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Q—Is it against the law to run over a firehose?

A—Yes. Running over a firehose with a vehicle is against the law. It is also against the law to follow closer than 500 feet behind a fire truck making an emergency run or to drive into or park within the block where a fire truck has stopped to answer an alarm.

Local

Ira signup

Ira School students who have not already registered may do so this week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to Tommy Hancock, principal.

Roller night

Snyder Kiwanis will host its second "Roller Blading Night" from 6-9 p.m. Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. Admission is $2 to skate and $1 to watch. All ages are welcome.

Boosters

Snyder All-Sports Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in Towle Park, across from the armory. Anyone interested in high school athletics is invited to attend.

Family Life

The Family Life series airing at 7 Monday evening on cable television Channel 2 will be "His Needs, Her Needs."

Tiger's Lair

New distribution times for the 1994 Tiger's Lair yearbook will be from 11:30-1 p.m. and 3-4 p.m. Thursday, in the foyer of the auditorium. Those picking up yearbooks should bring a receipt.

Fluvanna

Fluvanna Volunteer Fire Department will have its annual Laredo Supper and bake sale auction Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Fluvanna Community Center.

Door prizes will be drawn.

Orientation

Snyder Junior High School orientation for incoming seventh graders and eighth graders new to Snyder will be held Thursday from 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Students and parents are to meet on the patio for a brief orientation session, followed by an opportunity to tour the building.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 93 degrees; low, 68 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 68 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 6.07 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Wednesday night, partly cloudy with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 90s. Friday through Sunday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 70s. Highs in the 90s.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:31. Sunrise Thursday, 7:06. Of 221 days in 1994, the sun has shone 214 days in Snyder.

New school year opens with high praise by Lomax

By JOHN McMILLAN
SDN Staff Writer

Snyder ISD Superintendent Gayle Lomax this morning praised the local public-school students as "outstanding."

Lomax offered the complimentary evaluation during a speech before more than 500 teachers, parents, and civic leaders in Scurry County Coliseum.

The program officially opened the 1994-95 school year for teachers and staff, who began inservice today. The first day of classes is Monday, Aug. 15.

The high caliber of the local public-school students is one of the two aspects of the local community that Lomax said have "intrigued" him the most.

Later in his address, Lomax announced that results from the most recent Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test, administered to SISD students in spring 1994, are "very, very good" and reflect a continuity with previous TAAS results.

Another outstanding trait of the local community, the trait that Lomax cited first in his speech, is the "quality of life" in this town, he said.

Speaking broadly about public education in the United States, Lomax noted that Americans are celebrating 363 years of public education in the United States. "I'm proud to be part of a system that promotes (social) change," the superintendent declared.

Lomax cited the enactment beginning in 1818 of compulsory education laws in the U.S., as well

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CONVOCATION CONGENIALITY — State Rep. David Counts, left, chats this morning with Snyder ISD Superintendent Gayle Lomax during the Convocation. (SDN Staff Photo by John McMillan)

Holiday accident prompts law suit

A Scurry County man who lost his wife and three children in a Fourth of July weekend traffic accident near Hermleigh has filed a lawsuit against the trucking company and truck driver whom he alleges were responsible for the crash.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Pablo Juarez, whose wife Rosa and their children — Pablo, Kenny and Gabriel — were among 15 relatives in a pickup traveling on Farm Road 644 in the early morning hours of July 3.

The pickup was crossing U.S. Highway 84 when it was struck by a tractor/trailer rig driven by Wayne Irvin Teter of McLennan County and owned by Transit Homes of America Inc.

Eleven people, including eight children, were killed in the wreck. The driver and passenger of the tractor/trailer rig were treated for injuries and released.

Dallas attorney Frank L. Branson, from the law offices of Frank L. Branson and Lubbock attorneys Sam Fadduol and Kevin Glasheen, filed a lawsuit in Travis County claiming that Transit Homes of America Inc. was negligent for failing to properly train and instruct its driver and for failure to properly maintain and inspect its equipment.

Branson also filed suit against the driver of the truck, claiming he failed to operate the vehicle at a safe speed, was improperly trained to drive the truck, and violated local and state traffic laws and ordinances.

State Rep. Robert L. Duncan, attorney for Transit Homes of America, said the truck's brakes were new and said the pickup ran a stop sign at a high rate of speed. Duncan also questioned the trial's venue, saying it should be tried in Scurry County, where the accident occurred.

Two-day in-service launched for Windham School System

Dr. Chris Tracy, superintendent of the Windham School System, this morning helped launch a two-day regional in-service on the campus of Western Texas College.

Dr. Tracy was chosen last year to head up the Windham School, which is the public school system for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. It was described this morning as the fastest growing school system in the state.

Also on hand was Mike Morrow, recently selected to replace Tracy as Windham's assistant superintendent.

Some 200 school personnel from prison units in Snyder, Lamesa, Abilene and Colorado City are attending the regional staff development sessions.

Introductions were made at the opening session by D. Ken Smith, regional administrator. Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president, gave the welcome.

Keynote speaker was Dr. Joe Neeley, executive director of the Regional Education Service Center in Lubbock.

Exhibitors have educational material set up in the Student Center. Speakers at various sessions over the next two days include Barbara Pierce, HIV counselor with the South Plains Resorce Center; Sara Dodson, Smith unit teacher; Marilyn Stone, career specialist with the Lubbock service center; Dr. Ed Barkowsky, communications and letters chairman at Western Texas College; Marilyn Lancaster, assistant professor of English at WTC; and Charles Bowen, Western region continuing education coordinator.

Neal Beeks, Wallace unit teacher; Jane Rameyu, Daniel unit teacher; Almaz Webb, Wallace unit teacher; Eddie Mathis, project RIO administrator; Tommy Martin, Windham supervisor of computer operations; Denise Howard, Windham supervisor of library services; and Marjie Haynes, Windham special programs drector.

Also, Joe Swanner, Robertson unit teacher; Donald Burk, Daniel unit teacher; Lindy McDaniel, Windham coordinator of guidance and testing; Davidson, Wallace unit counselor; and Bob Martin, assistant regional administrator.

At 2 p.m. Thursday, Gayle Lomax, superintendent of Snyder Independent School District, will give the keynote address entitled "Three Keys to Good Teaching and Successful Living."

New Daniel officers excited about Snyder

By JOHN McMILLAN
SDN Staff Writer

The new major of correctional officers at the Price Daniel Unit offers a succinct outlook in describing his position.

"I believe a correctional officer should be firm, but fair, with all the inmates," said Major Kelvin Scott, 29.

Scott, whose new position as the third-ranking administrator officially began Aug. 1, supervises security staff for the prison.

Scott is replacing Raymond Byrd as major of correctional officers. Byrd, who served in that position for about eight months, has accepted a position at the Michaels unit near Palestine.

In another appointment at the Snyder-area prison, Paul Morales, 29, officially began duties on Aug. 1 as captain — the fourth-highest administrative position at the Daniel unit.

Unit Assistant Warden Ray Villarreal said Tuesday that the addition of Scott and Morales to unit's administrative staff "is going to add a diversity of experience due to the fact that they come from big units and both of them were promoted from a (lower) level."

Major Scott spoke enthusiastically about his role at the prison.

"I'm excited about being here," said Scott, who has been employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for seven years. "I've toured Snyder, met a lot of great people, and I'm looking forward to being in this community a long time.

"I'm a firm believer in the people who work here and in the community — people in general," Scott added.

Scott's most recent position was as a captain at the maximum-security Terrell unit at Livingston. Before holding that position, Scott served a total of six years as a correctional officer, sergeant, and then lieutenant for the maximum-security Ellis I death-row unit at Huntsville.

Captain Morales also expressed enthusiasm about his new position.

"I'm happy to be here," commented Morales. "This is home. I've worked at the Price Daniel unit before, as a correctional officer and a sergeant....I'm familiar with the area, and I'm just excited to be back....I plan to be an active member of the community."

Morales held his earlier positions at the Price Daniel unit from

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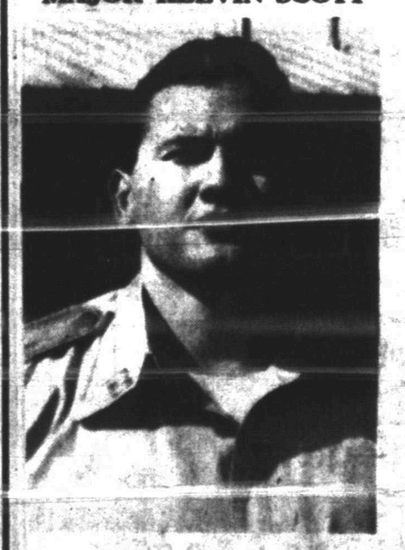
MAJOR KELVIN SCOTT



CAPTAIN PAUL MORALES

WINDHAM IN-SERVICE —Some 200 Windham school personnel are in Snyder today and Thursday for staff development prior to the start of school at TDCJ units in West Texas. Pictured, front row from left, are Sammie Harrison, former Snyder ISD teacher now assigned to Breckenridge; Deborah McLarty of Snyder who is principal at the Wallace unit in Colorado City; and Dr. Chris Tracy, Windham superintendent. Pictured from left on the back row are Mike Morrow, Windham assistant superintendent; Bill Moss, Daniel unit principal; and Ken Smith, regional administrator. (SDN Staff Photo)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It isn't tomorrow that we should fear, but how we plan for tomorrow."

In America, it is said the only two things certain are taxes and death. In Sapinta, Romania the only certainties are death and a little humor.

Folks in the hard-luck village of 5,000 are just a stone's throw from the Ukraine border. The people are poor, but they obviously are rich in humor, because they have the "Merry Cemetery."

The cemetery, a community tradition, is about the only thing that has flourished. It is said to be a rare patch of free expression where folks are generally regarded as independent and stubborn.

Here's an example of a parting shot on a woman's tombstone:

"During my life, I liked many men. I loved to drink and have a good time with handsome men. But you, Darvai, my husband, as long as you live, you should think only of me, because you'll never find another wife like me."

Here's what a late lumberjack had to say:

"I was drunk and walked into the woods and had an accident. The logs fell on top of me. To you who still live, be careful and don't do what I did."

Lamented another, "When I was a young lad in the village, I loved to dance to the sound of the violin. But after I got married, my wife wouldn't let me. And I died in sorrow."

One head of household still wanted his spouse to know who was boss: "You, wife, come over here now and bring me my lunch."

A mechanic has this one planned for his parting:

"Here lies Dumitru. I was a mechanic. I always worked hard. As long as I lived, I hated the Communists. And I loved the schnapps. Drink one on me."

Or the butcher who died at age 43 who simply wrote, "Maybe it was the meat that killed me."

Everyone's doing it...

Demonizing the opposition

By NANCY BENAC
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year ago, President Clinton spoke in calm, reasoned tones about how all sides in the health-care debate were "seeking a good that helps all Americans."

Today, Americans are just as likely to hear a hoarse, agitated Clinton railing against sinister forces that want to deny people medical care. Or his wife criticizing a GOP senator's "political opportunism."

Indeed, demonizing the opposition seems to have become de rigueur in the health-care debate, with troubling portents for the debate just getting under way on the House and Senate floors.

Clinton's critics have been at it for months, accusing the president of hatching a Big Government takeover, of trying to deny medical choices to Americans, of radical socialist leanings.

Both Clintons have responded with new intensity in recent days.

Clinton told a crowd in Michigan over the weekend that "violent extremist interests in this country ... are trying to keep health care out of the reach of ordinary American working people."

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton a day earlier decried "right-wing radical ideologues who don't think people should have health care in America."

On Tuesday, she accused Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, of "ranting and raving" and "political opportunism" in claiming that Democrat-backed bills would lead to socialized medicine.

Do Clinton's critics really want to deny medical care to sick kids?

Does the president really want to engineer a socialist takeover of your doctor's office?

Of course not.

But overheated rhetoric that vilifies the other side is inevitable when the United States tackles an issue with such huge social, political and financial implications.

"That's always been part of American politics," says Henry Graff, a presidential historian at Columbia University. "Your enemies are scoundrels; your opponents are a combination between Attila the Hun and the village idiot."

In the short term, the combatants want to stir people up to push Congress their way.

In the long run, their dire, overwrought predictions eventually will be largely forgotten.

Graff said the ferocity of the Clintons' language "tells us that they are running in 1996 already and the stakes are enormous."

That helps explain the intensity of the opposition, as well.

Nonetheless, the sharp words flying back and forth do not bode well for prospects of bipartisan compromise in Congress.

Kathleen Hall Jamieson, dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, said it was troubling that the practice of impugning the opposition's motives had "migrated" from special interest groups' TV ads into the broader public policy debate.

"The assumption that the other side lacks good will and integrity has been one of the disturbing aspects," she said. "It creates polarized positions in which compromise is not possible. It makes it extremely difficult to create a bipartisan consensus."

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas, responding to Clinton's accusations about violent extremists, groused that the chance of finding a solution "would be greater if the increasingly harsh partisan rhetoric coming from the White House and its allies would stop."

But the White House apparently has decided that there is little to be lost in attacking an opposition that is itself so prone to rancor.

"It's like Harry Truman said, if they're going to keep telling lies about me, I'm going to start telling the truth about them," said Paul Begala, a political consultant who advises the White House.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Nancy Benac covers the White House and health-care reform for The Associated Press.

DPS must say terms of deal

AMARILLO (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety must reveal how much it paid to settle a lawsuit filed by former trooper Raymond D. Jacobs, the Texas Attorney General's Office has ruled.

Last week's ruling came about six months after the Amarillo Globe-News requested disclosure of the amount under the Texas Open Records Act. The DPS had refused to reveal the amount and referred the request to the attorney general's office for a ruling.

The attorney general's office told DPS attorney Charles Karakashian Jr. in a letter that the agency failed to request an opinion within 10 days, as specified by law.

"When a governmental body fails to request a decision within 10 days of receiving a request for information, the information at issue is presumed public," the attorney general's office wrote.

The letter added that the DPS had to show a compelling interest to withhold the information.

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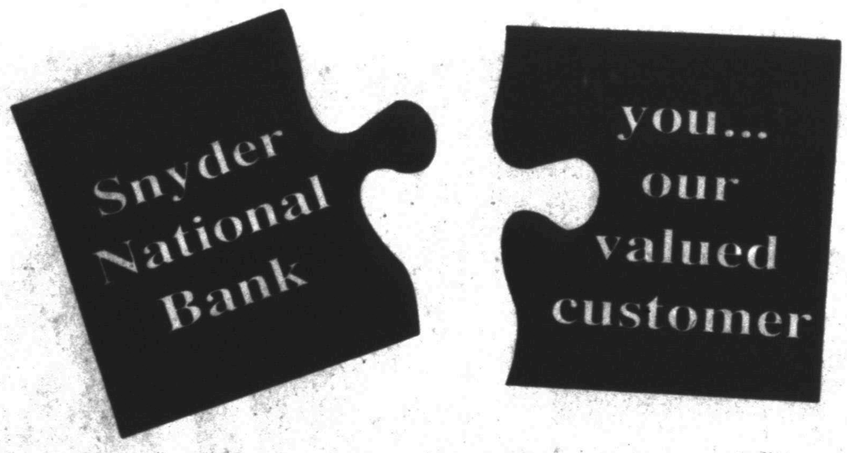

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My son is HIV positive. Since I do all his washing and clean his room, what can I do to protect myself from contracting the HIV virus?

DEAR READER: You should avoid touching his bodily secretions with your bare hands. This is certainly not a problem during normal cleaning and washing, but at least in theory, you could become infected if any of his bodily fluids enters a cut or scrape in your skin.

Therefore, if you have to clean up vomit or if he accidentally cuts himself, you should probably use rubber gloves when tending to your responsibilities.

Please note that I am purposely being over-cautious in my advice. There is little if any risk in normal social interaction within a family. Perhaps you should also ask for more detailed and specific advice from your son's physician, because I am not familiar with the details of the case.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Could my husband be addicted to over-the-counter allergy relief pills for nasal decongestion? He never exhibits allergy symptoms, yet continues the pills (preceded by sprays). Let's face it. Those pills aren't THAT effective. He is also on medication for migraines and takes the medication as needed (but often). Is there a problem?

DEAR READER: Your husband could have become habituated to anti-allergy pills, meaning that he perceives he needs them even when he may not. This is different from an addiction, when a person physically craves a drug.

For some people, antihistamine/decongestant medicine really is effective. Such medication, when appropriately used now and then during the allergy season, will relieve troublesome symptoms, such as congestion, runny nose and itchy eyes.

Perhaps your husband should be examined by an allergist. The specialist may be able to discover what your spouse is reacting to. Then, rather than relying on medication, he ought to be able to avoid the allergen or undergo desensitization therapy with injections.

Remember, too, that most nose-spray decongestants shouldn't be used for more than a week at a time because of "rebound": With prolonged use, they actually worsen congestion. Maybe this is your husband's problem. In any case, the allergist should be able to sort things out.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicines." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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NRA strikes pay dirt with crime bill delaying tactics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bouncing back from a series of defeats in Congress, the National Rifle Association has managed to stall for more than a week a $33.2 billion crime bill that would ban many assault-style firearms.

At first, it looked as if the crime bill would breeze through Congress, putting 100,000 more police on the streets and providing life sentences for some third-time felons and billions for prisons and crime prevention.

And the NRA looked like a spent force in this Congress, having lost crucial votes on the firearms ban and the Brady bill requiring a five-day wait and background check for handgun purchases.

But the NRA found a way to delay the crime bill: Persuade enough gun-ban opponents to block a procedural vote on rules lawmakers would follow when the measure comes up for a final vote in the House. Given that Republicans tend to oppose rules as a matter of course, the targets were narrowed to Democrats.

Combined with some black lawmakers' opposition to the bill's more than 50 new death penalties and its dropping of a provision making it easier to prove bias in capital cases, the Democrats couldn't move the bill.

The White House estimated 10 to 12 more votes were needed. As some decided to vote for it, gun-control opponents pulled others back, a key House official said.

The bill cannot reach the floor until at least Thursday.

"This is to us a very important vote, as it is to our 3.4 million members," NRA chief lobbyist Tanya Metaksa said Tuesday. "We've been fighting against gun bans all of 1994 and will continue to do so until our last breath."

This view has been conveyed to members of Congress, she said, but she demurred when asked if it was accompanied by threats.

"Would I do that?" she asked. "I'm very nice. I'm a grandmother. I never threaten anybody."

She doesn't have to. For those thinking of bucking the NRA, there is in their midst an example of one who did just that: Rep. Ron Coleman, D-Texas.

Coleman, a longtime NRA supporter, voted in May for the assault-style firearms ban after discussing it with local law enforcement officials. His vote was crucial to the ban's 216-214 win.

Last month, Metaksa was in El Paso, Texas, endorsing Coleman's Republican rival.

"The NRA has a lot of people scared up here," Coleman said Tuesday. "Anybody that denies that is lying to you."

Unlike Coleman, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jack Brooks, D-Texas, tried hard to defeat the assault-style weapons ban and then tried to keep it out of the crime bill. Unable to do either, he inserted something the NRA wanted: an exemption from the Brady law's waiting period and background checks on people reclaiming their handguns from pawnbrokers.

Nevertheless, the Gun Owners of America blasted Brooks.

"If Jack Brooks allows this crime bill to see the light of day with a gun ban in it, then he better re-examine his oath of office," said Larry Pratt, the group's executive director.

Gun-control advocates have also been busy.

Handgun Control Inc. staged a news conference Tuesday with victims of gun violence, including Byrl Phillips-Taylor of Richmond, Va., whose 17-year-old son was killed in 1989 by an Eagle Scout wielding an AK-47 that would be banned under the crime bill.

"Congress, how many times do I have to keep coming back?" she asked. Holding up a photo of her son, she cried, "Look at him. He was my life. Do something."

Plane lands on high school field

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — A small plane was heavily damaged Tuesday when it landed on the Texas High School campus shortly after takeoff from Texarkana Regional Airport.

The pilot and a passenger were injured, authorities said.

Authorities said the Cessna 150 apparently developed engine trouble shortly after takeoff. The pilot, Booker T. Averheart, 62, of Dallas, managed to land the plane. Eyewitnesses said one of the plane's wheels clipped a small tree and the craft landed nose down.

Averheart and C. Victor Landers, 40, also of Dallas, were taken to the emergency room at Wadley Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Witnesses say the Texas High marching band was on the practice field moments before the landing. When the band director noticed the plane flying low and heard the pilot trying to restart the engine, he ordered the band off the field to give the pilot more room to land.

According to a recent survey by the Moosehead beer people, when 1,000 adults were asked which celebrity they would like "put on ice" or to hear less about, Roseanne Arnold was cited by 30 percent; Madonna, 27 percent; Nancy Kerrigan, 13 percent; Rush Limbaugh, 12 percent; and Howard Stern, 7 percent.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1948, television's "Candid Camera" premiered.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Herbert Hoover (1874-1964), U.S. president; Rhonda Fleming (1923-), actress, is 71; Jimmy Dean (1928-), singer-businessman, is 66; Eddie Fisher (1928-), singer, is 66; Ian Anderson (1947-), musician, is 47; Rosanna Arquette (1959-), actress, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1901, Chicago's Frank Isbell set an American League record for futility by stranding 11 teammates on the bases in one game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Herbert Hoover is certainly a wonder, and I wish we could make him president." — Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1918

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1888, a schooner captain reported that ball lightning struck the water less than a length from the ship's beam. Over the next five minutes, a plume of smoke rose from the water to a height of 10 feet.

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Fry gets indicted for fraud

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal grand jury has indicted a top Department of Interior offiical on charges of bank fraud and conspiracy, according to the U.S. Justice Department.

Thomas A. Fry III, director of Minerals Management Service, was one of 10 former executives and associates of two failed banks and an investment company to be indicted, prosecutors said.

The indictments were announced Tuesday in a Justice Department news release.

Memorial Bank, Village Green National Bank and Oxford Funding, the investment company, were named in the 27-count indictment, prosecutors said.

The indictment alleges the 10 were involved in a scheme to conceal the financial condition of two Houston banks from federal regulators.

Fry, 49, served as an attorney for Memorial Bank and Village Green National Bank in Jersey Village at the time of the alleged conspiracy, according to the indictment. Both banks have since failed and been taken over by other banks.

Fry has for the past year headed the Minerals Management Service, which is in charge of, among other things, the offshore oil-lease sales held by the U.S. Interior Department.

White House spokesman Jeff Eller told the Houston Chronicle Tuesday evening they had heard nothing about the indictments and could not comment on the matter.

Neither Fry nor officials with the Minerals Management Service could be reached for comment Tuesday evening, the newspaper reported.

The 10 former executives are charged with offenses that include conspiracy, bank fraud, wire fraud, misapplication of bank funds, making false entries in the books and records of the banks, bribery, larceny from a bank and money laundering.

Prosecutors allege that Memorial Bank and Village Green National Bank were in danger of being closed by federal regulators in the late 1980s.

During that period, representatives of Oxford Funding Corp., a company that bought and sold banks, approached the banks' executives and proposed a two-pronged plan to conceal the institutions' financial problems from federal regulators.

The two banks purchased millions of dollars of loans from Oxford Funding Corp. for far more than they were worth, prosecutors allege.

Part of that money was diverted and returned to the banks, according to the Justice Department statement. Those kickbacks were disguised as funds used by a company or individual to purchase foreclosed property held by the banks.

The purchases were done through companies set up by Oxford Funding that appeared to be independent enterprises in the business of buying problem assets from banks.

Sure, you know Catholics claim St. Peter as the first pope. But who was the second one? St. Linus, who was primate from 67 to 76.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information, call 573-1141; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Noah Project Advisory Committee; Martha Ann Woman's Club; election of officers, all members are urged to attend; noon.

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

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

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information, call 573-3308 or 573-2101.

Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information, call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open, meeting); 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving; Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room, 27th & College; 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 863-2349, or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

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

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

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

American families aren't like the Cleavers anymore

WASHINGTON (AP) — For many Americans the memory of family life may resemble Ozzie and Harriet, but real life is beginning to look more like Murphy Brown.

Less than half of all American families these days have children under 18 living at home, and of those that do, one-third are single parents.

A new Census Bureau study of families and households found one tradition that still holds, though — when there is a single parent, it's usually Mom.

The annual analysis of households and families, released Tuesday, recorded 96.4 million households as of last year, including 68.1 million family households. That means families constitute about 71 percent of households, down from 81 percent in 1970.

And of the 68.1 million families, 33.3 million have children under age 18, while the majority, 34.9 million, had none under 18 at home.

By contrast, in 1970 America had 51.5 million family households, including 28.7 million with children and 22.7 million without.

"The Ozzie and Harriet or Ward and June Cleaver family has probably never been a majority of American households at any time in the past, but it certainly has declined," in recent decades, said Census researcher Steve W. Rawlings.

"When we are asked what is the typical family, we usually waffle and say we don't define it," Rawlings said. "Families come in many varieties," and the bureau doesn't want to say that is typical, traditional, normal or average.

If the perky two-parent family with kids that filled TV screens decades ago is passe, TV show "Murphy Brown," whose main character is a TV newswoman, reflects a modern trend — the single parent.

The bureau found 10.9 million single parents raising children last year, up from 3.8 million in 1970. That included 9.3 million women and 1.6 million men, up from 3.4 million and 393,000 respectively.

The 86 percent of single-parent families headed by mothers hasn't changed much since 1970, when their share was 90 percent.

"Most people become single parents through births out-of-wedlock or divorce," Rawlings said. "A much smaller share is accounted for by separation or widowhood."

"This was really something that came to center stage ... during the decade of the 1970s," he said, and it has "resulted in a pretty profound change, in terms of day-to-day life experiences of parents, relatives, children and society at large."

Blacks have a greater share of one-parent families, although white one-parent families outnumber blacks 7.2 million to 3.4 million.

Single-parent families constitute 24.5 percent of all white families with children, while 63 percent of black families with children live with only one parent. The corresponding proportions in 1970 were 10 percent for whites and 36 percent for blacks.

Hispanics, who can be members of any racial group, have 1.3 million single-parent families, 35 percent of all families with children. Figures for 1970 were not available.

A family is defined by the Census Bureau as a group of two persons or more who are related by birth, marriage or adoption and residing together. A household consists of all the persons who occupy a housing unit, whether related or not.

Pick 3

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

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Jury returns verdict of death in the slaying of homosexual

KERRVILLE (AP) — Former fast-food restaurant manager Donald Aldrich has been sentenced to death for the execution-style slaying of a homosexual man whose killing raised the ire of gay rights activists.

Aldrich, 29, showed no emotion when state District Judge Joe D. Clayton read a Kerr County jury's verdict Tuesday evening.

Aldrich would not speak to reporters as he was ushered away by jailers. He later cried openly during an interview in the Kerr County Jail with the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

"I didn't intend for (Nicholas) West to die. I'm a lot of things, but I'm not a killer," Aldrich told the newspaper. "I can't justify what I did no matter what I say. I just can't justify it."

A seven-man, five-woman jury deliberated about an hour and 15 minutes before returning the death verdict. Aldrich was convicted last week in the capital murder of Nicholas West, 23, who was abducted from a Tyler park and shot to death last Nov. 30.

West's half-naked, bullet-riddled body was found in a clay pit about 10 miles outside Tyler.

The case led to protests by homosexual rights groups and attracted national attention. Aldrich's trial was moved from Smith County because of pretrial publicity in Tyler.

In a videotaped confession, Aldrich said he and some friends abducted West from a park and robbed him because he was gay. Aldrich told investigators he flinched and fired two shots after another man began shooting West.

Aldrich also told authorities he did not like homosexuals and a homosexual relative had raped him when he was 9 years old.

Aldrich said it was a mistake to talk to police investigators.

"When I gave my confession, I didn't know it was capital murder. I didn't know I would be facing the death penalty," he said. "Because of my confession I put them (defense attorneys) between a rock and a hard place. There wasn't much they could do."

But Chief felony prosecutor David Dobbs of Smith County said West's slaying obviously was a "hate crime."

"This man is a predator," Dobbs said in his closing argument. "This man takes from other people. This man enjoys, literally enjoys, seeing other people in pain and in fear."

Prosecutors displayed a chart for jurors showing previous crimes Aldrich had committed, primarily burglaries and robberies.

"I think the most impressive evidence we had was the escalated history of violence," said Dobbs, who had reminded jurors of other attacks Aldrich and his friends carried out in the name of "fag bashing."

Defense attorney Bill Wright, in his closing argument, said there is no justification for preying on homosexuals, but Aldrich is "somebody who does not perceive homosexuals in a normal way" because of his childhood molestation.

Dobbs dubbed that claim by Aldrich a "faddish cop-out," and Smith County District Attorney Jack Skeen Jr. called Aldrich a "callous, cold-blooded executioner."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	NORTH 8-10-94 ♠A 8 7 3 2 ♥- - - ♦Q 6 3 ♣Q 10 7 5 4	
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	SOUTH ♠K ♥A Q J 10 5 2 ♦A K 5 4 ♣K 2	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♦	All pass

Opening lead: ♣A

Cash in when you can

By Phillip Alder

"Go and wake up your luck" is a Persian proverb. In other words, if at the bridge table you find yourself in a stupid contract, don't fall asleep. Look for the one lie of the cards that will allow you to succeed.

South's hand is awkward for a natural system. Being able to start with a strong and artificial one club makes life much easier. As it went, though, maybe South should have rebid three diamonds on the second round, planning to bid four hearts next. When he actually settled for a non-forcing two diamonds, South wondered how he could get across his true strength to partner on the third round. Maybe three clubs followed by four hearts is best, but South made the imaginative — or crazy, according to choice — leap to five hearts. North was endplayed into bidding six diamonds.

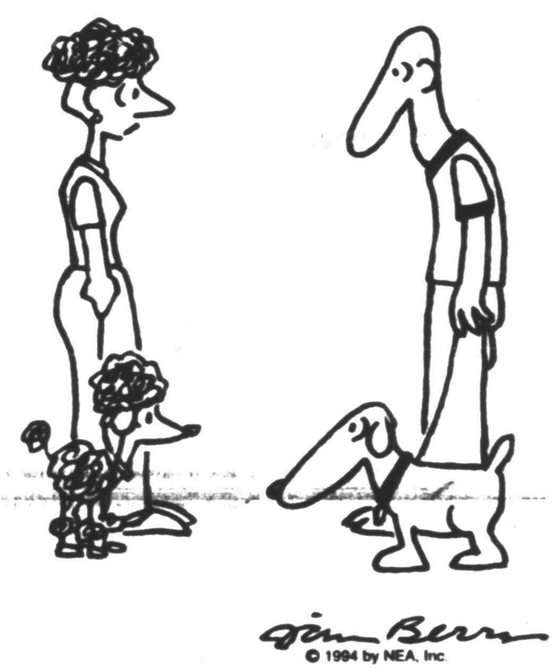
West led the ace and another club. How did South continue?

To make the contract, declarer needed to find the diamonds breaking 3-3, the hearts 4-3 and West with the heart king. But South still had to be careful. If he had cashed the heart ace before taking a ruffing finesse in hearts, West would have ducked the king until the fourth round. Then declarer would have walked into a trump promotion.

South ran the heart queen at trick two. It won! He continued with the heart jack, which also won. A low heart was ruffed in the dummy, three rounds of trumps drawn and the slam claimed.

The declarer was Australian Warren Lazer. I will carefully avoid a comment about Lazer's laser-like play.

Berry's World



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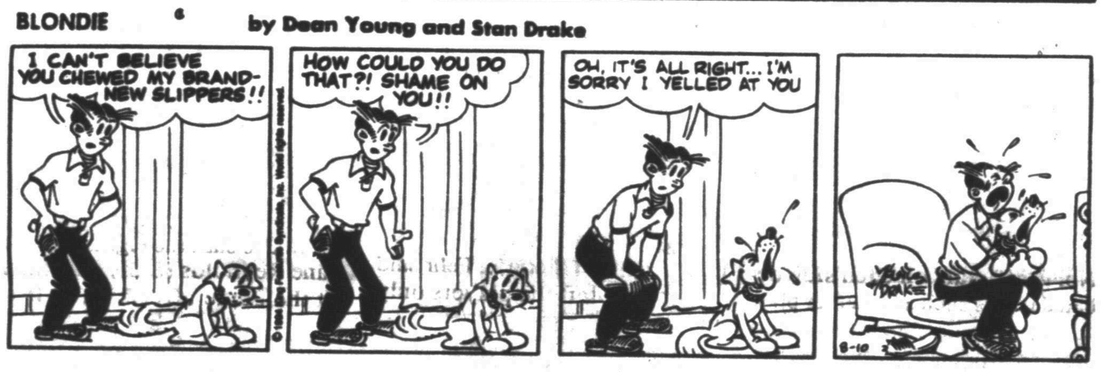

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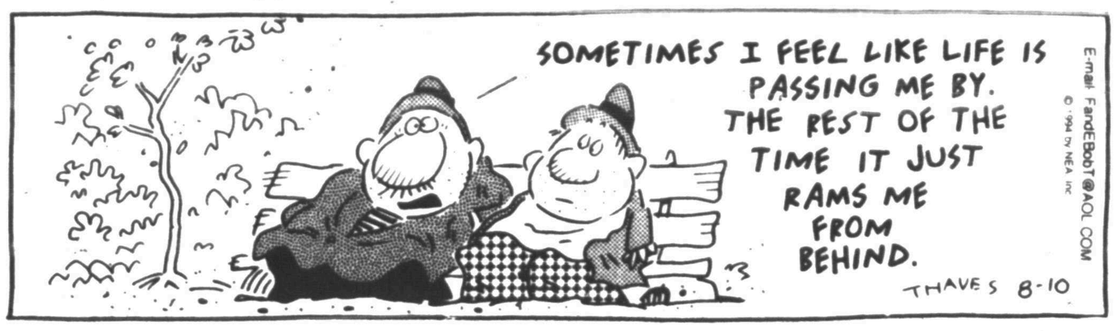

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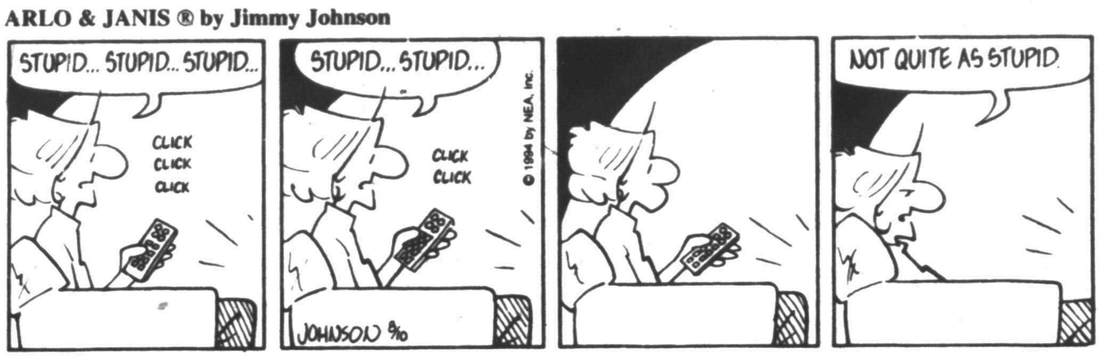

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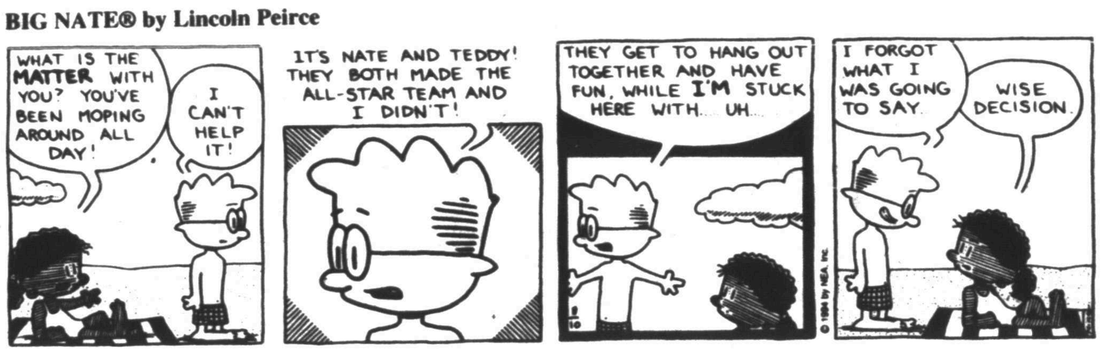

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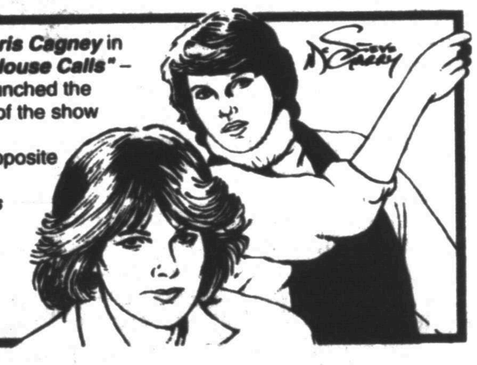
Sharon Gless was originally earmarked for the role of Detective ***Chris Cagney*** in ***"Cagney & Lacey"*** but – as she was busy working on the sitcom ***"House Calls"*** – ***Loretta Swit*** landed the part in the made-for-TV pilot movie that launched the series. ***Meg Foster*** played the detective for the first three episodes of the show before being replaced by... ***Sharon Gless***!

1. ***Tyne Daly*** – who played Detective ***Mary Beth Lacey*** – starred opposite ***Clint Eastwood*** in which 1976 movie?
2. On which long-running series, starring ***Robert Young*** and ***James Broiin,*** did ***Sharon Gless*** ptay Nurse ***Kathleen Faverty***?
3. ***Loretta Swit*** is best-known for the long-running TV show ***"M*A*S*H"*** – what was the name of her character?



Answers: 1) "The Enforcer" 2) "Marcus Welby, M.D." 3) Major Margaret "Hot Lips" Houlihan

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Sweet potato
4 Swerves
9 Bark
12 Japanese sash
13 Kate and —
14 Spanish gold
15 Military Academy site (2 wds.)
17 Canine cry
18 Injury
19 Instruments
21 That woman
22 Baker's products
24 Pennants
26 Not prepared
30 Tears
31 Noah's boat
32 Court
33 Native metal
34 College deg.
35 Playground
36 Nerve clusters
39 Japanese city
40 Solemn pledge
41 Compass pt.
42 Requires
45 Pulverizes
48 Affirmative
49 Exudation
52 Sin
53 — — ease
54 TV's — Peeples
55 Crown
56 Avoid
57 Econ. indicator

DOWN

1 Loud cry
2 Busy as — —
3 Deformed
4 Fumes
5 North Carolina college
6 Yelle
7 — Tin Tin (movie dog)
8 Hunting dog
9 Child's toy
10 Seed coating
11 Bursts
16 Model Cheryl —
20 Gravel ridge
22 Muslim veil
23 Writing fluids
24 Toad's kin
25 Italian money
27 Rousing
28 Flat-bottomed boat
29 — Ono
31 Mine passage
35 Set firmly
37 Deity
38 Name for a dog
39 Cylindrical
42 Russian's "no"
43 Architect — Saarinen
44 Wyatt —
45 Alum
46 Kill (2 wds.)
47 Crackle
50 Cloth measure
51 Actor — Gulager

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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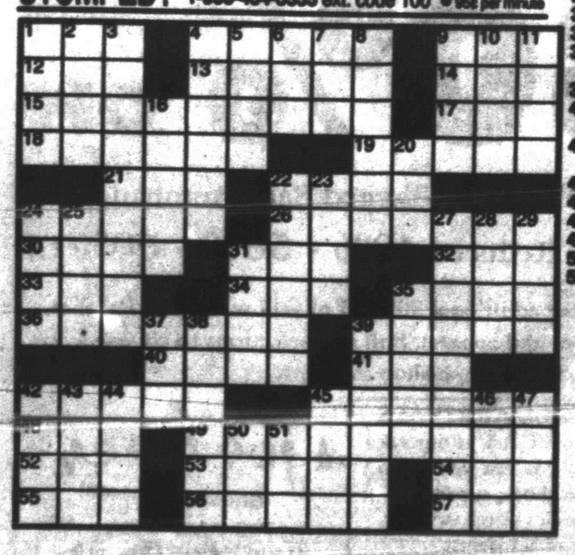

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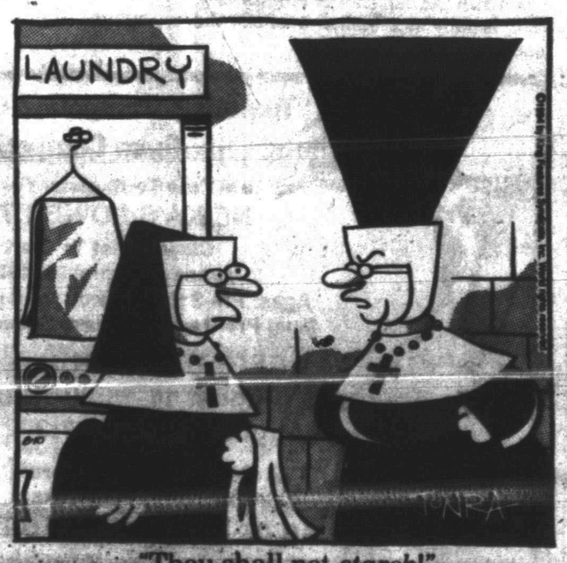

"Thou shall not *starch*!"

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"MOM WANTS TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK YOU'RE DOIN' DOWN HERE."

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Sports

Rangers fall to Seattle, 8-5

A's only half game back

ARLINGTON, (AP) — With probably only one game left for the Texas Rangers until the strike hits, tonight's game against the Seattle Mariners looks like the seventh game of the World Series.

The Rangers are clinging to a half-game lead over the A's in the AL West after falling 8-5 to Seattle on Tuesday night. Oakland beat Chicago 4-2.

With so much on the line, Texas manager Kevin Kennedy plans to pull out all the stops, including having perfect game pitcher Kenny Rogers in the bullpen if needed.

"I'll treat (tonight's game) like it's all or nothing," Kennedy said.

These are desperate times for the Rangers, who lost their fifth straight Tuesday night and fell nine games under .500, their worst record since the end of the 1992 season.

Making things even worse, Texas is 8-21 against its division and 1-8 against the Mariners.

"It's tough to talk about every night, but we're last in fielding, 12th in pitching and we've lost five straight to Oakland and Seattle, teams we should beat," Kennedy said.

"Right now my guys are down. I'm disappointed in my team and with what's happening in baseball."

Kennedy is disgusted with a team that leads the league in errors, unearned runs and home runs allowed. He said if the strike is avoided or is short-lived, a shake-up would be in the offing.

"When we know what's going to happen, we'll have to make changes on this ball club, and have a team meeting," he said.

Seattle, meanwhile, is actually making the best out of its road trip from hell caused by unsafe conditions in its home park, the Kingdome.

The Mariners won their fourth straight to even their record at 9-9 during the 18th day of their scheduled 30-game road trip. They're now 31/2 games behind the Rangers.

"We've started to win with frequency," manager Lou Piniella said. "I told these kids this would be a wonderful opportunity to make things happen."

Tino Martinez continued to batter Texas pitching with a homer and a double and has homered in three straight games. Luis Sojo added a 3-for-5 night with two RBIs to contribute to the Mariners' 14-hit attack.

John Cummings (2-4) earned his first major-league victory as a starter and Bobby Ayala got the final three outs for his 17th save.

Cummings lasted 5 2-3 innings, allowing two runs and four hits. He was 0-10 in 15 major league starts prior to Tuesday.

"It's a weight off my shoulders," Cummings said. "The team scored a lot of runs and that makes it easy."

Martinez, who had a career-high six RBIs in Monday night's 14-4 thrashing of the Rangers, connecting for his 21st homer of the season with one out in the fourth to push Seattle's lead to 3-1.

Martinez and Ken Griffey Jr. are a combined 34-for-70 with 12 homers and 27 RBIs against the Rangers this year. Griffey reached base three times and scored twice Tuesday with two walks and a single.

The way the Mariners are playing, they're looking for a short strike, or none at all.

"My main concern about the strike is that it may not last long and we have to be close," Griffey Jr. said. "We have a chance to get it close."

TALL TALES TOLD — The Snyder Bass Club held its monthly meeting Monday night at the Towle Park Pavilion. Television hero Jerry Dean, far right, of "Honey Hole" fame was the guest speaker. Bass Club president, Ron Clark, left, and club secretary, Lane Martin, listen closely. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

Houston loses 4-3

Title hopes doubtful

HOUSTON (AP) — Even maturity couldn't help the Houston Astros against the San Diego Padres.

Andy Ashby pitched eight strong innings and scored the go-ahead run in the eighth inning, leading the Padres to a 4-3 victory on Tuesday night.

The loss seriously damaged the Astros chances of catching Cincinnati in the NL Central before a scheduled players strike after Thursday's games.

"Our ball club has a tendency not to panic because we've matured over the years," left fielder Juan Gonzalez said. "There was a sense we could pull it out, but we just came up short."

It was Houston's first loss in six games and knocked the Astros one game behind the Reds, who beat Los Angeles 5-3.

"This was a tough loss for us, we don't know what's going to happen but we've got to hope Cincinnati loses now," leftfielder Juan Gonzalez said. "We still have a lot of confidence in this team and we have to hope that Cincinnati helps us and we win two more."

Ashby (6-11) wasn't about to give the Astros any room to maneuver. After the Astros scored two runs in the fourth, he allowed only one more baserunner and retired the last 10 batters in a row through the eighth inning.

"They've got a good club but we got some runs tonight and everybody came through," Ashby said. "I felt good. I was around the strike zone. My release felt good. My sinker got some ground balls and I had a good curve that I got some guys to chase."

Trevor Hoffman pitched the ninth for his 19th save, allowing a sacrifice fly by Tony Eusebio.

Ashby singled down the first-base line to start the eighth against Shane Reynolds (8-5), who then left the game after hitting Bip Roberts with a pitch.

Mike Hampton came on for one pitch to Gwynn, who hit into a double play. Dave Veres replaced Hampton, and Derek Bell's single to shortstop scored Ashby.

Gwynn got two hits to extend his club career hit record to 2,200 and put his average at .393. He worries that an extended strike would hurt his swing.

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Cotton Bowl talks with WAC

DALLAS (AP) — The departed members of the Southwest Conference may eventually meet again in a familiar location — the Cotton Bowl.

The Cotton Bowl, which used to host the SWC winner and an invited guest on New Year's Day, is scrambling to figure out what to do now that it's been left out of the Tier I Bowl Alliance to determine a national champion.

One of the latest possibilities is matching up the Western Athletic Conference champion playing and the Big 12's No. 2 team starting in 1996.

When the SWC splits up in 1996, four schools are bound for the Big 12, three for the WAC and Houston will be independent.

John Reid, executive director of the Holiday Bowl, told The Dallas Morning News that discussions between the WAC and the Cotton Bowl have taken place.

The WAC champion, which goes to the Holiday Bowl the next two seasons, does not have an automatic slot in the new Tier I Bowl Alliance. The Southwest Conference champion will play in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 2, 1995, but the bowl has no contract with a conference after that.

WAC commissioner Karl Benson wouldn't say whether a conference champion might play in Dallas in two years, when the league gets Texas Christian, Southern Methodist and Rice, plus Tulsa, Nevada-Las Vegas and San Jose State.

Meanwhile, Pac-10 officials said discussions have been ongoing with the Big 12 about a bowl in Texas matching the Pac-10's No. 2 team against the Big 12's No. 2 team, either in Dallas or San Antonio.

"I don't think it matters, San Antonio, or Dallas, the majority of our people are going to the location to support their team," said Duane Lindberg, Pac-10 assistant commissioner. "ABC is very interested in a 1 p.m. time slot for a game on New Year's Day."

A group of I-A commissioners chose the Fiesta, Orange nd Sugar bowls last Thursday as the Tier I games for the 1995-97 seasons, with an option to renew from 1998-2000.

MLB strike almost inevitable

NEW YORK (AP) — Less than 24 hours after discussing the mechanics of an orderly shutdown, negotiators for baseball owners and players meet again today in an attempt to avoid the strike that is scheduled to start Friday.

Neither side seems to think the sport's eighth work stoppage since 1972 can be stopped.

"If there's not a lot new and different to talk about, it'll be a short meeting," union head Donald Fehr said Tuesday.

Negotiators had been set to continue Monday's meeting about non-economic issues. Instead, the No. 2 officials on each side debated issues such as whether players can use club equipment during a stoppage (they can't).

They also discussed "how people get home, where they mail checks to for the 11 days if there isn't a settlement, minor-league assignments," Fehr said.

At this point, it appears the sides continue to meet out of habit rather than hope.

"We are meeting because you leave no stone unturned," management negotiator Richard Ravitch said.

Tuesday's news conferences by the leaders of each side produced new heights of rhetoric. Fehr said owners had left the players only one option: accept a salary cap.

"That's Munich," he said, referring to Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of Adolf Hitler in September 1938, when the British Prime Minister gave part of Czechoslovakia to Germany.

Ravitch, too, said he saw little hope of avoiding a walkout. But he said he didn't think it would last all winter.

"The acts of self-immolation reach the point of Kafkaesque proportions," he said.

Local Events

Parent-Child Championships

Snyder Country Club will hold its Parent-Child golf championships on Aug. 13. If you are interested in competing, please call the Pro Shop at 573-7101.

Jaramillo's softball tourney

On Aug. 20-21st, Jaramillo's will hold its annual softball tournament. The entry fee is $100 per team and the deadline for sign-ups is Aug. 18. For information Call: Pete at 573-7623 or Henry at 573-6264.

SJHS football kicks off

All seventh and eighth-grade boys interested in playing football at Snyder Junior High this year should report to the boys gym on Aug. 11-12 from 1-6 p.m. All equipment for the upcoming season will be distributed at this time.

Baseball Glance

National League
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	73	39	.652	-
Atlanta	67	45	.598	6
NewYork	54	57	.486	18½
Philadelphia	53	60	.469	20½
Florida	51	62	.451	22½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	66	46	.589	-
Houston	65	48	.575	1½
Pittsburgh	52	60	.464	14
St.Louis	51	61	.455	15
Chicago	49	63	.438	17
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
LosAngeles	56	56	.500	-
SanFrancisco	54	60	.474	3
Colorado	52	63	.452	5½
SanDiego	46	69	.400	11½

Tuesday's Games

San Francisco 3, Chicago 2
Philadelphia 5, New York 1
Montreal 4, Pittsburgh 3
Cincinnati 5, Los Angeles 3
Florida 5, St. Louis 3
San Diego 4, Houston 3
Atlanta 7, Colorado 4

Wednesday's Games

San Francisco (VanLandingham 7-2) at Chicago (Castillo 3-11), 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Olivares 2-4) at Florida (Weathers 8-11), 7:35 p.m.
New York (Saberhagen 13-4) at Philadelphia (West 4-9), 7:35 p.m.
Montreal (Pe.Martinez 10-5) at Pittsburgh (Maglie 9-9), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gross 9-7) at Cincinnati (Smiley 11-10), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Benes 6-13) at Houston (Kile 8-6), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 13-8) at Colorado (Ritz 4-6), 9:05 p.m.

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	70	41	.631	-
Baltimore	62	49	.559	8
Toronto	54	59	.478	17
Boston	54	60	.474	17½
Detroit	52	61	.460	19
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	66	46	.589	-
Cleveland	65	47	.580	1
KansasCity	64	50	.561	3
Minnesota	52	60	.464	14
Milwaukee	52	61	.460	14½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	52	61	.460	-
Oakland	51	61	.455	½
Seattle	47	63	.427	3½
California	46	68	.404	6½

Tuesday's Games

Detroit 10, Milwaukee 4
Toronto 12, Cleveland 5
Baltimore 6, New York 5
Seattle 8, Texas 5
Minnesota 4, Boston 3, 12 innings
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Wednesday's Games

Cleveland (Martinez 11-6) at Toronto (Guzman 12-10), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago (Bere 11-2) at Oakland (Ontiveros 6-3), 3:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Bones 10-8) at Detroit (Wells 4-7), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (McDonald 13-7) at New York (Key 17-3), 7:35 p.m.
Boston (Nabholz 3-5) at Minnesota (Deshaies 5-12), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Converse 0-5) at Texas (Brown 7-9), 8:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Gordon 11-6) at California (Finley 9-10), 10:35 p.m.

NFL training camp notebook

By The Associated Press

The Buffalo Bills, who lost depth to free agency and the salary cap, may be getting some of it back.

The Buffalo coaches were impressed with the performances of their rookies in Monday night's 13-11 exhibition victory over Washington, particularly the first two picks, safety Jeff Burris and wide receiver Bucky Brooks.

Burris intercepted one pass and broke up another inside the Bills 5. He was covering Desmond Howard, who victimized him in college with a catch from a horizontal position in the end zone on a fourth-down play. Burris was at Notre Dame and Howard at Michigan when the play occurred.

Howard caught no passes Monday night.

Brooks, the team's second-round choice, caught passes of 18 and 20 yards on consecutive plays with less than a minute left in the first half to help set up a field goal.

Brooks also returned three kickoffs for 45 yards.

"Bucky Brooks has been having a very good camp," coach Marv Levy said. "It's tough to sort out how well he played immediately, but from what I could tell he played very well."

PACKERS

Linebacker Keo Coleman and guard Eddie Blake have been waived by the Green Bay Packers.

Coleman was signed as a free agent last season and he played in 12 games, starting two at outside linebacker. He entered the NFL as the New York Jets' fourth-round pick in 1992. He was one of the few players from Milwaukee to play in a regular-season game with the Packers in the last 30 years.

Blake, the Miami Dolphins' second-round choice in 1992, joined the Packers as a free agent on July 28 after being released by the Dolphins.

CHIEFS

Friday's exhibition in Washington will be the first chance for the coaching staff to get a good look at Steve Bono, the nine-year veteran who was signed as a free agent from San Francisco and expected to be Joe Montana's backup quarterback. Matt Blundin has thrown 36 passes in the first two exhibition games while Bono and Montana mostly sat.

"We've got to get Steve Bono some snaps," coach Marty Schottenheimer said. "We're going to play experienced guys more than we did in the first two games. I just didn't think we could do it in Tokyo and then expect to do it Friday on just four days.

49ERS

Injuries are testing the San Francisco 49ers' depth on the offensive line.

Derrick Deese, who emerged at training camp as a key backup for both guard positions, suffered an apparent stress fracture in his leg during contact drills Tuesday. Coach George Seifert said he was awaiting confirmation of the initial diagnosis from team physician Dr. Michael Dillingham.

In any case, Deese, who started last Friday's exhibition opener in place of injured right guard Ralph Tamm, was expected to miss up to two weeks, possibly more.

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218 36th Pl., 2-1, cnr. lot.
313 33rd, 3-1 27T
2218 Sunset, 2-1 23T
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1401 Ave. K, 3-2-2 35T
2701 Ave. G, Duplex 21T
3112 Ave. C, 4-1-2, red. 35T
E 3-2, ch/a, jac. & shop25.9T
Own. Fin., 1010 30th 13.5T
3007 40th, 2-1 18.5T
3405 44th, 3-2-2 55T
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North, 4-2-2, 4A, $90's.
2715 48th, 3-2-2, $98.9.
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3113 Ave. T, 3-2-2, $39.5.
3908 Eastridge, 3-1-2, $35T.
By Prison, 2-1-2, $32,500.
Ira, 3-2-2, 1A, $59.5.
3732 Austin, 3-2, $38.5.
213 36th, 2-1, strg., $17.9.
3406 44th, 3-1, $32T.
3401 Irving, 3-2, Apt., $50T.
123 Peach, 3-1, $27T.
3009 Ave. T, 2-1, $25T.
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Texas slammed by ads

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Texas has lured hundreds of companies from California in recent years, and California is fighting back with an ad campaign that cites Texas' mosquitoes, tornadoes and red-neck culture.

The new job-development state ad campaign, unveiled Tuesday by Gov. Pete Wilson and legislative leaders, also takes a few jabs at Nevada and Arizona, which have been especially aggressive in courting California businesses. But the majority of the ads are upbeat celebrations of California's economic advantages.

All of the television and radio ads conclude with the slogan line, "California, the climate's right," as do the billboards and magazine ads in the 17-month, $13.9 million promotional campaign.

It is only the newspaper ads that target the states that have been especially successful at luring away California businesses, with the sharpest jabs at Texas.

Under the headline "Why Texas is Telling Tall Tales About California," one ad cites Texas efforts to lure California businesses, and then says, "What they don't mention is their own sub-zero weather, alternating with three-shower-a-day humidity, along with hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and mosquitoes that require runways to land."

It concludes: "You'll need big boots to wade through all the promises that states like Texas are making to Californians. What they still haven't promised, though, is a sure-fire way to fit a gun rack on a convertible."

Texas officials criticized the California ads, but Wilson brushed off their complaints and defended the ads.

"If California is feeling threatened by Texas, it should, but not because of what we are doing, but because of what we are," said Kathy Schwartz, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Commerce. "A business makes a site location decision based on the bottom line, not on the type of hyperbole of an advertisement."

Asked about that criticism, Wilson said he wasn't concerned, and that after the workers' compensation, regulatory relief and tax incentives enacted by the state last year, California now has a good business climate to attract and retain businesses.

"We're in a very competitive environment," Wilson said, noting that governors of other states regularly visit California trying to lure major businesses away. "If they're thin-skinned, we might offend some officials of other states."

Wilson said there is also nothing inconsistent between his past criticism of California's poor economy and his current promotion of it.

"It's a whole lot better than it was at the beginning of 1993" before the Legislature passed and he signed "the most sweeping package of job-creating reforms probably ever," Wilson said.

"We had to make that change in 1993 to be credible. We're not overselling," Wilson said.

Officials said the entire campaign will be financed with private dollars and donated services and space.

California broadcasters, newspapers and outdoor sign companies are donating time or space for the ads, and California firms whose achievements are cited in the television commercials are paying for the mentions to help buy time to air those commercials on national cable channels.

The newspaper ads slamming Arizona and Nevada are not quite as harsh as the Texas ad, but have a bite nonetheless.

"Why Nevada Doesn't Want You To Bet on California," says one of the ads, which goes on to praise California's business achievements and make oblique references to Nevada's casino-based economy.

"Of course, you could gamble for a miracle in the desert. Or you could always decline the bet and stay where the golden opportunities continue to be dispensed daily," that ad concludes.

Another begins with the headline, "Why Arizona Wants You to Desert California," and says, "If

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as American public schools' role in innoculation and immunization of schoolchildren, as examples of public education's progressive role in society.

Later, Lomax recalled an earlier period in Texan history when many Texans did not believe that black or Hispanic schoolchildren could learn their material.

"I'm so grateful that we've passed beyond that point (in the general public's attitudes)," Lomax declared.

Lomax urged teachers to be actively empathetic toward young people. "Every great teacher I have known is a care-giver," he observed. "If you want to reduce stress in your life, find a way to become involved in a child's life."

Lomax also emphasized that public schools should be accountable to the parents of the community in which they serve.

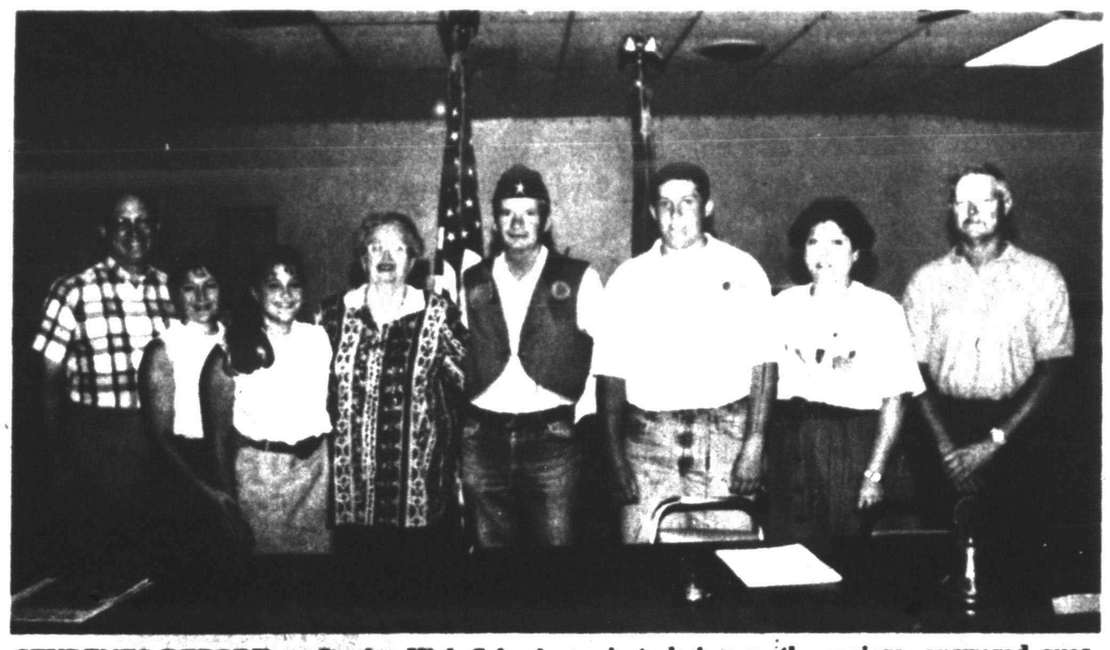
Prior to Lomax's address, Snyder school board vice president Mark McCormick described the start of the 1994-95 school year as "a fresh start, a time of renewal and dedication, a resetting of goals."

Also during the convocation, several SISD employees were honored for the length of their tenure.

A performance by four Snyder High School choir members, with Melanie Smith serving as director of the performance, provided another highlight at the event.

Earlier in the morning, Snyder High School Band gave a performance under the direction of band director Walter Reneau.

Among those attending the Convocation today were State Rep. David Counts, Snyder City Manager John Gayle, Western Texas College President Dr. Harry Krenek and members of the Snyder school board.



STUDENTS REPORT — Snyder High School seniors Paige Gayle and Jeremy Perkins Monday evening thanked American Legion members for being selected to attend Bluebonnet Girls State and Boys State. Following their introductions by commander David Adams and Dessie Harvel, project chairmen, the seniors answered questions. From left are Mr. and Mrs. John Gayle and daughter, Paige; Harvel; Adams; Jeremy Perkins and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Perkins. (SDN Staff Photo)

Authorities probe cause of plant fire

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A spectacular fire at the Exxon Chemical plant may have started when a metal strap supporting gas lines snapped, a preliminary investigation by state police shows.

The lines, which carry processed oil and gas into the plant's steam cracking unit, apparently collapsed Monday night and triggered a series of explosions, state police said Tuesday.

A handful of contract workers were hurt, but not seriously.

The explosions and fire occurred in the cracking unit, where materials are heated to extremely high temperatures and later processed into such products as isopropyl alcohol, rubber and plastic.

"A band that holds up those lines is believed to have snapped," said Sgt. Bobby Guidroz, a state police spokesman. "It's one of the many possibilities discussed, but the exact cause of the explosion is still unknown at this time because of the intense heat and fire. It's still under investigation."

Exxon officials said they didn't know what caused Monday night's fire, but the company acknowledged it took 20 minutes to notify local emergency officials of the accident.

Dennis Smith, the fire department's hazardous materials chief, said he knew the response to Monday night's fire was off to a bad start when he first learned of the incident from television.

Smith also said that, in hindsight, the new Community Alert system's sirens and loudspeakers should have been used to notify residents there was no need to evacuate.

"I'm not pleased," he said about the overall handling of the incident. "It's a little bit of everybody's fault."

"A lot of little things just didn't fall in place," Smith said. "We were lucky. We've got to do a better job."

Seven contract workers were injured while scaling a six-foot chain link fence to escape injury when the explosions occurred just before the 8 p.m. The workers were treated at local hospitals and released.

About 200 company employees were rushed from the plant in buses.

A small fire was still burning at the chemical plant. Officials from the state police hazardous materials unit planned to let the blaze burn itself out. The fire was being fed by processed oil and gas remaining in the cracking unit.

Guidroz said the fire posed no threat to the plant or the surrounding area.

The fire Monday night sent black smoke billowing more than 200 feet into the air.

Exxon officials also said a local firefighter was treated for heat-related injuries at a local hospital and released.

Bruce Tackett, an Exxon spokesman in Houston, said Exxon didn't know how much damage the blaze had caused or when the chemical plant would be back in operation.

"It's hard to answer those questions when we still have a fire we're dealing with," he said. "There's no way to get in, look and make assessments."

Passengers escape fire...

Airliner skids off runway

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A jetliner battered by an approaching typhoon skidded off a runway while landing on a resort island today. All 160 people aboard escaped before the plane burst into flames.

The pilot of the Airbus A300 had tried to abort the landing on the southern island of Cheju. But strong winds practically slammed the jet to the ground and it rammed a barricade at the end of the runway and caught fire, officials said.

Within two minutes, the 152 vacationers and eight crew members who had boarded the Korean Air flight in Seoul scrambled down an escape chute to safety, company officials said.

"I looked back as I escaped, and the plane exploded with a bang," said Paik Eun-kyung, a flight attendant who was one of the last to flee before the jet went up in flames.

As the plane landed, the lights went off in the cabin and oxygen masks dropped out of overhead compartments, she said.

"I heard screams in the darkness and children crying," she said.

Nine people — all from South Korea — were slightly injured. All but two were treated and released, officials said this afternoon.

Airline officials said the quick evacuation prevented a major disaster. Television footage showed black smoke billowing from the plane as the fire turned the passenger section into a charred lump of metal.

Another flight attendant, Kim Young-mi, said the airliner shook violently as strong winds buffeted it. It crashed moments after the pilot tried to take off again.

One witness reported flames at the front of the plane, and Kim said she saw smoke coming from the tail section. Everyone was evacuated through a front hatch because there was no time to open the side doors, she said.

Ten small explosions rocked the plane within minutes after passengers and crew had escaped to safety, witnesses said.

Firefighters were unable to control the blaze in the rain and wind. Only the tail and cockpit were intact after the fire.

A typhoon warning was in effect in southern South Korea at the time of the crash. Typhoon Doug later weakened into a tropical storm, which dumped up to 7 inches of rain across the south today.

Ferry service connecting Cheju island — about 80 miles off the southern tip of the Korean peninsula — to the mainland had been canceled for two days, tying up hundreds of vacationers.

Thirteen Japanese were the only foreigners among the passengers. The pilot, Barry Edward Woods, 52, is Canadian.

Feminist author goes to Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — The Bangladeshi writer with a price on her head from Muslim extremists arrived in Stockholm today after fleeing her homeland.

"I've come to Sweden ... to rest and work," Taslima Nasrin said in a statement issued by Sweden's PEN club, a branch of the international writers' group. She said she had been invited by PEN.

Ms. Nasrin, whose flight from Muslim fundamentalists has evoked comparisons to Salman Rushdie's seclusion, arrived in Stockholm under a veil of secrecy and security. The Foreign Ministry would not say when she arrived, how she arrived or where she was staying.

It was uncertain how long Ms. Nasrin would remain in Sweden or her ultimate destination. Norway has said it would consider offering her asylum. Norwegian writers also have invited her to attend a writers' conference next month.

Outraged militants in Bangladesh denounced their government for letting her go. But Home Secretary Azimuddin Ahmed told The Associated Press in Dhaka that "she was free to go anywhere she liked and that's what she did."

After two months in hiding from an arrest warrant, Ms. Nasrin emerged Aug. 3 to face a charge of insulting Islam and was granted bail. No trial date was set and the judge said she was allowed to visit other countries if she informed the court.

Fundamentalist groups have offered rewards for her assassination and organized huge rallies against her in Dhaka. They were infuriated by a newspaper article that quoted her as calling for changes in the Koran, the Islamic holy book.

Ms. Nasrin has denied making the comment about the Koran but acknowledges calling for changes in Islamic laws that restrict many women to housework and child rearing. She faces a maximum penalty of two years in jail if she is convicted of offending Muslims.

The extremists have called for a new law that would make blasphemy a capital crime in Bangladesh, a predominantly Muslim but secular country.

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its first day of operation in July 1989 to August 1992, when he began his most recent position, as lieutenant for the maximum-security McConnell unit in Beeville.

Morales described his philosophy of criminal justice by saying, "I believe in teamwork in order to get our job accomplished."

Morales replaces Mike Searcy as captain of the Daniel unit. Searcy, who held his position for about five years, transferred to the substance-abuse unit in Brownwood.

Morales' career with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice began in early 1989 with six months of training at the maximum-security Ramsey III unit at Rosharon.

Morales, who is single, resides in Snyder.

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you want to enjoy everything Arizona has to offer, subscribe to Arizona Highways. If you want a golden opportunity for business growth, stay where it's always begun."

"I think they've got a difficult sell. Maybe that's why they have to spend so much money," said Don Harris, a spokesman for the Arizona Department of Commerce.

"California should think about giving the money back to its taxpayers instead of spending it on an advertising campaign like that," Harris said.

Two-thirds of the 650 businesses that transferred to Nevada last year were from California, as were almost a third of the 62 companies that moved to Arizona.

Texas figures were not available, but for the past three years, Texas has led the country in the number of jobs created and has been especially successful recruiting California high technology businesses.

Order is issued

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — A federal judge issued an order Tuesday for the capture of four Iranian citizens in connection with last month's deadly car-bombing of a Jewish community center.

Ahmad Allameh Pelaafi, Mehvash Monsef Gholamreza, Akbar Parvaresch and Abbas Zarabi Kooraani were identified in local news reports as employees of the Iranian Embassy in Buenos Aires. Their whereabouts are unknown.

Agriculture secretary to be target of probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy tells it, he knew he was a politician the day his father set down a Bible, a $20 bill and a bottle of whiskey and told him to choose. Espy picked all three.

That flair for self-deprecating humor may serve the former Mississippi congressman well in the days to come, now that an independent counsel is being sought to investigate his relationships with big food companies, including the Arkansas-based poultry giant, Tyson Foods Inc.

And the focus on his access to corporate travel and sport tickets will likely undercut Espy's efforts to streamline the massive Agriculture Department and improve food safety standards.

"The problem is there in part because it would appear that Secretary Espy's judgment is being called into question," said Sen. Richard Lugar, the leading Republican on the Senate Agriculture Committee. "His vigor with regard to other programs may be somewhat impaired."

Attorney General Janet Reno asked a three-judge panel Tuesday to appoint an outsider to complete a Justice Department investigation of Espy's corporate contacts. The selection could take weeks.

The request comes three days after the panel appointed Kenneth W. Starr to head an investigation into President Clinton's Arkansas business dealings when he was the state's governor.

"We are confident that after a full, fair and expeditious review of the facts, Secretary Espy will be completely exonerated," Evan T. Barr, an Espy attorney, said in a statement. Barr said all of Espy's "official and personal travel and entertainment expenses have been properly accounted for and reimbursed."

The request focused on trips Espy took to Arkansas in May 1993, when he stayed at a Tyson facility after a speech to a poultry group and flew to Washington on a company jet; and to Texas in 1994, when he and his companion, Patricia Dempsey, sat in the Tyson skybox for a playoff game between the New York Giants and the Dallas Cowboys.

The request left the way open for investigation of possible favors from others, including tickets for Espy to a 1993 professional basketball playoff game from Quaker Oats in Chicago.

The counsel, moreover, also will be able to investigate whether aides to Espy interfered last year with efforts by the Food Safety and Inspection Service to draft tough regulations on poultry, a major industry in Clinton's and Espy's home states.

Espy contends his aides took over the work because the agency could not be trusted to act on behalf of consumers after years of inaction. The proposed regulations finally came out in July.

Cognac can age in wood for many years, but it begins to deteriorate after 50 years.

Police make three arrests

Snyder area law enforcement officers made three arrests Tuesday and early this morning and investigated a couple of minor traffic accidents.

A DPS officer arrested an 18-year-old woman at the JP's office at 4:28 p.m. Tuesday on a warrant for speeding and failure to appear.

At 10:03 p.m., police took a juvenile into custody from Snyder Lanes for probation violation and transported another juvenile to the police department. Both were later released to their parents.

Police arrested a 19-year-old woman at 11:32 p.m. Monday in the 2600 block of Avenue M for no driver's license, no liability insurance and displaying a ficticious license plate.

Officers were requested in the 3000 block of 39th St. at 12:02 this morning in reference to a subject threatening to commit suicide. An MHMR caseworker was contacted and the 30-year-old male subject was taken to Big Spring State Hospital by a sheriff's deputy.

At 5:33 a.m. today, police arrested a 36-year-old woman in the 2300 block of Avenue M for driving with a suspended license and Midland County warrants for driving while intoxicated and failure to appear.

Officers investigated an accident at 1:05 p.m. at 27th Street and Avenue X. Involved were a 1994 Chevrolet van driven by Julia Brown of 3301 Ave. V and a 1979 Chevrolet driven by Dorothy Hill of 2311 27th St.

At 6:38 p.m., police investigated an accident in the 900 block of 37th Street. Involved were a 1988 Pontiac driven by Shauna [illegible] of 4100 Brick Plant Road and a 1974 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jerry Wemken of 106 E. 37th.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	575/8	57	571/4	
AT&T Corp	537/8	533/4	537/8	+1/8
AirTouch n	251/2	253/8	251/2	+1/4
Albtsn s	265/8	263/8	263/8	-3/8
Alldsignal s	363/4	363/8	361/2	-1/2
Alltel	271/2	273/8	273/8	-1/8
AmStoress	25	247/8	25	-1/8
Ameritech	411/2	411/8	411/4	-1/8
Amoco	593/4	593/8	595/8	+5/8
AndarkPtr	457/8	45	453/4	+3/4
ArmcoInc	61/8	6	6	
AtlRichfld	1061/2	1053/8	1063/8	+1
ATMOS Egy s	175/8	173/8	173/8	-1/8
Avialt n	81/2	83/8	81/2	-1/8
BakerHughes	191/2	191/4	191/4	-1/4
BancTexas	11/8	11/8	11/8	
BellAtl	567/8	561/8	563/8	-1/4
BellSouth	62	613/4	617/8	
BethSteel	221/2	22	223/8	+1/4
Borden	121/8	12	121/8	+1/8
BritPet	763/8	757/8	763/8	+1/2
Caterplr	1043/8	1037/8	1043/8	+1/4
Caterplrwi	523/4	523/8	523/4	+1/2
CenSoWst	22	217/8	217/8	-1/8
Chevron s	433/8	43	431/8	+1/8
Chrysler	465/8	461/4	463/8	
Coastal	30	297/8	30	
CocaCola	441/4	435/8	44	+1/8
ColgatePalm	531/2	53	531/2	+1/4
Cooperin	381/8	377/8	381/8	
CyprusAmax	30	295/8	30	+1/4
DallSemicn	163/4	161/2	161/2	-1/4
DeltaAirl	483/4	485/8	483/4	+1/4
DigitalEq	22	211/2	217/8	+3/8
Dillard	273/8	265/8	271/8	—43/8
DowChem	721/4	711/2	711/2	-3/4
DresserInd	211/8	207/8	211/8	+1/8
DuPont	593/8	59	593/8	+1/8
EastmnCh n	53	523/4	53	+1/2
EstKodak	481/4	477/8	48	-1/8
EljerInd	71/2	71/2	71/2	-1/8
Enserch	16	157/8	16	+1/8
Enterpy	251/8	25	25	
Exxon	583/4	583/8	583/4	+1/8
FlowerInd	165/8	165/8	165/8	+1/8
Footstarr s	303/8	301/8	301/4	+1/8
GTE Cp	325/8	323/8	321/2	
GenDynam s	383/4	383/8	383/4	
GenElec s	491/4	481/4	483/8	-1/2
GenMills	513/8	507/8	513/8	+1/2
GenMotors	501/4	50	501/8	-1/8
GenMotors E	355/8	341/2	341/2	—1
GePacif	691/2	683/4	691/8	+5/8
GlobalMar	41/8	4	4	-1/8
Goodrich	465/8	461/8	461/8	-1/4
Goodyear s	343/8	341/8	343/8	+1/4
GtAtlPac	211/8	21	21	+1/8
Halliburts	311/4	307/8	311/8	-3/8
Hanson ADS	201/2	201/4	201/2	+1/8
HoechInd	747/4	745/8	747/4	
IBM	65	643/8	647/8	+3/8
IntlPaper	755/8	751/8	751/2	
JohnsnJns	481/8	473/4	481/8	+5/8
K mart	165/8	163/8	165/8	+1/4
Kroger	251/8	25	251/8	
Litton	385/8	383/8	381/2	
Lowes s	321/4	317/8	32	+1/8
Lubys	223/8	221/4	223/8	+1/8
Maxus	51/4	51/8	51/8	-1/8
MayDeptStrs	385/8	381/8	381/8	-1/4
Medtronic	861/2	853/4	86	-3/4
Mobil	833/8	821/2	823/4	+1/8
Monsanto	833/4	823/8	831/2	+11/8
Motorola s	593/4	591/4	593/4	+1/4
Nationsbk	55	543/4	55	
Nevistar	135/8	133/8	135/8	+1/4
NoramEngy	65/8	61/2	65/8	+1/8
Nynex s	393/4	391/2	391/2	-1/8
OryxEngy	151/8	15	15	-1/8
PacTelesis	331/8	327/8	327/8	-1/4
PanhECp	223/8	22	223/8	+1/2
Penney JC	491/4	483/4	491/8	
Pennzoil	503/8	501/8	503/8	+1/8
PepBoys	301/8	297/8	297/8	-1/8
PhelpDodge	611/4	605/8	611/4	+3/8
PhilipPet	313/4	311/2	311/2	-1/8
PilgrmPrd	81/4	81/8	81/4	+1/8
Polaroid	341/8	34	34	-1/8
Praxair	221/8	217/8	221/8	+3/8
ProctGamble	545/8	537/8	545/8	+11/8
PubSNwMx	121/2	123/8	121/2	+1/8
RoyalDutch	1113/8	1103/4	111	
SFePacCp	20	197/8	197/8	-1/8
SaraLee	21	207/8	21	+1/4
SearsRoeb	467/8	46	461/8	-5/8
SherwinW	33	327/8	327/8	+1/8
SmthBc eqt	293/4	291/4	293/4	+3/8
SouthCo s	191/8	19	19	
SwstAirlines	275/8	273/8	271/2	
SwBell	431/4	423/4	43	
Sprint	371/4	367/8	37	
SterlingChm	105/8	101/2	105/8	+1/8
SunCo	277/8	273/8	271/2	-1/4
TNP Ent	143/8	137/8	14	-1/2
Tandy	391/8	39	39	-1/8
Templtnl	521/2	521/8	523/8	+1/2
Tenneco	473/8	465/8	471/8	-1/4
Texaco	625/8	623/8	623/8	-1/8
TexasInd	345/8	345/8	345/8	+1/4
TexasInst	817/8	803/8	811/2	+11/4
TexUtil	333/8	331/8	331/4	
Textron	523/8	52	521/8	
Travelers s	337/8	331/2	337/8	+1/4
Trinity s	337/8	333/8	335/8	+5/8
TritonEngy	333/8	327/8	333/8	+5/8
Tyler	45/8	45/8	45/8	
US West	403/8	401/8	401/8	-1/8
USX Delhi	127/8	123/4	123/4	-1/4
USX-Marathn	173/4	175/8	173/4	
USX-USS	411/8	405/8	405/8	-1/4
UnCarbde	331/2	321/2	321/2	-1/8
UnPac	581/4	58	581/4	
UnitedTech	613/4	61	615/8	+5/8
Unocal	281/8	277/8	28	+3/8
WalMart	243/8	24	241/8	
WstCstKc	241/4	235/8	237/8	+1
WestghEl	113/4	115/8	115/8	
WinnDixie	485/8	473/8	483/8	+11/4
Woolworth	153/8	151/4	153/8	
XeroxCp	1031/2	103	1031/2	+1/2
ZenithE	103/8	93/4	103/8	+3/4

Obituaries

Lucille Goswick

1903-1994

EASTLAND — Services are still pending at Edwards Funeral Home for Lucille Webb Goswick, 91, of Grants Pass, Ore.

Mrs. Goswick died Saturday in Grants Pass.

She was born on April 8, 1903, in Eastland County.

A son, Kenneth Sam Smith, preceded her in death in 1993.

Mrs. Goswick worked many years for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Snyder and Odessa.

Survivors include one sister, Pauline Webb Williams of Odessa; and three grandchildren, Shan McDonald of Florida, Chad Smith of California and Craig Smith of Oregon.

Dear Abby

Every Day Is Mother's Day To Grateful but Absent Son

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Although I am not a mother — I am a son — last Mother's Day started as an average Sunday for me.

My mother and grandmother live about 900 miles away, so for the 10th consecutive year, we weren't together.

I live in south Florida, and there are a lot of retired seniors living here.

I was having dinner at a famous Miami Beach deli when an elderly woman with a cane passed my table. I overheard her ask a waiter where the ladies' room was. He pointed to a very steep staircase and walked away. I knew this lady would need some assistance, so I asked my waiter to offer her mine. She accepted, and I invited her to join me for dinner.

Over the next 2½ hours, I learned about her life of 92 years. She had been a widow for 25 years, and had four children and 12 grandchildren. Only two of those people had remembered her that day. My dinner with this truly grand woman left me feeling richer.

Abby, I am a 32-year-old man, living alone and HIV-positive; therefore, it is quite probable that I will not have the opportunity to share the next 60 years with my mother on her very special day.

I want my mother to know that I appreciate the life and unconditional love she has given me over the last 32 years. If she sees this, she will know that every day is Mother's Day to me.

FLORIDA SON

DEAR FLORIDA SON: What a sweetheart you are. On the off chance that your mother doesn't see this, why don't you clip it and mail it to her? It would be a shame for her to miss this loving message.

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DEAR ABBY: About a year ago, my mother and I went out to dinner with a friend (I'll call her Carol). Our husbands were away on a hunting trip. Carol was depressed because of her husband "Bob's" drinking and going to bars. She said she had tried to get him help for his drinking. He would be good for a while — but then he'd go right back to the bars.

Abby, my mother's husband, "Sam," is a good friend of Bob's. Sam is 50 and very smart. He told Mom that for years Bob has been sleeping with women he meets in the bars, and brags about it. He even asked Sam to join him! Sam said no, he wasn't going — and warned Bob that he could get AIDS. Bob laughed and said, "No, not me!"

Abby, Carol and Bob have two adorable little girls. Carol is completely in the dark because she thinks Bob's problem is drinking, when the problem is really other women.

I asked Mother why she didn't tell Carol what she knew, and she told me that she had read an article of yours years ago that said a friend should never tell a friend; that the friend would not believe it and would end the friendship. Wouldn't the friendship end anyway, if she died from AIDS? And who would take care of those little girls? The friend who kept her mouth shut to avoid "making waves"? Do you have an updated answer in this day and age?

ANONYMOUS GOOD FRIEND

DEAR FRIEND: AIDS is now a very realistic factor in the decision of whether or not to disclose infidelity. Bob should be told that if he doesn't tell his wife what has been going on, you will. Also, they should both be tested for AIDS.

But don't dismiss the link with alcohol so quickly. Alcohol impairs judgment, and abuse of alcohol can play a major role in the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases by causing people to do things on impulse that they might not otherwise do.

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Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Hilary Clinton, Gramm trade health care barbs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Republican Sen. Phil Gramm says Hillary Rodham Clinton's broadside against him is a sign of desperation by a White House floundering over health care reform.

The first lady on Tuesday accused Gramm — who may make a run against her husband in 1996 — of "political opportunism" in his criticism of Democratic health bills. The attack came even as she bemoaned the increasing partisanship over health care reform.

Mrs. Clinton, who helped shape the since-discarded proposal that President Clinton submitted to Congress last October, said Gramm is trying to gain political points by terming the Democratic plan socialized medicine.

"Someone told me the other day that on some program he was ranting and raving about socialized medicine," Mrs. Clinton said in an interview with health reporters. "And they said, 'Well, do you favor the repeal of Medicare?' He backed off like he'd touched a hot stove."

Replied Gramm: "I'm not going to take the bait on name-calling."

"Personal attacks cheapen the process and demean the participants," he said in an interview.

"I have found that opponents never resort to name-calling and personal attacks when they are winning the debate, only when they are losing it."

In recent weeks, Gramm has forged an ever-rising profile as a spokesman against Clinton-backed health care reform. In addition to making the rounds of national news talk shows, he has unleashed some catchy criticism of the Democratic plan.

Last week, he took to the Senate floor with a scale to weigh the voluminous package of taxes he contends are nestled in the Democrat plan being considered in the Senate.

Gramm, who makes no secret of his presidential aspirations, dismissed the charges of political opportunism.

"I was doing over 50 national forums on this issue last year when there was no focus of attention on the issue," he said. "And, I was doing it then for the same reason I'm doing it now — which is that I believe that the Clinton approach to collectivizing health care decisions is bad policy and that it will hurt Americans."

On Monday, Gramm pledged to use "every power that I have" to block passage of the health care plan drafted by Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine.

A deeply divided Senate opened debate Tuesday on the Mitchell plan. Republicans contend that Mitchell's bill — designed to expand coverage to 95 percent of all Americans by 2000 — relies too heavily on higher taxes and gives government too much say over health care.

In 1993, the state whose students had the highest mean scores in the SATs was Iowa — 520 verbal, 583 math. But just 5 percent of Iowa's high-school graduates took the SATs that year. The national average of those three statistics was 424 verbal, 478 math, 43 percent of graduates taking the test.

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Texas officials hail appeals court ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas officials are applauding an appellate ruling that sets a higher standard for the federal government to prove it shouldn't have to rectify a Census undercount that missed 4.7 million people.

The ruling Monday by a three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. District Court of Appeals in Manhattan revives an effort by Texas and others to redress an undercount they say is costing them billions of federal dollars and congressional representation.

The Census Bureau has acknowledged that its 1990 count missed some 4.7 million people — a finding that has significant bearing on how $30 billion in federal funds are parceled out to states every year.

"We demand nothing more than what is justly due — a fair count of all Texans," Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said Tuesday.

"With this case going back to federal trial court, we are hopeful that the federal government will recognize its failure to adequately count Texans and take the proper steps to remedy this oversight," he added.

The judges' decision places the ball squarely in the hands of the Clinton administration, which now must decide whether to abide by the ruling sending the case back down to lower court or appeal it.

Justice Department and Census Bureau officials declined comment, saying they were studying the matter.

The administration's options include appealing the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court, asking the entire appeals court to rehear the matter or accepting the finding.

Letitia Vasquez, a spokeswoman for Texas Gov. Ann Richards, said the governor would urge the White House not to appeal the ruling.

The administration's decision will have a far-reaching impact on Texas — where by the Census Bureau's own admission 482,000 people were missed during the 1990 count. Those missed were mostly blacks and Hispanics living in urban areas and South Texas.

The Texas Office of State-Federal Relations estimates that the undercount could result in $442 million in lost Medicaid, highway and grant funds over a decade. The state contends that similar inaccuracies in the 1980 Census cost it some $600 million.

The Bush administration in 1991 rejected a recount, prompting a lawsuit by several large cities, including Houston, San Antonio, New York City, Los Angeles and Chicago. Also joining the lawsuit were the Texas Attorney General's Office, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and the League of United Latin American Citizens.

"That is music to my ears," said MALDEF attorney Arturo Jauregui in Chicago, when told of the panel's ruling. "This is a critical issue for minorities. Latinos and African-Americans are the population that has been systematically undercounted ever since the Census came into play."

Following criticism that the 1990 count was the least accurate in decades, the Census Bureau this year said it would revamp the way it gathers its decennial information.

House seats also are apportioned on the basis of population — a key facet of the appellate panel's ruling.

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Mom bought winning Quick Pick

AUSTIN (AP) — It's nice to share.

And in Scott Conner's case, it may have been imperative to share to maintain family relations.

That's because the 25-year-old construction worker from Huffman won half of the $17.1 million jackpot from Saturday night's Lotto Texas drawing with a Quick Pick ticket bought for him by his mother, Elsie Conner.

"We were headed to my daughter's house when I told everybody we needed to stop and get some Lotto Texas tickets," Mrs. Conner said. "They asked me to buy them five Quick Picks and I ended up giving them the winning ticket. They still haven't repaid me yet."

At a news conference in Austin on Tuesday, Conner gave his mother a $5 bill as repayment. But she will get much more than that.

Conner said a trust has been set up to allow the family to share the jackpot. On Tuesday, the Conner Group Trust received a check for $428,426.95, the first installment of the winnings. The trust will be paid $427,500 annually over the next 19 years.

"We've had a lot of different winners over the last two years," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Nora Linares. "But this may be the first time we've ever had a mother and son tag-team..."

Conner said he is going to retire from his construction job, build a log cabin, take a trip to Australia with his wife and take up rodeo.

Jerry's Auto & Enterprise in Huffman will receive a check for $85,509.26, or 1 percent of Conner's jackpot, for selling the lucky ticket.

Lotto officials say the second winner with the numbers 2, 6, 23, 36, 42 and 45 hasn't yet come forward.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Aug. 11, 1994

In the year ahead several important new relationships may take root, whereas past unproductive alliances could be suddenly severed. Interesting developments are imminent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Have someone double-check your work today if you have to perform a tedious mental assignment with lots of figures and facts. Your probability for errors is rather high. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In spite of what your better judgment tells you today, you might ignore it and do something erratic that could be both counterproductive and costly. Caution, Virgo!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Instead of being more persistent when challenged today, you might buckle under pressure and elect to do something less effective. Maintain the courage of your convictions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Impatience could be your worst enemy today, because it may unduly anger you if persons with whom you're involved don't immediately go along with your plans. Count to 10.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be extra mindful of your possessions and resources today. Don't carelessly leave valuables unguarded in ways that might tempt the light-fingered.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In order to achieve your objectives today, continuity of purpose is essential. You are kidding yourself if you think you'll hit your targets with a series of lucky shots.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not put on any airs or affectations today, or boast about things you've never accomplished. Your story might be checked for credibility and cause you embarrassment later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be friendly and cordial to all you encounter, but avoid getting too deeply involved with any one person. Friendships are extremely fragile, today and it won't take much to shatter bonds.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Strive to be diplomatic and tactful with individuals today whose aims are not in accord with your own. There could be touchy situations that might erupt into something unpleasant.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might have a tendency to promise one thing and do another. Take your commitments seriously so that later you won't have to make both alibis and amends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you're going to take any gambles today, do so in areas with which you're familiar. Even here the odds could be tilted against you, whereas in other areas, they may be outlandish.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're usually a pretty good judge of character, provided you let your logic supersede your feelings when making evaluations. Today, however, your emotions might call the shots.

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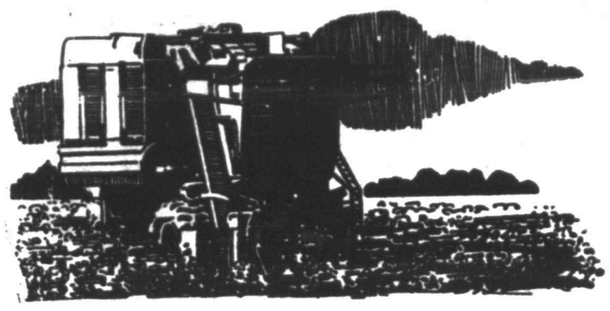

The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate, Pate Emu Farm

We received inquires from people all over the United States for information on the Emu business and asking can emu be raised in a specific area. Yes, emu are very adaptable to any climate, and are currently being raised successfully from the deserts of the southwest into Canada. Many are wanting to know what age emu is the best to buy. We try to advise them as prudently as possible and give the prospective buyer insight as to the money that will be required to build the necessary facilities.

There are guidelines, if followed, that will help when you decide to purchase emu.

Only buy from someone whose business character is reputable. Ask for business references, and check the references given; a phone call is a small amount compared to the cost of a pair of birds. Ask for their records on the emu you plan to purchase and take the time to examine them.

It is not advisable to purchase eggs, or chicks under 3 months of age as they have the highest rate of mortality. Eggs, can be purchased, apparently the cheapest option but most speculative. Chicks, 3-6 months may be more expensive than hatchlings but this option offers you more birds for the money and gives you at least two years to get the necessary facilities ready for hatching eggs and raising chicks yourself.

Ages 6-18 months are considered juveniles or yearlings (teenagers) and are more expensive than the chicks 3-6 months. Should you decide to purchase this age you should realize a return on your investment earlier.

There are terms you will hear that you may not be familiar with, such as coming twos. This means this particular pair will be two years old some time during the following breeding season. It is best to buy the older coming twos; they will be more likely to lay that season, although some lay as early as 18 months, others wait until they are coming threes.

Brooded — the pair has bred. If someone tells you a pair is bonded, ask if they have bred.

Drumming — the sound the hen makes — and grunting — the sound the male males — do not mean the hen will lay or the eggs will be fertile, only that they are healthy and maturing.

Once a pair has laid fertile eggs, they are referred to as proven breeders. A pair of proven breeders is the most expensive but the quickest way to reach production.

Emu require only a small amount of land, making them an excellent alternative agri-business for most people. Insurance can be purchased on emu four months and older to secure your investment. Educate yourself before buying; go to several operations; see their facilities. Are their facilities adequate to produce the number of birds they are selling? If not they might well be brokering birds, and can offer no legitimate records on the birds.

A must: Insist that all agreements be in writing or contract form. All birds should be mircochipped; verify the microchip in the bird you are buying with the microchip number on your contract. The contract should specify when the birds will become property of the purchaser, will the seller deliver or is it the buyers responsibility for transporting the birds? Ask if the seller offers after sale support. When buying pairs insist on non-related birds.

For further information contact, PATE EMU FARM, 573-5340.

The Zone 7 meeting of the Texas Emu Association will be held at noon Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Golden Corral in Big Spring.

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts, County Extension Agent

Parents can help infants learn in a number of ways by taking simple steps. Some routine activities are important to a baby's growth and well-being.

Parents can help infants to feel safe and secure by:

•Handling them gently.

•Supporting the back and head of infants when you pick them up.

•Picking them up gently when they cry. You won't spoil babies if you pick them up every time they cry during the early weeks and months. Crying is the infant's only way of letting you know his or her needs.

•Let babies suck on a pacifier if this comforts them.

Parents also need to make the baby feel clean and comfortable. Here are a number of things you can do:

•Keep infants dry and clean. Change their diapers and wash their bottoms when wet or dirty. Young babies have very tender skin that gets sore easily.

•Dress babies according to the temperature. A baby's body cannot adjust to outside temperatures as well as an adult's body. Avoid overdressing infants.

Babies learn through sight, sond, touching and motion. These activities can help your child learn:

SIGHT —

•Place unbreakable mirrors and simple patterns within the baby's sight. In the early weeks, black and white objects are just as interesting to babies as colored ones.

•Hold the child close so the baby can see your face. Use animated expressions, smile and laugh with your baby.

SOUND —

•Expose the baby to various sounds, such as the vacuum sweeper, water running, radio and TV and music.

•Talk to the infant about what you are doing.

TOUCH —

•Touch the baby with your hands or soft fabrics. Give a gentle massage.

•When parents feed, bathe or hold infants, they should stroke their heads or bodies gently as they speak to them.

MOTION —

•Slowly move around, or dance with them.

•Rock them.

•Walk them in a stroller.

These parenting behaviors let babies know that they are loved. Parents also communicate through body language and emotions. When parents are tense, they communicate this by the way they hold and touch the baby. Infants often respond with fussiness or tension.

Parents will grow in confidence and competence as they spend time getting to know the uniqueness of their infant and appropriately responding to meet those needs.

SCS Notes

By Terry Hefner
Soil Conservationist

The first Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts signed by Texas landowners will begin expiring in 1995. According to Soil Conservation Service officials, now is the time to start making plans for the use of those acres.

Congress established CRP in the 1985 Farm Bill to take marginal cropland out of production and most often, plant it to grass. Texas landowners traded 4 million acres of cropland production for 10 years of annual rental payments. Eighty percent of those acres is in a 55-county area in the southern high plains and panhandle area.

Charles Coffman, Soil Conservation Service resource conservationist, Lubbock, said landowners shouldn't overlook the wildlife options available to them on CRP acres.

"We have developed a management note that outlines options to consider when planning the future of CRP acres," Coffman said. "Wildlife habitat options are important whether you plan to leave the acres in grass or return them to crop production."

The management note is targeted for the high plains and panhandle area and describes four basic options:

1. Managing the total grass acreage for wildlife habitat.

2. Managing the grass acreage for grazing livestock and wildlife habitat.

3. Returning part of the acreage to crop production and managing the remaining grass for wildlife habitat.

4. Returning the total acreage to crop production and managing for wildlife habitat.

The management note is another in a series developed by Texas Tech University. The Soil Conservation Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Texas Extension Service also assisted in developing the note. Additional financial support was provided by the High Plains Chapter of Quail Unlimited and Pheasants Forever.

Wildlife and other options will be discussed at CRP meetings scheduled for Amarillo on Aug. 23 and Lubbock on Aug. 25. The meeting in Amarillo will be at the Sunset Convention Center; in Lubbock, it will be held at the Civic Center Auditorium. Times are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. for each.

CRP contract holders can get a management note from the Soil Conservation Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Extension Service or Texas Tech. It will also be available at the meetings in Lubbock and Amarillo.

"Income from wildlife is untapped in this area," Coffman said. "Many land holders don't charge a lease fee for hunting on their property. There is a potential for this because of the increased numbers of wildlife on CRP acres."

Colorado City livestock auction

COLORADO CITY — All classes of cattle were steady to slightly higher on 953 head at the Colorado City Livestock Auction on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Heifers: 200-400, 85-110; 400-600, 80-85; 600-800, 75-80.

Steers: 200-400, 95-115; 400-600, 85-95; 600-800, 75-85.

Springer cows good: 600-800; older bred cows: 450-600; cows and calves good: 750-850; older pairs: 550-650; good packer cows: 46-50; fat packer cows: 40-44; old Shelley, 25-38; packer bulls: 55-66.

Sweetwater cattle auction

The market was steady to higher on a run of 1,051 head of cattle for the Aug. 3 sale. Stocker and feeder cattle 2 to 3 cwt higher with packer cows and bulls 1 to 2 cwt higher. Young pairs and bred cows steady to higher.

STEERS
—300-400: 95-110.
—400-500: 85-93.
—500-600: 84-90.
—600-700: 78-84.

HEIFERS
—300-400: 88-100.
—400-500: 80-86.
—500-600: 78-83.
—600-700: 75-80.

—BRED COWS
—Good: 550-650.
—Older and plainer: 400-525.

Pairs
—Good: 750-875.
—Older and plainer: 600-750.

PACKER COWS
—Good: 43-49.

PACKER BULLS
—Good: 55-62
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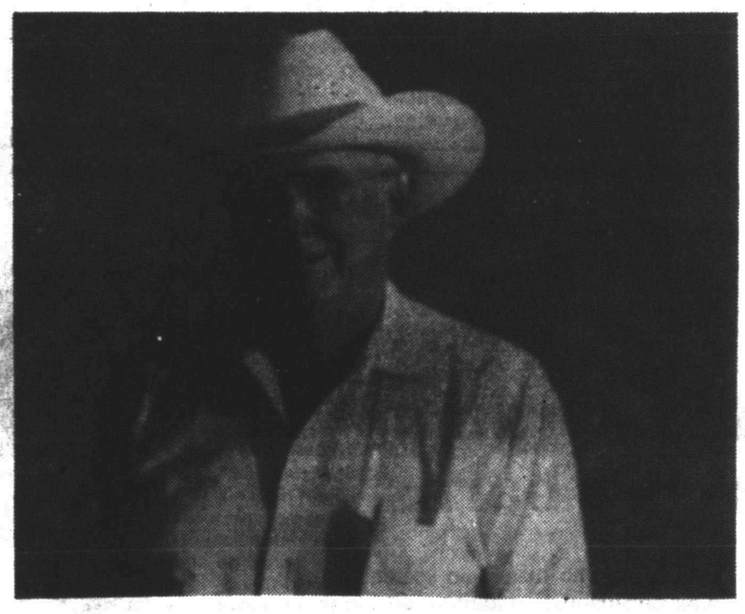

W.C. Hart
1922-1994

The officers, directors and employees of Snyder National Bank pay tribute to W.C. Hart for his many unselfish years to this bank, to his profession and to his community.

Mr. Hart served as a director of Snyder National Bank from January, 1974 until his untimely death on August 8, 1994. Mr. Hart was especially valuable to the bank for his vast knowlege of cattle and agricultural-related enterprises.

At the time of his death, Mr. Hart had earned many awards and was regarded as one of the most respected cattle buyers in the southwest. His ranch, located southeast of Snyder on the Colorado City Highway, is the epitome of professionalism and the latest in ag technology. The ranch was often the site for community events.

Born in Gaines County, Mr. Hart had lived most of his life in Scurry County. For more than 20 years he was a member of the board of directors of West Texas Boys Ranch in San Angelo. He was also a member of the Century Club of the West Texas Rehab Center in Abilene.

In 1993, Mr. Hart was recipient of the Winston Award given each year by the Snyder chamber of commerce for contributions in the field of agriculture. He was also honored as the Outstanding Conservation Rancher by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.

Other honors include the Take Pride in American Award, the Award of Merit from the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, the Resident Conservation Rancher as well as Honorary Degrees from the Future Farmers of America.

We will miss his leadership, his progressive attitude, his smile and his friendship. Snyder and Scurry County is blessed that W.C. Hart came our way.

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