph Addison

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Texas School Week
Lunch Menus

MONDAY
Oriental Chicken Dippers
Italian Blend Vegetables
Irish Potatoes
American Anthem Apple
Milk (low-fat chocolate)
English Sugar Cookie

TUESDAY
1st Place Burger on Whole Wheat Bun
Gold Medal Trimmings
Blue Ribbon Fries (Oven-Fried)
Winning Mixed Fruit Salad
Milk (low-fat chocolate)

WEDNESDAY
To Dive For Pizza (Cheese)
Track & Field Corn
Discus Tossed Salad
Milk (low-fat chocolate)
Fencing Fruit Cobbler

THURSDAY
Cross Country Chicken (Baked)
Bobsled Broccoli & Cheese
Ski Slope Mashed Potatoes
Luge Whole Wheat Rolls
Milk (low-fat chocolate)

FRIDAY
Flaming Torch Fajitas (Chicken)
Festive Trimmings
Ranchero Beans
All-American Citrus Fruit Cup
Ceremony Corn Bread
Milk (low-fat chocolate)

Hermleigh

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Juice
Fried Ham
Toast
Milk

TUESDAY
Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast
Milk

THURSDAY
Fruit
Cinnamon Rolls
Milk

FRIDAY
Out for Student Holiday

LUNCH
MONDAY
Swiss Steak
Au Gratin Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Cherries/Whipped Topping
Milk

TUESDAY
Beef & Cheese Nachos
Spanish Rice
Tossed Salad
Apricot Cobbler
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Pork Roast
Seasoned Noodles
Buttered Spinach
Hot Rolls
Chilled Pineapple
Milk

THURSDAY
Barbecue on a Bun
Pork & Beans
Relish Cup
Frozen Fruit Bars
Milk

Snyder

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

TUESDAY
Waffles w/Syrup
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Donut
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

THURSDAY
Cinnamon Roll
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

FRIDAY
Biscuit & Sausage
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

LUNCH
MONDAY
Hamburgaer
Chili Dog
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Tater Tots
Fruit

TUESDAY
Chicken Fried Steak w/Cream Gravy
Sliced Turkey w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls

WEDNESDAY
Sausage Pizza
Spaghetti w/Sauce
French Bread
English Peas
Tossed Salad
Apple Cobbler

THURSDAY
Barbecued Chicken
Salisbury Steak W/brown Gravy
Buttered Corn
Baked Potato
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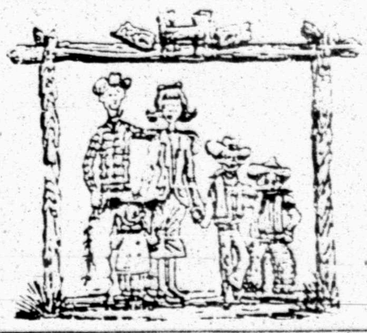
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Scurry County Folks

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by Shirley A. Gorman

hobby."

After Hermann returned from the war, he was buying corn one day when he spied his future wife, Emilie, the corn supplier's daughter. She was 16 years old.

Agnes wrote that her papa's horse must have eaten a lot of corn because he saw Emilie quite frequently. A slight problem existed though. Her (Emilie's) father, whom Agnes called Grandfather Ohlendorf, was the incumbent justice of the peace at the same time her papa was running for the office.

At that time, Hermann was also a school teacher. They married on May 23, 1876. Her papa also won the election.

After he married, Hermann continued to teach school and he bought a place at Industry for himself and his bride. His teacher's pay was $75 per month.

According to Flora von Roeder's book, Hermann suffered an eye injury which resulted in blindness in one eye. After that, he lost his teaching job.

Though certified to teach on Sept. 15, 1877, Agnes said her papa had been teaching a while before that. He also studied as a pharmacist and worked in a pharmacy.

A few years later, Agnes wrote that Hermann, along with a group of prospectors, came to Texas — particularly Scurry and Borden Counties — in the spring of 1908.

When her family first settled in the Knapp Community, Agnes said the Bush and Tillar Ranch was unfenced pasture ranch.

Agents from the Bush and Tillar Ranch showed Hermann various lands in the area. He eventually bought section 95 which was mainly in Borden County, and section 96 which was in Scurry County. He paid $15.90 and $16 respectively per acre for the land in each county.

But before anything was done with section 95, Hermann traded it for section 97, a very good trade, Agnes wrote.

Agnes and the rest of Hermann's family followed the next year and as their home was still under construction, she said they stayed with two other families.

She was just 11 years old, one of 12 children and the youngest girl. Of the 12, Agnes said only nine lived to adulthood.

The Bison School was one of the ones Agnes and her siblings attended. They walked some 3¼ miles "come rain or shine" every day, she wrote.

Hermann also purchased and operated the Knapp Post Office on the hill one-half mile from the their home. He served as post master until he sold it 1917. The post office closed in 1959.

During the time Hermann owned the building, he also sold groceries and candy. He often invited people to eat with them because he knew his wife would have plenty of food ready.

Agnes said her mother maintained a garden for about 15 to 20 years, and it produced food the year around. She said a small tank in the northeast corner of section 97 seeped and created a good garden spot.

Agnes "doesn't know how her mother did it" but she still marvels at her gardening prowess. Though she herself grew a garden for many years, "It was not as good as the one my mama had."

She said her papa also spent a lot of time in the garden and that in later years they had a "constant battle with Bermuda grass which was taking it over."

Since Hermann was "too honest and trusting for his own good," he often got the worst in a transaction, Agnes wrote. Example: when it became too dry and he was overstocked, Hermann sold cows to a neighbor. Within a month or two most of them had calves, she wrote.

Throughout his life, Hermann continued to make deals and trades with cattle and land.

World War I, which the U.S. entered in 1917, was a "trying time for papa, having gone through the horrors of war himself, of cruelty and killing."

For his children, Agnes wrote, "Papa wanted us to be educated, honesty was self understood, if you weren't honest you weren't anything."

He also taught them to "trust people until or unless they proved not worthy of it."

Of his many hobbies, Hermann loved to read, especially history. But during his last years he was disappointed in most of the politics. He also developed health problems late in his life.

During her growing up years, Agnes described herself as a "silly little girl" who rode horseback, played tennis and "danced every chance I had," rather than learn the womanly things a young girl was expected to learn then.

Since her mother handled the cooking and other chores, Agnes never had to do it. She remembers that her father was "in the pasture all the time" and that he liked to keep the cockleburs away from the water tanks.

Another recollection, Agnes said, was making his own cart and harnessing a horse to it so he could pull it in their pasture land.

Agnes said German was often spoken in their home because after her mother's mother came to live with them they conversed in German, switching to English when papa would be home.

Agnes remembers Sundays as fun times because neighbors would get together at their home.

Agnes and her family lived in Lockhart before they settled in Scurry County and she has fond memories of that, such as attending the Rogers Ranch School and celebrating birthdays, especially her papa's. Birthday parties always meant singing, dancing and cake. Hermann was a member of a singing club then.

Agnes married James Edgar Sorrells on Jan. 1, 1922. They had met in Gaines County when Agnes was with an older sister.

The Binnion place south of Knapp was their first home. They lived in Borden County for one year before moving back to Knapp and into the two story home which belonged to Agnes' mother.

Two daughters were born to them, Ellen Tucker of Meadow in Terry County and Lucille Sterling of Coahoma. Later, the Sorrells tore that home down and used the old lumber to help build the present home, a rock house in 1940.

Christmas also is full of memories, both as a young girl and as a wife and mother. Cookies were always made to hang on the trees. They made their decorations for the Christmas tree which was a cedar tree selected from their pasture.

Candles decorated the tree, fitted into snap-on holders. A bucket of water was placed near the tree since the candles were lit, Agnes said.

Sorrells played Santa Claus for their two daughters, Agnes said.

Agnes still makes decorated cookies for Christmas.

Sorrells, who farmed and ranched to support his family, died on April 19, 1983 at the age of 88.

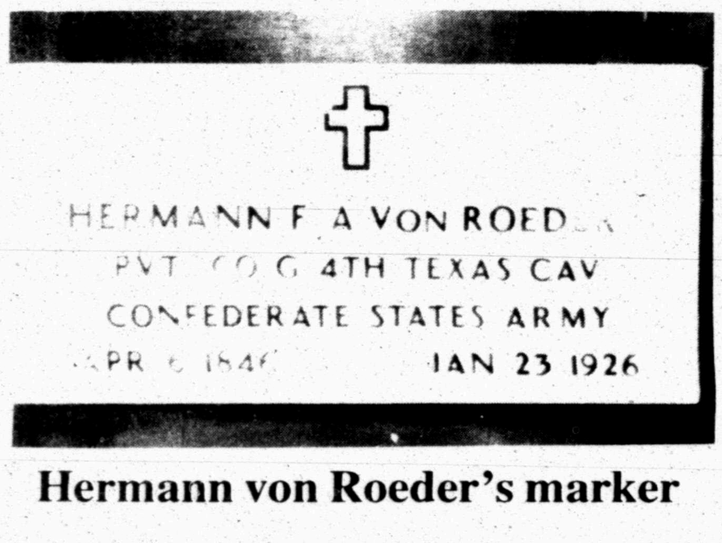
Longevity seems to run in Agnes' family. Her mother lived to be 94. She isn't sure whether hard work has contributed to her long life, she just knows that she "does not believe in idleness."

There is much truth in that statement as on the day this interview was conducted, Agnes rose at 5 a.m. to make a cherry cobbler. A gracious hostess in spite of her years, no guest ever goes unfed in Agnes Sorrells' home.

Walter Johnson, baseball's "Big Train" had a career earned-run average of 2.17.



FAMILY GATHERING — Descendants of Hermann von Roeder will take part in a special grave marking dedication service at Ira Cemetery on Saturday, March 9. Von Roeder, who was a Civil War veteran, died in 1926. Family members shown looking at a photo album are from left, standing in back, Winfred Tucker and Max von Roeder; seated in front, Brent Murphy, Ellen Tucker, Agnes Sorrells, Hermann's daughter, and Lucille Sterling. (SDN Staff Photo)



Hermann von Roeder's marker

Hermann von Roeder's grave marker reads as follows:
Hermann F.A. von Roeder
Pvt Co G 4th Tx Cav
Confederate States Army
April 6, 1846-Jan. 23, 1926

9 cousins survive Civil War

Besides his brother, Loui, Hermann von Roeder served in the Confederate Army with eight cousins who all survived the conflict.

Hermann returned to Austin County where his mother's relatives lived. There he was elected Justice of the Peace and taught school. In 1891, he moved to Caldwell County, and in 1908 to Scurry County where he settled in the Knapp community. Many of his descendants are farmers, ranchers and cotton buyers in the area.

Franz Joachim von Roeder established a ranch near Yorktown, which remains with his descendants to the present.

Robert Eckhardt did likewise; and Otto Kleberg farmed in the DeWitt County until his death in 1881.

Rudolph Kleberg taught school and studied law, passing the bar in 1873. That same year he founded the Cuero "Star." He was elected DeWitt County attorney and then a state senator for two terms. He served 10 years as U.S. attorney before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for three terms. He held an appointment to the Court of Criminal Appeals until his death in 1924.

Ludwig Joachim von Roeder was a victim of the Reconstruction. His vast plantation holdings in Victoria County were confiscated by the carpetbaggers and con artists. He moved west to Karnes County, where he died in 1912. His descendants moved to California in the 1920s.

Bruno van Hutton married into the von-Roeder-von Rosenberg families near Round Top upon his return home.

Friedrich Engelking returned to farming at his home in Millheim in Austin County, and Sigismund Engelking, too, returned to Austin County to teach at the Millheim School. Sigismund's sentivitity and sentiment are one symbol of healing the breach in relations between families caused by the war.

He traveled north to Missouri to visit his old friend, Charles Nagel, in St. Louis and brought back home to Texas a German war bride whose allegiance once lay on the other side.

Source: "Deutsche Welt-USA," a German-American publication, May/June/July 1995.

Migrant worker becomes activist

By BONNIE PFISTER
The Monitor (McAllen)

MERCEDES — Seventy-year-old Elida Bocanegra found her voice just 10 years ago. A migrant farm worker for more than half a century, Ms. Bocanegra now stands at the forefront of the group that put colonias on the political map.

Ms. Bocanegra is co-chairwoman of Valley Interfaith, the 12-year-old political organization that was instrumental in bringing the abysmal living conditions of rural subdivisions in Hidalgo, Willacy and Cameron counties to the attention of legislators.

"I used to have my head down. I didn't know how to speak up for my people," Ms. Bocanegra said.

"Valley Interfaith was a school to me. They taught me how to stand up. Now, I can talk to senators and state legislators," she said.

Ms. Bocanegra's "people" are other farm workers who populate poor subdivisions such as Colonia La Mesa north of Mercedes. La Mesa now has paved roads and running water, thanks to the efforts of Ms. Bocanegra and Valley Interfaith.

"I am one of them," Ms. Bocanegra said recently.

Born between Weslaco and Mercedes in 1925, Ms. Bocanegra said, she was just 7 years old when she began to work in the fields with her family. For more than half a century, she picked pickles and tomatoes in Ohio, grapes in California, corn in Wyoming, onions in Colorado, and broccoli and cotton in the Rio Grande Valley.

"Broccoli was the worst. And corn. Too heavy," she said.

Through those years, Ms. Bocanegra said, she never gave much thought to how she would spend her golden years.

"The only thing on my mind was to eat," she said.

Ms. Bocanegra, who has a heart condition, gave up field work in 1983, under doctor's orders.

"I needed to change. I brought a little piece of land in Colonia La Mesa, and piece by piece I built a little store," she said.

One day in 1986, Ms. Bocanegra went to open her shop and found the colonia under two feet of water.

"I didn't know what to do. It was making me sad, people were stuck in the colonias for days without food, without nothing," she said.

Ms. Bocanegra said she thought about calling Precinct No. 1 Commissioner Sam Sanchez, but figured it was too late in the day to reach him.

"Then it came to my mind to call Channel 5. And in about five minutes, Commissioner Sanchez was there," she said.

At that time, Ms. Bocanegra said, she had no idea how to confront authority figures.

"I just put my head down. My eyes were looking at the ground. He asked me why I didn't call him first, and I said, 'Well, people need help,' " she said.

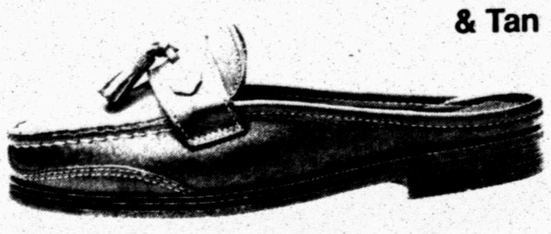
Soon after, Ms. Bocanegra learned about Valley Interfaith.

"They were my teachers. What I am now is thanks to Valley Interfaith. Now we are working with the colonias together."

The organization hosts training sessions as issues come up, about every other month or so, said Sister Maria Sanchez, a member of Valley Interfaith's executive committee.

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DESCENDANT — Steve von Roeder of Austin, great-great-grandson of Hermann von Roeder, and other members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will conduct a grave marking dedication service for Hermann on Saturday, March 9 at Ira Cemetery. Hermann served in the Civil War along with a brother who was killed and eights cousins. He later settled in the Knapp Community. (Contributed Photos)

Civil War vet's great-great-grandson will take part in dedication ceremony

It's only fitting that Steve von Roeder will be one of a contingent of Sons of Confederate Veterans who will honor a Civil War veteran buried in Ira on March 9.

Steve is the great-great-grandson of Hermann von Roeder, who died in 1926. A special marker will be unveiled and dedicated in an afternoon ceremony. (See story page 1B.)

Steve has been a member of the SCV for three years. The organization is composed of male descendants of those who served the Confederate States of America. (See story below).

Currently, Steve is the camp commander at Austin, the Texas division quartermaster and 2nd Lt. Commander of the Texas Brigade.

Since this is his heritage, Steve has passionate feelings about the organization and the work it does, such as the March 9 dedication.

In fact, since he had already participated in numerous such grave markings throughout the state, he decided it was only right that the SCV hold one for his great-great-grandfather.

As enthused as Steve is with the SCV, he recently said from his Austin home that he realizes only too well, "We are about as politically incorrect as you can be by today's standards."

Yet, he offers no apologies, either for his participation in the organization nor for his heritage.

Steve believes that the people who object to the symbols of the Confederacy such as the flag are "trying to apply today's standards to what happened 100 years ago."

He has studied that era extensively in an effort to get better acquainted with his heritage. It is very moving for him to read that Confederate soldiers took up the flag during battles every time the person holding it was shot down.

During school presentations, he said students are amazed when told that the Confederate soldiers were willing to die for what they believed in.

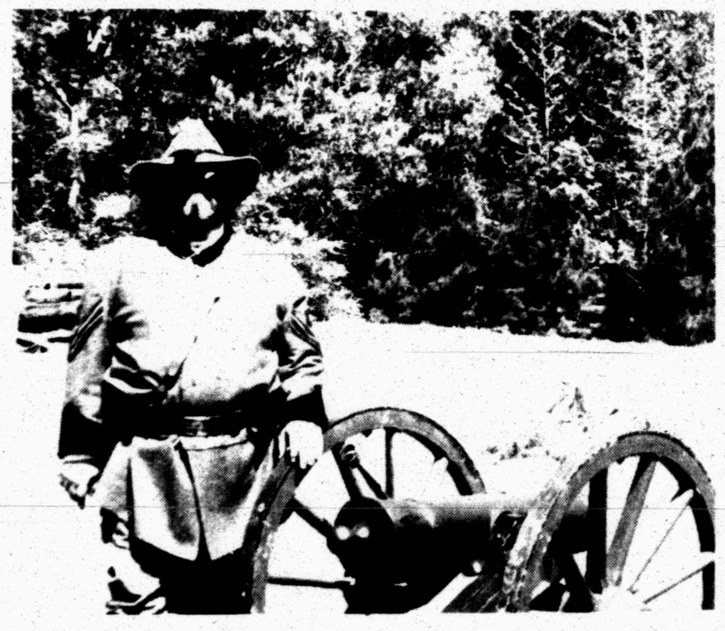
Ironically, when Steve was first approached about joining the SCV, he did not pursue it. However, he changed his mind after reading "The Things I Remember About My Papa," written by Agnes Sorrells. That ignited his interest.

In addition to the SCV, Steve participates in Civil War reenactments.

Each year, Steve said he takes part in a reenactment of the Red River Campaign of 1864 which Hermann fought in. The experience is "very emotional," Steve said because "my ancestors took part in it."

When Steve comes to Ira for the upcoming ceremony, he will be accompanied by his wife, Lyn, who will be wearing "widow's weaves."

They have four grown children. Steve works for Chubb Security in Austin.



What is the SCV?

Within months following the cessation of hostilities between the North and South in 1865, groups of male descendants of those who had served in the Confederate Army and Navy were formed throughout the South. The main objective of the "sons" was the welfare and comfort of the men who had "worn the gray."

After a time, these young men realized their efforts would be more effective if all of them were joined together in some kind of federation. In this way, they could render whatever assistance might be needed to support the United Confederate Veterans which had been organized in New Orleans, La. on June 10, 1889.

This federation was to be realized on July 1, 1896, during the annual meeting of the United Confederate Veterans in Richmond, Va. It was on this day that 24 "camps," as they were called, from five southern states, approved the formation of the "United Sons of Confederate Veterans" and J.E.B. Stuart, Jr. was elected the first leader.

The United Sons of Confederate Veterans declared their objectives to be several in number. Because they had initially formed camps to assist the veterans, it was only natural that they were committed "...to comfort, succor and assist needy Confederate soldiers, their wives, widows and orphans." Their annual meetings would be at the same site and dates of that of the United Confederate Veterans.

However, these were farsighted young men who realized that the day would come when there would be no more veterans, widows and orphans to assist. But, there would always be a need to see "...that the events of the War Between the States are authentically and clearly written..." remembered and defended.

In 1912, the name of the organization was shortened to "Sons of Confederate Veterans."

Today, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, or "SCV" as it is often referred, is growing, not only in the South, but throughout the nation. It is a voluntary organization of both direct and collateral descendants of those who served honorably in the Confederate Army and Navy. It is patriotic, historical, educational, benevolent, non-political and non-sectarian. It is not affiliated with any other organization.

SCV perpetuates in its organization the plan of the Confederate Army by being divided into three departments: Army of Northern Virginia Department, Army of Tennessee Department and the Army of Trans-Mississippi including Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, New Mexico and all other states west of the Mississippi River.

It is led by a commander-in-chief and a lieutenant commander-in-chief, both of whom are elected, in even years, for a term of two years, at the General Convention of the organization.

The general headquarters of the organization is located in Hattiesburg, Miss.

The "camp" is the basic unit of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Camps may select their own projects: maintaining and preserving Confederate monuments and memorials, answering misstatements appearing in the media, marking graves of Confederate soldiers, sailors and statesmen, publicizing local Confederate events and holidays, field trips to various battlefields and Confederate shrines, sponsoring Confederate ball, and many others.

The SCV goals remain those found in the commission by Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee to its members "To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought; your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate solider's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principals he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember it is your duty to see the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

Source: "What is the Sons of Confederate Veterans," a SCV pamphlet.

Grains must be fortified

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is ordering makers of food from grains to fortify their products with folic acid, a relatively inexpensive move that researchers estimate may prevent hundreds of birth defects annually.

The order affects most bread, flour, pasta and other foods from grains.

The addition means women will get about 10 percent of their daily requirement of this vital trace nutrient from every serving of these foods they eat, making it easier to consume enough to ensure a healthy pregnancy, Food and Drug Administration Commissioner David Kessler said Thursday.

Museum conveys horror of Holocaust

By MICHELLE KOIDIN
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — From two blocks away, Holocaust Museum Houston is striking yet eerie, marked by a towering cone of charcoal bricks behind rows of steel cable.

The metaphoric crematorium chimney conveys the darkness of the Holocaust even from outside the memorial and education center.

The braided cord around the latest addition to the city's Museum District symbolizes barbed wire and runs through six pillars, one for every 1 million Jews who perished in Nazi death camps.

In honor of their slain mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters, Houston's survivors came together to create one of the largest Holocaust museums in the country, raising money, donating photographs and recounting their horrifying stories before video cameras.

Their 10 years of work culminates Sunday with the exhibition's opening.

Bill Morgan, one of the main contributors, worries about the future and believes enlightenment is the key to preventing persecution.

A father of five and grandfather of 12, Morgan saw fundraising for the museum as selling insurance against hate.

"We (Jews) always managed to make a living, but we never had any friends," said Morgan, a 70-year-old real estate developer who lost his parents, six siblings and grandfather in a Polish ghetto.

"It's time that we buy some hate insurance and educate. By giving us the premiums, we can reach out to the school children, tell them the story," Morgan said. "Instead of leaving children a lot of money, leave them more friends."

Morgan and other fund-raisers have collected $7 million from foundations, corporations and individuals for construction of the facility. Now they are soliciting to cover the operating cost of $800,000 a year.

Entering the museum is free, although donations are requested. Tours are booked for the first three months.

The group of founders recruited famed architect Ralph Appelbaum, whose firm produced exhibits for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., to design both the building and the core exhibit, which chronicles the history of anti-Semitism, Hitler's rise to power and the establishment of concentration camps.

A railroad track runs overhead through the museum, wide by the entrance, but narrow in back, where a sculpture garden memorializes the 1.5 million children who died. Morgan says the track shows how the train to Auschwitz rolled in, unloaded and never came out.

The ceiling in the core exhibit reaches 48 feet at one end and slants down to the floor at the other to get across the feeling of being concentrated.

It takes about two hours to go through the 7,000-square-foot, steel and concrete display. That includes 30 minutes spent in the theater, where local survivors share their experiences on a 9-foot by 11-foot screen.

Houston residents provided many of the artifacts presented at the museum, like the prewar photographs that show European Jewish families in happier times.

Family trees of local survivors — with the names of relatives killed in black lettering — bring home the devastation of the Holocaust.

The museum is an outgrowth of Houston's survivors, senior designer Jack Pascarosa said.

"We tried to as much as possible use their input in the exhibit," he said. "We were struck immediately by the strength of the community and how directly the survivors were involved in the project."

One of them, Auschwitz survivor Alice Lok Cahana, loaned her artwork to the museum's revolving gallery. Her paintings incorporate pages torn from a Hebrew prayer book, victims' passports and a photograph of childhood classmates, almost all of whom were killed.

Three of Ms. Cahana's pieces are being shipped from their home at the Washington museum for the opening.

The 67-year-old woman paints to voice her torment over her confinement at the age of 15 and the murder of her mother, two brothers and grandfather. Her sister remains missing.

"The horror of the Holocaust cannot be described with normal words," Ms. Cahana said. "All of us who have survived, we made a vow that we will not be silent. This is my language now."

It will be communicated to the thousands of students who will pass through the gallery.

Many will use the attached 11,000-square-foot education center, where they can quickly reach information on the Holocaust through a computer program written by educators at the Washington museum. Anyone from young children to adult researchers can use the comprehensive database.

The museum's library holds 5,000 books on Jews, the Holocaust and post-Holocaust period and films, posters, maps and newspapers articles.

Holocaust Museum Houston's learning center and architecture are equally effective, said Ted Estess, a Holocaust scholar at the University of Houston.

"It's extremely impressive in the resources it's going to provide for the entire community — for education about the Holocaust itself and about issues of tolerance and respect for others," Estess said.

Morgan added, "I called this a house of love. Our main idea is to remove hate from peoples' hearts and replace it with love through education."

3 mayors hold groundbreaking ceremony

IRVING (AP) — The mayors of Fort Worth, Dallas and Irving hope that, come December, many Dallas-area residents will share the attitude of Catherine Enin-Okut, an enthusiastic mass transit fan.

"I'd definitely ride the train because I could do a lot of reading," said Enin-Okut, 28, an Arlington resident who did homework for her architecture degree riding a bus from Carrollton to the University of North Texas in Denton.

By December, Enin-Okut and thousands of others will be able to ride a commuter train from south Irving to Union Station in Dallas for a dollar. There, they can transfer to Dallas Area Rapid Transit's new 20-mile light rail starter system, set to open in June, or the Amtrak passenger rail system. Fares for other segments of the system have not been determined.

At a groundbreaking Friday for the 10-mile stretch of track between Dallas and Irving, officials said the commuter rail project shows the same spirit of regional cooperation as Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

"They say it takes a whole village to raise a child," said Fort Worth Mayor Pro Tem Jewel Woods over the roar of planes taking off from the nearby airport in Irving. "It's going to take the whole Metroplex to make our system work."

The Dallas-Irving segment is the first leg of the newly named Trinity Express Railway. The $234 million line will eventually link downtown Dallas, downtown Fort Worth and the airport using the Railtran corridor. Officials expect up to 10,000 riders a day.

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk thanked Irving Mayor Morris Parrish for backing the rail system just south of Airport Freeway and said he is confident North Texans can be persuaded to leave their cars in the driveway.



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Computers don't have locker rooms



[illegible] Gary Kaspar[illegible] Deep Blue [illegible] chess [illegible] say it's only a [illegible] before humans [illegible] able to check- [illegible] faster within a [illegible] heard," your [illegible] Boston the shelter [illegible] less player. I'm [illegible] I should be [illegible] smart." Deep [illegible] programmed [illegible] Big chess match still [illegible] against human (or [illegible] of humans). The only differ- [illegible] ence was that one side had state- [illegible] of-the-art computers to help it. In [illegible] other words, it would have been called cheating in the '90s it's considered research.

Research right what? Well, the nature of human thought. Do computers "think" in the human sense of the word? I don't know. I suspect that Deep Blue wasn't trying to win a game, in the human sense of winning, but move through its programmers' codes for complex problem-solving scenarios. It could have been playing bingo for all Deep Blue cared.

The bigger factor here is desire. Did Deep Blue really have the desire to kick Kasparov's rear? I doubt it. And the prize money is something else to consider. Half a million bucks were at stake. Kasparov can buy himself a nice little condo with that kind of dough. What can Deep Blue buy? A lifetime's supply of screen savers?

When it comes to chess, computers have a long way to go before they become anywhere near human. Before a match, computers never glower across the table. "Your head is coming off, buddy!" After a match, they don't whine if they've lost, gloat if they've won, or pour champagne on teammates' heads in the locker room. Computers don't have locker rooms.

Computers don't have a fire in the belly. They don't chew tobacco, or knock dirt from their cleats. They never throw tantrums, argue with a referee, fake steroids or blow a kiss to the stands.

Computers may master chess or Chinese checkers, but never stud poker or professional wrestling. They'll never feud with other computers. They'll never high five each other, or slap each other on the behind. Computers will never trot onto a field, slam dunk a basketball, or hit one into the stands. (On the bright side, computers will never get into a tussle with the NCAA or enter a rehab program.)

If computers start generating their own code, however, all this could change. They could make cyborgs with the ability to play 10 games of chess simultaneously in their heads, while effortlessly pitching a no-hitter, and throwing perfect passes to receivers with hang times calculated to the nanosecond.

Even then I wouldn't worry too much, until the cyborgs decide that their efforts are wasted on mortals like us. If that happens, we'll be knee deep in Arnold Schwarzeneggers coming at us from the future trying to stop other killer robots from taking out adolescent computer whizzes with floppy haircuts. They might even go after Gary Kasparov. Does his insurance cover an event like that?

Personally, I won't start worrying until IBM makes a machine that "can duplicate true human thought processes. For example, there's our ability to think about anything except what it is you're supposed to be thinking about. Many's the time, facing a deadline, I find myself staring at my monitor, trying to come up with something to say about Bosnia, and thinking instead about going to a movie. Could a computer do this?

Then there's our ability to hold a grudge and get the blues, not to mention our enormous capacity for self-delusion and procrastination. If scientists ever come up with the artificial intelligence logarithms that allow computers to do something as simple as loaf, we humans could indeed be doomed — if computers can get off their fat duffs long enough to learn about us.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Enormous hope for NAFTA

The Amarillo Globe-News

The North American Free Trade Agreement — as shown by the campaign-trail success of Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan — has become a major issue in this political season. But it has become one for all the wrong reasons.

Buchanan uses his "America first" campaign theme to say that free trade in general — and NAFTA in particular — are bad for the United States. On what does he base his assumption? On a couple of rocky years in Mexico.

NAFTA, which is designed to integrate trade among the United States, Mexico and Canada, still holds enormous hope as it enters its third year of existence.

NAFTA seeks to equalize trade restrictions among the nations. U.S.-Canadian trade already is virtually free of tariffs. Not so with the United States and Mexico. The Mexican government already, though, has reduced tariffs by 5 percent, compared to a 2 percent reduction enacted by the U.S. government.

Clearly, the Mexican economy has suffered. The devaluation of the peso last year came as Mexico sought to deal with a virtual economic collapse. The buying power of Mexicans has suffered over the short term. The future, however, isn't nearly as bleak, especially if Mexico's economy continues to rebound from its disastrous 1995. Indeed, Mexico already is showing signs of economic growth in 1996, a trend that figures to cut significantly into this country's trade deficit.

The impact on Texas, of course, is enormous. Discussions already are underway to extend Interstate 27 north of Amarillo and south of Lubbock in anticipation of increased truck volume. Yes, that increased traffic has some problems, such as the safety of Mexico's trucks; the state must ensure that those trucks meet stricter safety requirements than they do at the moment.

The employment picture figures to brighten, with an increasing number of jobs being supported by trade with our NAFTA partners.

It is oh, so easy to score cheap political points by singling out some of the recent difficulties in this still-new trade arrangement. We ought to take the long view in judging the success or failure of NAFTA.

At the end of its second year, NAFTA still holds major promise for Texas and the rest of the nation.

Letters to the Editor

Needed: a winning tradition

Letter to the Editor:

Another basketball season has come and gone. Isn't it about time we start a "winning tradition" for Snyder basketball again? There used to be such a thing in Snyder.

When we go and play Frenship, Levelland and the other schools who are always very competitive, it is amazing how they are so tough, year after year. They have very developed programs where the players are being developed and improved each year. They don't have all super players. They have a lot of kids like the ones who attend the Snyder school system.

We need to quit short-changing our students. Let's begin a "winning tradition," develop a "winning program," and have a program that leaves our players feeling good about themselves and about their team accomplishments. With good leaders, role models and a positive, well-disciplined program, we can have teams that will compete with Frenship, Levelland, Plainview and the other tough teams on a year to year basis.

There is no time like now to start a "winning tradition" for the students at Snyder.

Gwen Cumbie
Snyder

Falsely accused, falsely incarcerated

Dear editor:

While auditing five criminal law courses at WTC, the study was fascinating and a lot was learned. However, the "experience" of the Eicke case has been a strong teacher also.

You may already know these things, but I did not. I am speaking of such things as: (1)there are two major governments (jurisdictions) in America. One is based on the 1778 U.S. Constitution which is common law. It is "de jure" which means "according to law — that which is right."

(2)The other is corporate which is based on (U.C.C.) Uniform Commercial Code which is contracts (and/or statutes). These are "color-of" law. "Color-of" means "contrary to" according to my U.C.C. Study Guide. Many U.C.C. contracts or statutes are used as "de-facto" regulations, they are not law (but pushed on the people "as if they are law").

The socialist federal government (Corporate) pushes the U.C.C., which means being "outside of law," (not under the jurisdiction of the Constitution). That is why federal government agents can do many "out of control" things against private citizens.

However, the Constitution states that it is the "Supreme Law" of the land. It also states that anything contrary to it is null and void.

There are so many ways (I heard over 300) to be contracted to the federal government and maybe not even know it. (Contracts, the government contends, puts one under federal government control). A few of the ways are: All licenses (these are created by the corporate government such as driver's license, marriage license, business license, vehicle license, hunting license, etc. — these are really taxes); also signing a signature card at the bank; signing for insurance; volunteering to sign a "federal income tax" form. Speaking of taxes, do you really have "federal" income that makes you liable for a "federal" income tax? I have received two letters from the IRS telling me that I don't and that I do not need to "file" a federal income tax form.

Getting paid for your work (labor) is compensation and not federal "income." For many years I falsely believed I owed a federal income tax. For years we volunteered to pay a federal income tax that was not even due. In reality, I have never owed a "federal" income tax. My sons are not "tax protestors" as charged.

Now to the courts. My U.C.C. Study Guide calls the federal courts "color-of" courts (contrary to law — pretend). They are conducted "as if" they are a court. They really are a maritime/admiralty totalitarian hearing. The citizen (victim) has no rights — not one. The Constitution (law) is thrown out as "frivolous." The "so-called jury is counsel to the court." The agents of the court (judges, attorneys, etc.) have their own lingo that is probably not understood by the citizen.

Sometimes the federal regulations are used, but they, too, can be ignored such as when the "jury tampering" hearing was held for my sons. Four "jurors" stated in letters that they saw exhibits in the jury room (but were not shown during the "so-called" trial) that did influence their verdict. But the government attorney and the judge then said "they may not have been influenced" and pushed it aside even though the defense attorney read the regulation stating that such required a dismissal of the case or a new trial." Folks, that is federal government out of control!

The yellow fringe on the U.S. flag shows the "court" to be an admiralty/maritime "court." All federal attorneys (defense as well as prosecuting) are really agents of and for the federal government. That was so easy to see during the Eicke hearings.

I understand that the federal system has a statute that allows their agents to lie in order to lock up a citizen or to build a case. The agent has "immunity" from perjury. (Satan is the "father of lies"). I assume that is why at the Detroit hearing for Johonnas, I heard the Lubbock secret service agent, David Freriks, "while under oath to tell the truth" as a government witness, he presented what I believe (based on what I have seen and heard from many) was almost 70 false or slanderous statements in about an hour. (I have also read a transcript of this).

While under cross examination he crossed himself at times. Many of these same statements he presented to the grand jury (I have read a transcript of it). He also gave some to the news media. Freriks did acknowledge under cross examination that he was "out of his jurisdiction" while in Denver going through Heather Altshuler's house. Freriks was also "out of his jurisdiction" going through Arlie's home and stealing Arlie's fax machine, etc. Freriks, also, did not have the lawful authority to "arrest" Arlie. But Freriks did arrest Arlie, based on false charges.

And speaking of Heather, she via phone, has expressed great fear to me of being returned to the U.S. due to a research group learning that an out of state federal judge has "ordered" that Heather be eliminated (killed) once she is returned. She has never been in that judge's court. That is the federal government out of control!

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Thanks so much

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Scurry County NAACP officers and members, we would like to thank you so very much for your participation and words of encouragement at our annual banquet.

We thank the community for the purchase of tickets, all officials and candidates present, Mayor David Holt, the local news media, Rudy's, and last but not least, our speaker who took time out of his busy schedule to speak to us, Rev. Anthony Brooks, Colorado City and Sweetwater participants.

Thank you all so very much; you make us appreciate our hard work throughout the year.

Respectfully,
Scurry County NAACP Chapter
President, Floyda Collins
Secretary, Alessa Fabre'

Just another country girl, getting the NY 'tude



DEANIE FRANCIS MILLS

If you were to scratch a country person, you'd be surprised to find how many of them are city people down deep inside. Maybe they're city people at heart, feel trapped in the country, and can't wait to get out. Or maybe they're transplanted city people, who got their fill of crowds and traffic early in life and moved happily to the country to escape. Or they could even be country people who find the city stimulating and exciting and love to visit now and then — as long as they can come back to the country to live.

Me, I'm a perfect Dr. Jekyll and Ms. Hyde. On the surface, I'm every bit a happy country mom, living in the boonies by choice with no regrets. But yank me up and throw me into a skyscraper or freeway and whambamshazam! The city girl in me just pops right out.

On a recent business trip to New York, I got the NY 'tude real quick. The NY 'tude is the difference betwen loving your stay in such a huge metropolis, fitting right in, enjoying its overstuffed banquet of riches — and dreading it, living in fear, and missing out on a lot of fun because you're so afraid something might happen to you if you venture very far out the hotel doorway.

It's all about attitude.

First of all, you gotta get into the NY mood. To do this, it is important to wear black. Winter or summer, short sleeved or long, black is the New York color. Not because most of the people are neurotic and depressed, (though many of them are), and not because black is slimming, sophisticated, and "cool," which it is. But the truth of the matter is, New York is a gritty, grimy city. Get caught in a sudden shower, in white pants, you're likely to wind up with a greasy black waffle print across your rear end. (I'm not going to tell you how I know this.)

The second part of the NY 'tude is learning to walk. No country strolling is allowed, Try it. You'll get run right over. You gotta walk fast, I mean REAL fast. And your stride has got to be aggressive; your head up, eyes daring anybody to mess with you. If you're female and must carry a purse, wear it with the strap over the opposite shoulder, if possible, and in any event, hold it in a good tight grip. (This is mainly to send a message to any potential purse-snatchers who may be scanning the crowd for a likely victim. Chances are they'll scan over you and go for the moron over there who's slack-armed and inattentive.)

New York natives are preferring the back-packs nowadays, I noticed. Even better is a fanny-pack worn underneath a coat. I had a black trench coat which was perfect for rain or cold and could be worn over anything.

When walking down the street, watch out for those kids on rollerblades; step aside for them. (Sometimes they snatch purses that way.) Mainly pay attention to knots of people and the like, but there is no need to be afraid, particularly in the nicer neighborhoods in midtown and uptown and Central Park. Broadway is fine; just be extra watchful in the seedier areas, such as around 42nd Street.

I picked up a "Streetwise Manhattan" map in a gift shop and spent some time in my room studying it. In New York, particularly, the streets are laid out in a grid and extremely easy to follow. Cab rides are not that expensive and you can find them on any street, just about, at any time of day. If I got lost, I entered a shop and asked directions from a proprietor.

Contrary to popular stereotype, the best thing about New York is its people. If you have a smile for them, they've got one for you, and they respond to friendliness just like anybody else. New Yorkers are from all over the world; they appreciate diversity and are curious about other people. I've never been made fun of for being Texan. Most people find it fascinating.

The best way to see the city is on foot. I'll be honest with you — I never tried the subway alone. I intended to take a subway trip with a native, but she got busy and couldn't go, so I walked and took cabs. (New York cabs are spotlessly clean. There might be classical music or jazz on the radio or even Rush Limbaugh. The drivers don't talk unless you want them to.) When my husband was with me on my first trip, we took the bus. It can be confusing, but the drivers are very helpful and won't let you get lost if you just ask.

There's nothing more enjoyable than striking up a conversation with people on a bus or cab drivers or waiters or a young mother pushing a stroller. One cab driver I spoke with was a New York native who spent his childhood in Ireland — and he had a friend who lived in Kermit, Texas! New Yorkers are very proud of their city. They don't want you to be afraid there; they want you to have a good time. If you're worried about going into a certain area, ASK. You'll get an honest answer and advice on how to avoid higher crime areas.

On this trip, I had several important meetings lined up; I met my new editor, who in turn introduced me to the publisher and the marketing director for my book. I had lunch with my agent — whom I had yet to meet after a year working together. I also met the film producer who has taken such an interest in my work; he was in "the City" making a movie with Barbra Striesand, Jeff Bridges and Lauren Bacall, (called "The Mirror Has Two Faces.")

To research my latest book, I also visited the New York Stock Exchange and spent some time on a Saturday afternoon backstage at "Inside Edition." (No, I didn't meet any celebrities, though I did sit at Debra Norville's desk.)

But when I wasn't in a meeting, I was out exploring. On my last trip, my husband and I did some touristy things, like the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty and the New York Library and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This time I avoided most of the tourist hotspots, (where you are likely to hear Japanese, German, Dutch, and other languages flow around you), and got to know the streets and shops and restaurants and people that make up one of the greatest cities in the world.

My business meetings were a great success and I enjoyed every minute of my trip, but when it was time to leave, I was ready. It had been a while since I'd seen a horizon.

On the drive from the Midland airport home, I pulled into a truck stop for a late-night hamburger. Whiney, twangy country music poured over cracked formica tables and Naugahyde booths worn white. All the voices around me had the same slow drawl. I got my burger to go and, still on NY 'tude time, strode rapidly out the door — the wrong door. Whirling, I headed back inside. A cowboy trucker, toothpick jutting cockily from his teeth, cracked wise and grinned at me as he held open my door.

Letting go of my purse, I slowed down, smiled my thanks, and strolled out into the balmy night. I'd had a real good time in the big city, but dang, it sure was good to be back home.

Vintage Aviation redoes WWI plane

By ERIC P. JENSEN
Seguin Gazette-Enterprise

SEGUIN — Motorists traveling down Gin Road in Southwestern Guadalupe County must have thought they had gone back in time to an aerodrome in northern France circa 1918.

Sitting outside a hangar at the Zuehl Flying Community Airpark, was a fully rebuilt German Fokker D.VII fighter that was once the scourge of Allied pilots in the First World War.

With its wings spread out, purple-and-white tail gleaming and nose pointed forward toward the sky, the old war bird looks ready to fly again in search of long-ago British, French and American enemies.

Instead, this colorful fighter plane made its final flight aboard a cargo plane to the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

Roger Freeman of Vintage Aviation Services Inc., just outside of Seguin, restored the World War I fighter plane as part of a contract with the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton. Although the Fokker is airworthy, it will soar only in the imaginations of museum patrons.

Some of the parts for the 78-year-old fighter are original: the engine, the instruments, the propeller and the elevator, Freeman says. Everything else was rebuilt or built for this two-winged warplane.

"This aircraft belonged to Rudolf Stark, who was commander of Jasta 35B," Freeman said. "The purple on the tail and the engine are the squadron colors. The band on the side with 'Li' is the personal color."

"Li" remains a mystery but Freeman guesses that it could have been the German pilot's girlfriend or "just about anything."

"It took 18 months to build it," Freeman added. "The Air Force Museum sent us some parts. The rest we built from scratch."

This particular hexagonal camouflage pattern was unique to the Germans in that it was preprinted on linen fabric.

"Several years ago, the Smithsonian, the Air Force Museum and the Technical Museum in Berlin got together and contacted the fabric mill in Berlin which made the original fabric. We got them to run another batch for us."

In restoring the plane, Freeman and his crew had to recreate the old German technology of rib-stitching.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Barney Adams, 1996 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Van R. Drain, 1996 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Stanley Moore, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Charlene and Ed Fincher, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

David N. and C.R. Fleming, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

E.D. Walton Construction Co. Inc., 1995 Chevrolet flatbed from Big Country Autoland.

Neff Greenhouses, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Scott W. Atwood, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

E.D. Walton Construction Co. Inc., two 1996 Ford trucks from Wilson Motors.

Kirk L. Thomas, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

E.D. Walton Construction Co. Inc., two 1995 Chevrolet flatbeds from Big Country Autoland.

Catarino Lambaren, 1996 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Kelly H. Bartley, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

ONeal McClain, 1996 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Laredo Paving Inc., 1996 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Vonnie L. and Jean Black, 1996 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Barbara Woolsey, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

R.L. Burditt, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Vance Reynolds, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Banc America Auto Finance, LSR, 1996 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

W.R. Hobbs, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Gale Lewis, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

James Davidson, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Action in District Court

John W. O'Banion Jr. vs. Wilson A. Hanna, agreed judgment for plaintiff.

Liberty Savings Bank, F.S.B., vs. Nina Carolyn Sutton and Roy E. Sutton, motion for non-suit granted.

Scurry County vs. Ouzzie McClain, et al, order granting non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Charles Harrell, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Jacinta Galindo, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. David Wagner, et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Raymond E. Hubbard III Trustee, et al, order granting non-suit.

General Motors Acceptance Corporation vs. Barbra Jones, final summary judgment for plaintiff.

Snyder Laundry, Dry Cleaning and Linen Supply Inc. vs. State Farm Lloyds, order of dismissal.

In the marriage of Kathryn Diane Hicks and Gary A. Hicks, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Kent Douglas Smith and Glenda Marie Smith, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Becky Juanez Williams and James Earl Williams, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Jose O. Hernandez and Mendy Lynn Hernandez, divorce granted.

William E. Johnson vs. Bill Baldwin, individually and dba Bill's Auto Salvage, order of dismissal.

Deed Records

Max Vincent to Toni Treat, all of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 12 of the Andress Heights Subdivision.

Thomas Stern to Delbert and Jackie Jenkins, a tract out of the east one-half of Section 123, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Lowell Halkowitz to Gentle Dove Ministries, Inc., the north one-half of the east 125 feet of Lot 4 in Block 51 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Martha Ann Arellano to Antonio Rivas, the north one-half of Lot 7 and the north one-half of the east one-half of Lot 8 in Block 5 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Becky Crain to Keith L. and Temi T. Mattthies, all of Lot 36 in Block E of the replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Velma K. Underwood to Hazel E. Underwood, all of Lot 9 in Block 1 of the Creswell Subdivision of Block 1, Marshall's survey in the Scarborough Addition.

Sally Walton, independent executrix of the estate of Beatrice Curry, to Sally Walton, all of Lot 7 in Block 1 of the Colonial Hill East Addition.

Marie Joyce Holder, independent executrix of the estate of Thomas Waylen Holder, to Marie Joyce Holder, all of Lot 3 in Block 6 of the Bassridge Addition.

Mary Alice Yruegas to Edward N. Yruegas Sr., all of Lot 29 of Block 4 of the Noble Heights Addition.

Napoleon and Ophelia Braziel to Roy Braziel, all of Lot 2 in Block 1 of the Gary Subdivion of Lots 3 and 4, Block 1 and Lot [illegible] and 2, Block 24 of the I.N. Sun Addition.

Velta James and Jimmie Lynn Day to Gary Zane and Kristen Lyn Gunset, all of Lot 7 in Block 1 of the Morningside Subdivision of Blocks 9, 10, 15, 16, 25 and [illegible] the Adams Addition.

Beecher McCormick to Michael R. and Mary Kay Brasuel, 2.50 acres in the northeast part of Section 10, Block 3, H&GN survey.

James Henry Bartee Kyle to E.J. and Billy Lou Richardson, all 30 acres out of the northeast one-quarter and the north 60 acres out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 146, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Ray Crowder to Kenneth Ray Crowder and Gay Wynell Black, an undivided one-half interest in Lot 8 and the south 30 feet of Lot 9 in Block 2 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

City National Bank of Colorado City to Gene and Shirley Ann Groce, a 75 x 180 foot tract out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 133, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Therapy tied to breast cancer gene fights cancer in lab mice

NEW YORK (AP) — A gene that makes women susceptible to breast and ovarian cancer when it's defective may be the starting point for a new cancer therapy.

A single dose of a normal version of the gene wiped out human breast cancer tumors in two out of five mice and extended the lives of others with the disease, researchers found. Scientists don't know if the mice were actually cured or still had microscopic traces of cancer.

"I think it's a major step forward" toward developing a new therapy, said Dawn Willis, director of research communication at the American Cancer Society.

The experimental treatment involved injections of the gene BRCA1. When defective it is known to cause an inherited susceptibility to breast and ovarian cancers.

The new work gives direct evidence that the normal BRCA1 lets cells make a protein that suppresses breast cancer. Researchers also found that the gene suppresses ovarian cancer in laboratory experiments and uncovered evidence that cells secrete this protein.

If it is secreted, scientists might be able to develop drugs that mimic the protein's suppressing ability and use them to treat breast and ovarian cancers, said researcher Dr. Jeffrey Holt.

The work is presented in the March issue of the journal Nature Genetics by Holt, Dr. Roy Jensen and others at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tenn., Mary-Claire King of the University of Washington in Seattle, and others.

King said a BRCA1-based therapy wouldn't be expected to replace surgery, but rather to supplement it.

Dr. Barbara Weber, director of the breast cancer program at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, said the results make her cautiously optimistic about prospects for developing a BRCA1-based treatment, either as a gene therapy or as a new drug.

But she stressed that more work must be done before either approach could even be tested in people.

For the research, scientists implanted mice with human breast cancer cells taken from a noninherited case. As in most such cases, the cells produced abnormally low levels of BRCA1 protein.

Two weeks later, after the cells had grown into tumors, five mice were injected with a virus to ferry copies of a normal BRCA1 gene into the cancers. Five other mice got a virus designed to plant damaged copies of the gene.

All the mice that got the damaged copy died [illegible] ss it.

treatment, with an average survival of about nine days. But those that got the normal gene lived 15 to 41 days after treatment, with an average of 24 days.

Two animals that got the normal gene showed no trace of tumor at death, which was from pneumonia in one case and unknown cause in the other. The other three animals showed tumors that were much smaller than those found in the mice receiving the damaged gene. Only one of these three animals probably died of the cancer. The reasons for the other deaths are not known.

In laboratory dishes, researchers found that breast and ovarian cancer cells implanted with a normal BRCA1 gene did not grow into colonies as they otherwise would. But BRCA1 did not keep colon and lung cancer cells from forming colonies.

Holt said that fits with the idea that BRCA1 protein suppresses cancer by being secreted and acting on cells from the outside, which suggests a possibility for drug development.

Letters to the Editor

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My studies showed that if officer "A" brings a charge against officer "B" who has committed a crime, then officer "A" can be charged with a felony. Could this be why so much wrong is allowed?

If the secret service agent had gone to Canada and "kidnapped" two law abiding citizens of that country (out of the agents' jurisdiction) brought the two to Lubbock, took some of their property (which is called "bootie") and used a "trumped up" concocted, false story to keep one locked up unlawfully and the other "out on bond" (which is a type of imprisonment) and then pushed through a maritime/admiralty hearing (so-called trial) and reached a guilty verdict when no crime was committed, this would have been similar to the Eicke case. The federal "court" system is an unjust system!

In quoting the Nov. 1, 1994 Avalanche-Journal in the first paper article after the arrest of the Eicke brothers, the prosecuting attorney, Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven M. Sucsy, said "we hope to obtain convictions—". Why didn't he hope to obtain truth?

On March 9, 1933, President Roosevelt persuaded Congress to pass an amended version of the "Trading With the Enemy Act of 1917." Under this Act, every American in effect was declared an enemy of the government. We are treated as "enemies" in the "so-called" federal courts (and other places). We have no rights in the federal "courts." That is where we citizens are wanted (even if it takes lies to get us there) so government will have total control.

This has shown up so clearly in the Eicke case. The "special cashier checks" were lawful. Over a hundred identical ones allowed to be presented did clear. The charge was that some did not clear (we now believe, based on researchers' report, that charge, too, was false — they did clear). They were not bogus! But the false charge was used to help build the case.

Back to the '80s when the federal government agents falsely locked up my daughter-in-law (based on misinformation from a "paid" witness) they unlawfully took trillions from the funds, but didn't get it all. I'm told that government agents continue to take Trust funds while falsely alleging that no funds are there in order to unlawfully have my sons, daughter-in-law and a business associate incarcerated. Researchers say that Central Dominion Trust has more than enough to cover all the checks the government agents say are bogus.

Numerous ones who are in position to know have told me that from one-fourth to one-half of the people locked up should not be there. Many thousands across America have been incarcerated based on lies (false charges). The ones telling me are guards (in and out of state), their spouses, sheriff of another county, inmates (in and out) who have had this done to them or their friends. Folks, that is corporate government out of control!

The typical pattern across the country seems to be the way it worked for Eickes also — false charges are made (even a search warrant) which can be from a "paid" imformant, (as was on my daughter-in-law) a false arrest is made (an arrest warrant isn't even necessary as was on Johonnas the second unlawful time), a false "color-of" court is held and the victim (private citizen) is locked up unlawfully for a long time which makes money for the owners of the prisons. I'm told the prisons are the biggest business in the State of Texas (Corporate). About six months ago, I heard a radio commentator say that the State of Texas prison systems clears four billion annually.

Thanks again everyone, for your concern, many letters and prayers. Do hope you or your loved one is not next in line for such tyranny from the federal government. Living a lawful life does not keep you protected. You are considered an enemy!

For a little truth as a rebuttal to some of the slander in the news — the truth about Johonnas' Oklahoma Securities case is, he won! Mr. Freriks and Mr. Sucsy did not tell that.

The truth about the North Carolina "real estate buying" case is it never went to trial. The records were cleared. He deposited funds that more than covered it before the purchase (75 million). This was not revealed. The government unlawfully stole the funds. He learned by this that every dime (or more) deposited in a Federal Reserve Bank is considered by the government as belonging to them, not the depositor. They can "take it" and don't have to give it back.

One truth the agents gave to the news media, but in a slanderous way, was that Johonnas has a common law wife. After studying and learning law to have a lawful marriage, they chose common law at their wedding ceremony, so the federal government would not have jurisdiction as the third party to the marriage.

Licenses are created "privileges" from the corporate government. The Bible and Constitution say nothing about getting a marriage "license" from a corporate "color of law" government. However, the Bible and Constitution do give people the right to be married. Why give up a right to obtain a privilege? Isn't it better to have a lawful marriage?

The federal agents at the level of the people, carrying out evil orders, are doing a greater wrong than the ones giving orders. We are in dire need of lawful (Constitutional) control of government. The above are things I now believe!

A concerned mother,
Lavelle Eicke

TEAMMEMBERS ...of the Month...

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Josie Hernandez

Josie, cake decorator for the past 5 months, is very dependable and friendly. She always works with a smile.

Josie has lived in the Snyder area all her life. Josie and her husband, Jesse, have 2 daughters, Valerie, 11 years old, and Cassie, 6 years old. They also have a dog named Mirada.

Josie is a member of Our Lady Of Guadalupe Church. She enjoys working in her yard, sewing and all kinds of crafts. Also, she enjoys spending time with her family members. Josie has 9 brothers and sisters.

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June Bennett

June Bennett, a baker-cook-donut fryer for the past 5 months, is very friendly, high spirited and very dependable. She can be counted on to show up for work. June has a great attitude and is hard working. She works in both areas of our Bakery-Deli and gets along with all other Teammembers.

June has lived in the Snyder area all her life. She has four children, Lonnie Ray of Water Valley, Angela of Austin, Keith who is in the Army and Rhonda of Snyder. June is an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Dancing, boating, cooking and spending time with her grandkids are the pasttimes June enjoys when she is not working. She really loves her job and the people she works with.

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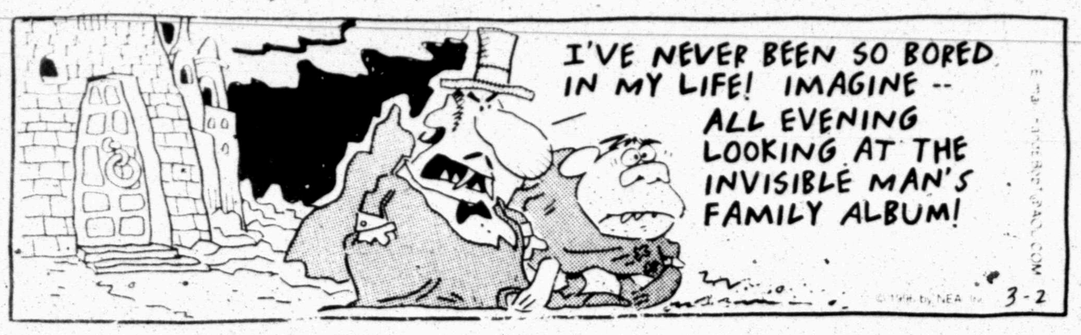
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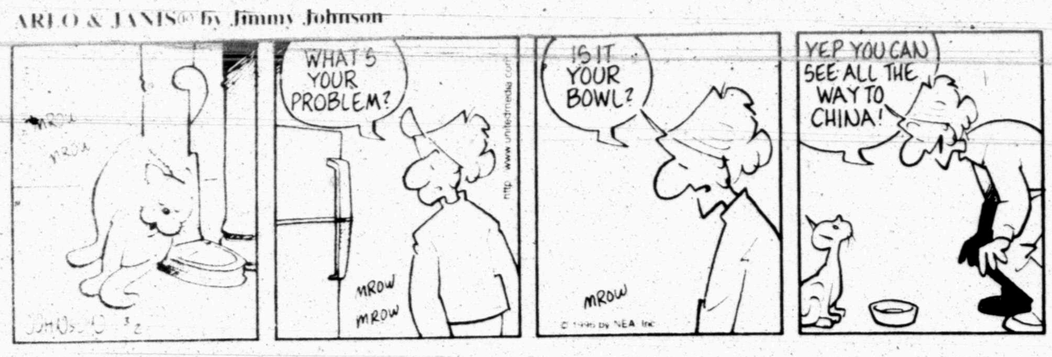
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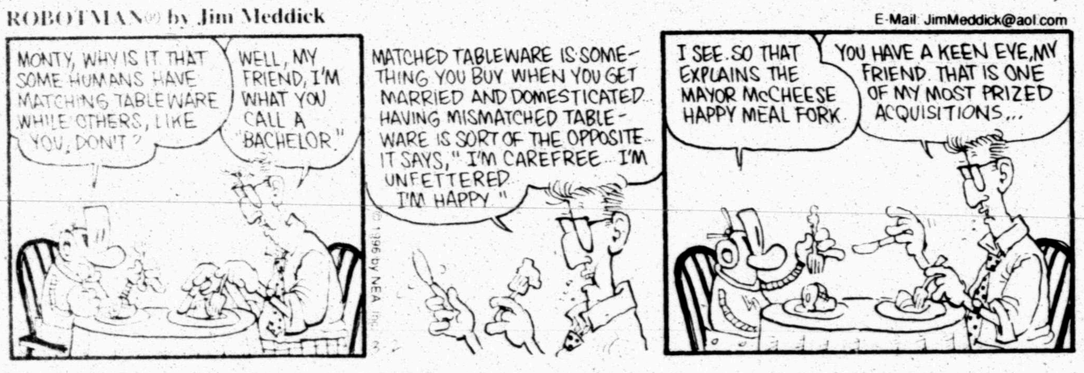


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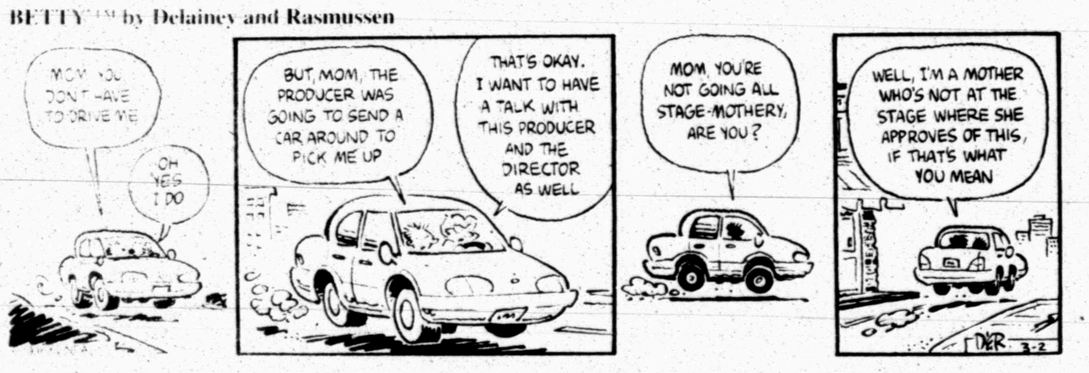
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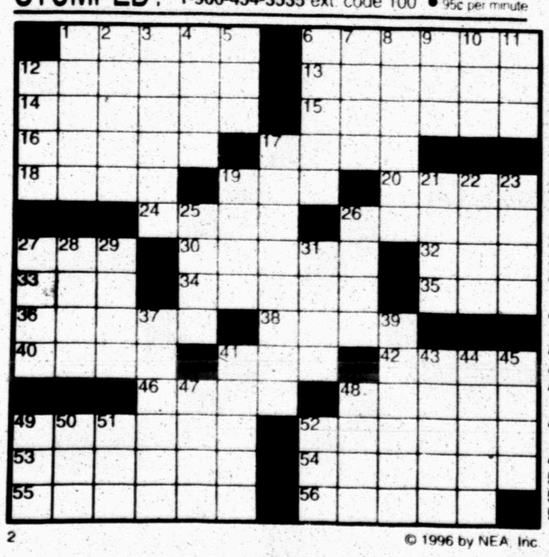
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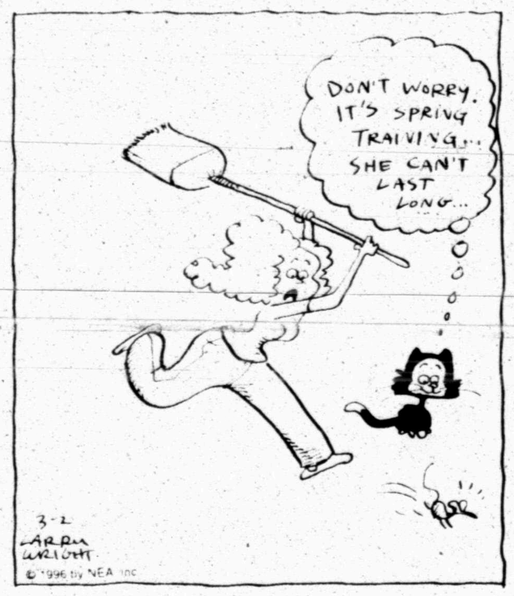
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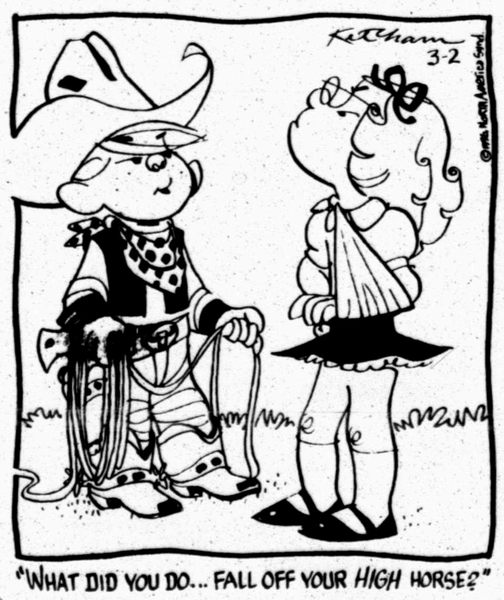


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Expanded power for CIA chief recommended

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sprawling U.S. intelligence bureaucracy lacks direction and is too remote from the policymakers it is intended to serve, a special commission said. It recommended expanding the power of the CIA director and stripping the military of its authority to recruit spies.

"Intelligence agencies need better direction from the policy level," said the report of the Commission on the Roles and Capabilities of the U.S. Intelligence Community.

Chaired by former Defense Secretary Harold Brown and former Sen. Warren Rudman, the commission established by Congress spent a year studying the intelligence community and was releasing its report today.

"There's going to have to be some major shifting around of people," Rudman said in an interview, in order to get the right people to match the missions of the various intelligence agencies.

The commission noted that 85 percent of the intelligence community is beyond the reach of the director of Central Intelligence, a post now held by John Deutch.

"He's got to have more control," said Rudman. "More influence," concurred Brown. "We propose to give him both more authority and more capability."

It urged making the total amount spent for intelligence public while keeping additional details of the budget secret. The budget figure is classified but was widely reported to be about $28 billion in 1995.

Covert operations were defended as providing the president "with an option short of military action when diplomacy alone cannot do the job."

At the same time, however, the panel took note of criticism of the "arrogance, parochialism, disdain for oversight, lack of diversity, and tolerance of inadequate professional performance" of the CIA's Directorate of Operations, which is responsible for covert activity.

To overcome the isolation of the directorate, the commission recommended that case officers be rotated through assignments in other directorates, a practice not currently followed.

The commission did not address the issue of whether the CIA should try to recruit journalists or clergy for spy missions or have its own agents identifying themselves as members of either profession.

Deutch acknowledged last week that he has the authority to waive a ban on attempting to recruit journalists or clergy.

Brown said he believes the CIA "should not and should say we do not recruit journalists." Rudman agreed saying, "I do not think there should be active recruitment of journalists."

Saying that the costs and difficulties of maintaining the Pentagon's ability to recruit and supervise spies "are no longer justified," the commission recommended that those operations be consolidated in the CIA.

How many of the commission's recommendations will be implemented is an open question.

The Senate and House Intelligence Committees are conducting their own studies and will issue their separate recommendations later this year.

The move to redefine the role of the intelligence is in part a product of the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Soviet Union which for decades was the main target of intelligence efforts.

In 1994, the drive for reform was spurred by disclosure that Aldrich Ames, a senior CIA counterintelligence official, had been a spy for the Soviets and then Russians. Subsequent Internal investigations also disclosed that CIA officials passed on without warning information obtained from sources they knew were controlled by the KGB.

At a breakfast meeting with reporters Thursday, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said the commission report was "a very good effort so far as it has gone."

Specter expressed agreement with several major recommendations, including making public the overall budget figure, strengthening the power of the CIA director and removing human spying from the Pentagon.

Other commission recommendations included:

—To give the CIA director more time for management of the overall intelligence community, two new deputy CIA directors should replace the current deputy. One would deal with the intelligence community overall; the other would concentrate on the day-to-day operations of the CIA.

—To strengthen policy guidance, a Committee on Foreign Intelligence should be created within the White House National Security Council and chaired by the president's national security adviser.

—A second NSC committee should be created to coordinate efforts against global crime.

—The National Intelligence Council, which prepares intelligence estimates, should become a more broadly based National Assessment Center and be relocated outside the CIA headquarters.

The commission was established by Congress in 1994 to conduct a "credible, independent and objective review of the intelligence community."

It began its study in March 1995 and was chaired by former Defense Secretary Les Aspin until his death two months later.

Not everyone needs cholesterol tests

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tens of millions of Americans without a high risk of heart disease do not need cholesterol screening, the nation's largest organization of family doctors said in a break with most experts.

The American College of Physicians is urging doctors not to screen men younger than 35, women younger than 45 and men or women 65 or older, unless they have clear risk factors such as high blood pressure or a family history of heart disease.

The group's guidelines, which drew sharp criticism, were published in today's edition of the Annals of Internal Medicine.

The researchers, citing concerns that some people might receive unnecessary prescriptions, said there is no proof that lower cholesterol levels cut the risk of heart disease for low-risk age groups.

"Our great concern is that if you screen young people and start them on drugs, that you'll expose them for many years to the inconvenience and risk of therapy without corresponding benefits," said Dr. Alan Garber, a Stanford University professor and co-author of the new guidelines.

Government experts and heart specialists said the guidelines would deny people the chance to live healthier lives.

"Basically what they're saying is physicians can't be trusted, because they're all going to jump to drugs. That's not the evidence," said Dr. James Cleeman, coordinator of the National Cholesterol Education Program.

The NCEP recommends cholesterol screening for anyone 20 or older. The American College of Physicians, the nation's largest medical-specialty group with 85,000 internists, previously recommended testing everyone between the ages of 20 and 70.

Garber, who wrote the guidelines with Warren Browner of the University of California at San Francisco, said lowering cholesterol prolongs the lives only of people in age groups with an annual heart disease death rate of 3 percent.

Fewer than 1 percent of middle-aged men and even fewer women fit into that category, Garber's paper says.

"Because the short-term risk for developing coronary heart disease is low in this group, even among persons with an elevated blood cholesterol level, the potential benefits of cholesterol reduction are small," the paper says.

Garber said clinical trials have not focused on people younger than 35 or older than 65, and so there is little evidence drug therapy can help them.

But Tulane University Medical Center's Chancellor John C. LaRosa said cholesterol tests are inexpensive and that only 5 percent of the under-35 population take heart drugs.

Lawmakers, insurance group seek ways to extend coverage

AUSTIN (AP) — A system set up more than five years ago to help more Texans get health coverage would work well if lawmakers and insurance companies could agree on a way to pay for it, a group of insurance officials said Friday.

Rep. Kip Averitt, R-Waco and a member of the House Insurance Committee, told members of the Texas Association of Health Underwriters that talks to reach such an agreement are under way. He said a plan could be ready before the 1997 legislative session.

Estimates range into millions of Texans who cannot get health insurance or whose policies are barely affordable.

Averitt said the Texas High Risk Pool would not cover all of those people, but would move many of them into health coverage. He said that could relieve some pressure on publicly funded programs such as Medicaid.

"There is going to be cost sharing between the participants, insurance companies and taxpayers," Averitt said after the meeting. "Where is it going to cost less, in the pool or in the emergency room?"

Under the high risk pool law, approved in 1989, Texans who could not get regular health insurance or whose health insurance cost more than the pool charged could get insurance through the system. It would be managed by an independent insurance agency.

Averitt said the system would work, but premiums charged to the participants and investment income generated from those payments would not be enough to cover every claim. That means other groups would have to subsidize the cost.

When lawmakers approved the pool, no system was set up to help pay for it, and it has not moved far past planning stages.

"The ship is on the pad and ready to go up but doesn't have any fuel," Will Davis, a former attorney for the risk pool, told the group.

Averitt said taxpayers already are subsidizing health care for uninsured people through government programs and through higher medical costs, increasing in part to recoup unpaid medical bills.

He said insurance companies are the most likely group from which to get more of the needed money.

Jerry Johns, president of the Southwest Insurance Information Service, said insurers have not seen a particular plan, but would want to see a way to write off some of their costs before agreeing to additional assessments on their product.

"We recognize there is a responsibility to the uninsurables out there, but we would certainly be supportive of some kind of offset on premium taxes or taxes in general," Johns said. "We view (the number of uninsured Texans) as primarily a problem of high medical costs, which have sent insurance costs up.

"There has to be some way to bring down the costs of health care for Texans."

Janet Stokes, a lobbyist for the underwriters, said 29 other states have insurance pools. "There is no reason we can't get ours up and running," she said.

Averitt said talks between lawmakers and insurance companies are going well. But he said other groups, such as employers, could be brought into the mix of those who will have to pay for some part of the system.

Averitt said every Texan stands to benefit from the system, and as many groups as possible should be considered to help pay for it.

Windmills generate first royalty check

AUSTIN (AP) — The state has received its first check, totaling $29,365, from its interest in a wind-power project in West Texas. The money goes into the Permanent School Fund, which helps finance public education.

Land Commissioner Garry Mauro on Friday said the deal could be the start of a new trend in earning money from state-owned lands.

"This opens up a whole new era for the fund, which in the past has depended on oil and gas royalties from state leases for most of its income," Mauro said.

The money comes from an agreement between the General Land Office and Lower Colorado River Authority. That led to the Texas Windpower Project in the Delaware Mountains of Culberson County, which is being operated in conjunction with a private company, Kenetech.

Kenetech, a California windpower firm that has worldwide interests, and its investors built 112 wind turbines at a remote mountaintop site about 50 miles north of Van Horn.

The Delaware Mountains are in one of the windiest areas in the country.

Kenetech sells the electricity to the LCRA, which distributes it to customers, including the city of Austin. The Land Office receives a royalty on the electricity delivered.

Over the 25-year term of the agreement, the state expects at least $3 million in royalty payments for the Permanent School Fund.

The fund now has $6.6 billion in deposits from the Land Office and a market value of $12.2 billion from its investments. Part of the investment proceeds go into the Available School Fund, which this year distributed $268 per student to schools.

"This marks the first time the fund has received a royalty from a renewable or sustainable energy source," Mauro said.

Mauro said neither the state nor the school fund have any liability related to the project.

Safety tips given for homes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Consumer Product Safety Commission threw a baby shower Thursday for two soon-to-be mothers in the House of Representatives. The point: to highlight dangers lurking in American homes.

While Reps. Susan Molinari of New York and Blanche Lambert Lincoln of Arkansas didn't get any gifts, they did receive some advice on how to make their homes safer.

"As a first-timer, I learned an awful lot about the many seemingly benign things around the house that really could be hazardous," said Molinari.

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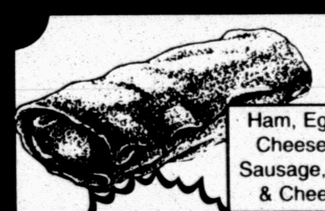
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Danger for firefighters could be spark away

DECATUR — Holed up in the National Guard Armory outside town, playing cards and watching television day after day, 320 of the nation's most experienced wildfire-fighting veterans wait for a repeat of last week's inferno.

It may not come. They've been idle for six days. Activated by last week's wildfire emergency declaration, they assembled in the midst of bone-dry North Texas to try to prevent another blaze like the one now known as the "Jackerwise fire," so named because it scorched 76,088 acres and consumed almost 60 homes in Jack, Parker and Wise counties.

It may be hard to imagine that grass fires could be a threat with temperatures near freezing and the forecast calling for winter precipitation. But this is Texas, after all, and winter storms don't last long. The federal government still considers Texas in extreme danger.

"We're in a bit of a lull right now, but it doesn't take much and we're right back into it," said Ron Davis, a Texas Forest Service supervisor who has taken command over the Decatur operation. "Walking on the grass out there is like walking on corn flakes. All it takes is a spark to start."

The firefighters who have gathered in Decatur are from the Texas Forest Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the Federal Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Guard, Harris and Travis counties, and the North Carolina Forest Service.

They brought engines, pump trucks, bulldozers and helicopters, and planes are at the ready. It is a larger operation than the fire staging area in Waco.

The arrival of the firefighters — some of whom fought fires in Yellowstone National Park in 1994, in Oakland, Calif. in '91, or in Los Angeles in '93 — occurred within 24 hours of President Clinton tagging 22 Texas counties for emergency aid.

Since they descended on Decatur, they've spent no time fighting fire and all their time waiting for one. They play cards and dominoes, read books and watch movies, clean equipment, teach firefighting techniques and tell "war stories." It's either feast or famine.

"It comes with the profession," said Randy Pretty-on-Top, a veteran firefighter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Montana. "We understand the waiting."

Should another fire grow beyond the reach of local departments, it is hoped that the task force can contain it before it unleashes much damage.

The Texas Forest Service, which will be almost entirely reimbursed by the federal government for its efforts, won't know the per-day costs of the Decatur operation until it is over, Davis said.

"It's not cheap," he said. "But I can tell you that what we're spending out here per day is less than the cost of someone's home."

The Jackerwise fire, which is being blamed on illegal trash burning near Poolville in northern Parker County, not only physically exhausted many volunteer firefighters, but also damaged and in some cases ruined already worn equipment.

The 14 fire chiefs in Wise County have collectively asked the public for donations to replace some of their equipment.

"It's accumulative," County Commissioner Paul Wood said. "The last three months have been tough. I suspect there's a number of departments who have fought more fires so far this year than in all of last year."

More charged in horse industry probe

CHICAGO (AP) — Eight horse owners, trainers and competitors were charged with insurance fraud and lying to authorities in the latest indictments from a federal investigation of the show-horse industry.

U.S. Attorney James Burns said Thursday that in one case, a horse owner lied in saying he didn't know his horse, Pet of the Year, was to be killed. The horse died after drinking from an electrified water trough, Burns said.

In another, said Burns, a rider and trainer warmed up baseball-style with a crowbar, then smashed a horse's leg in order to collect the insurance.

"We will not tolerate the savage killing of these beautiful animals and this type of insurance fraud," Burns said.

Thursday's indictments brought to 36 the number of people charged in a probe of fraud in the equestrian industry. Of 23 originally charged in the summer of 1994, 22 have been convicted or pleaded guilty.

Federal authorities originally caught on to the insurance fraud schemes when they were investigating the disappearance of candy heiress Helen Vorhees Brach.

While investigating a former boyfriend, horse trader Richard Bailey, they received a tip that a show horse was about to be killed for insurance money. Bailey was convicted of fraud and racketeering and sentenced to 30 years in prison. He is awaiting trial on charges of conspiracy to kill Brach.

Among those charged Thursday were trainer Robert Cheska of Waukesha, Wis., and horse owner Georg Nuber of Inverness, Ill. The indictment charges they hired Tim Ray, who has admitted killing other horses in the case, to kill Nuber's horse, Valentino. Cheska and Nuber submitted false documents to collect the insurance, Burns said.

Trainer Wally Holly, 59, of Trabuco Canyon, Calif., and an equestrian competitor, Freddie Vasquez Jr. of Buffalo Grove, Ill., were responsible for killing Vasquez's horse with a crowbar, then collecting a $15,000 insurance premium on the horse, Burns said.

James Heinsohn of Glenview, Ill., is charged with lying to the FBI about the death of Pet of the Year. The horse reacted so violently to the electrified water, it fell and broke its back and had to be killed, Burns said. The horse's killer, Ronald Mueller, earlier admitted destroying that horse for insurance money with Heinsohn's approval.

Heinsohn, 66, pleaded guilty in Lake County recently to setting fire to his Lake Villa house in 1984. He's awaiting sentencing.

Among those who have pleaded guilty in the continuing investigation is George Lindemann Jr., son of cellular phone magnate George Lindemann, one of the nation's wealthiest men. An accomplished horseman, the younger Lindemann is serving a 33-month sentence for insurance fraud.

Study: brain scan can diagnose tumors

NEW YORK (AP) — A new scanning technique can distinguish between different types of brain tumors with impressive accuracy, enabling many patients to avoid sometimes risky biopsies, a study suggests.

Conventional brain scanning can detect a tumor, but it usually takes a biopsy to discover the tumor's type and whether it is cancerous. That can mean inserting a needle or performing surgery.

The brain scan in the new study correctly classified 90 out of 91 tumors in patients, showing it can differentiate among the five most common kinds of adult brain tumors, researchers said.

Such scanning might let doctors get a diagnosis and proceed with treatment without having to do a biopsy when a biopsy would be risky because of a patient's age or the tumor's location, Dr. Douglas L. Arnold said.

That risk is present in a substantial minority of brain tumors, said Arnold, an author of the study at the Montreal Neurological Institute, part of McGill University in Montreal. The study was reported in the March issue of the journal Nature Medicine.

Once diagnosed, brain tumors are generally treated with surgery, radiation or both. Some benign tumors are just watched to see if they turn cancerous.

For patients with such benign tumors or with tumors treated with radiation, the new technique would mean they could avoid surgery altogether. And for patients whose tumors require surgery, the technique would at least spare them the initial biopsy.

The new test is a variation on a standard technique called magnetic resonance imaging. Researchers used a technique called proton magnetic resonance spectroscopy, which revealed levels of six chemical compounds within the tumors.

Some 15,000 to 25,000 cancerous tumors that originate in the brain are diagnosed in the United States every year.

IRS will audit few taxpayers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service will audit fewer individual taxpayers this year than last because of a budget squeeze.

An estimated 1.7 million individual returns will be audited this year, 1.4 percent of the total, spokesman Frank Keith said Thursday. That's down from 1.92 million, or 1.7 percent of the total last year.

Audits of businesses, however, are projected to increase to 61,000, up from 51,808.

The decline in individual audits is coming primarily in correspondence audits, in which the IRS sends a letter questioning a particular item in a taxpayer's return and seeking a reply by mail, Keith said.

For instance, if the IRS were challenging the legitimacy of an exemption for a dependent, it might ask the taxpayer to mail a copy of the child's school records to show the child attended school in the same community that the taxpayer lived.

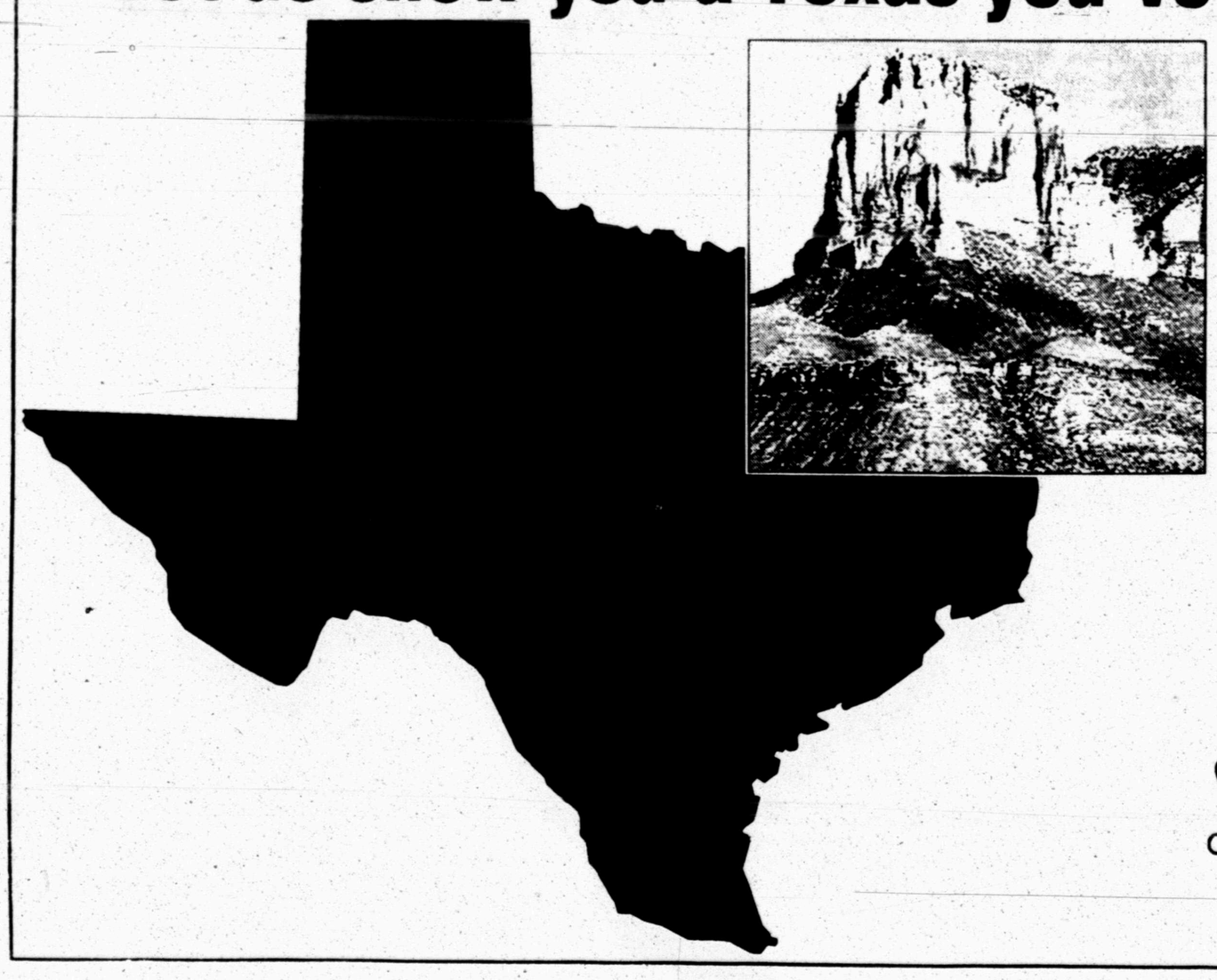
The level of field audits, in which an IRS agent visits the taxpayer's place of business or home, and office audits, in which the taxpayer goes to the IRS agent's office, will remain about the same as last year, Keith said.

Despite the projected decline for 1996, the audit rate for individuals should remain above the rates in 1994, 1.1 percent; 1993, 0.9 percent; and 1992, 1.1 percent, he said.

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