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Fund ...ng begins for TDC site donation

A two-week campaign to raise $1 million as Snyder's incentives for location of a state of Texas prison in Scurry County began today.

The $1 million will be used to purchase a section of land for the prison site and the industrial building--both of which will be donated to the Texas Department of Corrections.

The fund-raising effort is being spearheaded by all Snyder financial institutions which have pledged to make long-term, low-interest loans to citizens and businesses who want to make a contribution to the prison effort.

Bankers and savings and loan officials hope to wrap up the effort by Dec. 4. Title to the land and building are expected to be transferred to the TDC in late December with anticipated construction due to begin in March or April.

Snyder was chosen as a site for a 1,000-bed facility at the TDC's Nov. 9 meeting following a 21-month effort by civic leaders. The Economic Development Committee is continuing its efforts to secure another 1,000 beds in future appropriations.

Initial construction is to cost $13 million and the TDC is to employ 250 staffers at an annual payroll of $6.7 million.

By Thursday morning, more than $50,000 had already been raised. Donations may be made at any Snyder financial institutions or may be taken to the chamber office.

All financial institutions are cooperating in the lending effort to both individuals and firms who wish to contribute.

Loans may be repaid on a monthly basis over a three or four-year period. All donations are tax-deductible.

"Persons making a contribution are really making an investment in the future of Snyder and Scurry County," commented Rex Robinson, president of Snyder National Bank and chairman of the finance committee.

Serving on the fund-raising committee are Bill Parker, president of West Texas State Bank; Eddie Johnson, president of American State Bank; J. B. Tate Jr., president of Snyder Savings and Loan; and Fran Farmer, assistant vice president of Olney Savings.

The high-profile fund-raiser will include lapel buttons and business posters that declare, "I'm In."

LAUNCH FUND DRIVE--Bill Wilson of Wilson Motors kicked off the prison fund campaign Thursday morning with a $25,000 donation from his company. Accepting the investment is Rex Robinson, president of Snyder National Bank; and Bill Moss, chamber of commerce manager. The Scurry County Industrial Foundation hopes to raise $1 million by Dec. 4 to pay for land and building purchases. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Memorial effort begun...

United Way tops 91 percent mark

With its goal 91 percent reached, Scurry County United Way directors Wednesday pledged to fund its nine local agencies at least at the same level as last year and elected to accept memorial gifts through December for longtime United Way volunteer Lyle Deffebach.

With a goal of $80,000--$5,000 more than last year--the drive to date stands at $73,000. United Way's nine agencies were allocated approximately $75,000 during the past year, and drive officials said they are confident this level will still be reached and possibly surpassed.

In addition, directors said they are asking for memorial funds through December in memory of Deffebach, who died Nov. 5 as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

He was the senior member of the 25-member United Way board and was again serving as the royalty division chairman for the 1987 campaign.

United Way directors have begun the fund with a $250 donation. "The fund total in memory of Lyle will be announced in December," said United Way President Ralph Williamson. Those donating to the fund will also be recognized in the United Way newspaper ad.

"The donations will help our campaign, but we also see it as a way of honoring a man we considered Mr. United Way," Williamson said.

Donations for the Lyle Deffebach Memorial Fund can be mailed to Scurry County United Way, P.O. Box 1411, Snyder, Tx., 79549.

As of Wednesday, four of the drive's nine divisions had reached or surpassed 100 percent of individual goals. This included the Pacesetter Division, the drive's largest, with a goal of $31,200.

The total for it now stands at some $31,800 for 102 percent. Division chairmen for Pacesetters include Jack Gorman, who will serve as United Way president next year, Williamson, Mike Banta and Donny Brown.

The drive's second largest division, Oil and Industry, was at 93 percent with $10,552 raised of a $11,200 goal. Its division chairmen are Bill Jacobi, Burt Robbins and Rodger Sullenger.

The Commercial division, with a goal of $10,100, was at 89 percent with $8,853 raised. It is headed by Blanche Chisum, Art Feinsod, Barbara Figueredo, Perry Westmoreland, Bob Lang and Jeff Lowrance.

Another 100 percent division is the National campaign, which has raised $4,248 over its goal of $4,000. It is headed by Eddie Johnson.

See DRIVE, page 9

Audit due for school

The annual outside audit report for the Snyder school district is slated Thursday as part of the board's regular November meeting.

The session will begin at 7 p.m. at the school administration buidling.

Completing the audit is Colorado City accountant Joe Morren.

As a separate agenda item, employment of an auditor for the next school year is listed also.

The board has scheduled also an executive session at meeting's end to discuss a personnel matter.

Agenda items listed for action include:

—Appoint the school textbook committee.

—Delete a school policy related to the requirement for a tuberculosis certificate.

—Amend local school policy deleting the TB requirements.

—Amend local school policy related to a Title IX coordinator.

OLD WEST COMEDY — The calvary and the Indians join together for the entertainment package offered with Western Texas College's "Wild Oats," which begins its run Thursday in the Fine Arts Theatre. Curtain time is 8 p.m. to see, among others, calvaryman Dave Harveson and Indian Bret Dillon. For more play photos, see inside page 10. (SDN Staff Photo)

'Wild Oats' opens on campus

The opening performance of the Western Texas College production of "Wild Oats" is Thursday, the first of five shows slated nightly through Monday.

Curtain time Thursday is 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre on campus. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students and may be reserved by calling the box office at 573-8511, ext. 240.

The cast includes Jamie Cofer of Snyder, Dave Harveson of Fort Worth, Dan Hawkins of Graham, Ila Kay Gross of Knox City, Bret Dillon of Leedey, Okla., Mike Carmichael, Jim Miller and Theresa Rodriguez of Lubbock, Anthony Galvez of Seagraves and Shauna Gibson of Vernon.

"Wild Oats" was written by James McLure and based on a famous 18th century Restoration comedy by John O'Keefe. The current version retains the basic plot structure of the original while transferring the events and people to the American frontier.

Critics have hailed the work as a "rollicking comedy."

The locale is moved from a drawing room of Restoration England to the saloons and prairies of the Old West.

Likewise, the characters are transformed to music hall girls and cavalrymen.

"Wild Oats" will be performed nightly Thursday through Monday and all performances will be at 8 o'clock nightly with the exception of next Sunday's show, which will be at 8:30 p.m.

Play officials note WTC students will be admitted free with their ID card, but are asked to make reservations so seating can be arranged.

PTK gives honor to 2 campus staff

Dr. Jim Tully and Pam Johnson were recognized Thursday morning by the Western Texas College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) for outstanding service to students at WTC.

It marked the first time dual awards were presented by PTK, announced each year at this time as part of the PTK Founder's Day observance.

Presenting Tully's award was John Traylor of Snyder, vice president of PTK. Laura Roe of Brownfield, president of the student senate, presented Johnson her honor.

Tully joined the WTC staff in August of 1971 as dean of learning resources. He has served as financial aid director since January, 1985.

As financial director, he works closely with students, helping them find and apply for a variety of financial assistance offers. He also serves as announcer at home basketball games for the WTC Westerners and Lady Dusters.

Tully taught math in the Houston Independent School

See PTK, page 9

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Be careful, the guy who says you can't take it with with you is probably trying to take it from you."

There's a dermatologist in Lubbock who may have a sly grin on his face if you happen to mention being from Snyder.

Snyder's T. L. Martin knows the reason. Martin was visiting the doctor several years ago and mentioned that he was from Scurry County.

"That's Snyder, isn't it?" asked the doctor.

The doctor continued that he knows Snyder pretty well and remembers stopping for breakfast several years ago at the Phillips 66 Truck Stop on East Highway.

The doctor and his companion had left Lubbock early. When they reached the Snyder restaurant, it was filled with oil field crews.

The doc and his companion surveyed the crowd and noticed that one group appeared to be a drilling crew. They watched as the waitresses brought out hearty servings of eggs, biscuits and gravy. Despite the early hour, one man was served up a hamburger and fries.

The doc nudged his companion and said, "Look at that guy eating a hamburger." His comment was overheard and it appeared that the oilfield hand was about to take exception to the squeaky clean doc.

He was saved by the waitress who walked up and asked to take their breakfast order. The quick-thinking doctor replied, "I'll have one of those good-looking hamburgers."

On I-20 there is said to be a sign at the entrance of one truck stop. It reads: "Shoes and shirts are required to eat here."

Scrawled beneath is the additional message: "Socks and shorts may eat wherever they want to."

Thursday

Nov. 19, 1987

Ask Us

Q. — What can be done about people that run sewage in the ditch out in the country?

A. — Such an action may be reported to the Lubbock office of the Texas Water Commission. The telephone number is (806) 794-4435. The address is TWC District 2, 5124-C, 69th St., Lubbock, Tx., 79424.

In Brief

Tip recovering

BOSTON (AP) — The surgeon who removed a golfball-sized tumor from the bowel of former House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill said no further cancer was detected during surgery, although final test results are expected by Friday.

Local

Cogdell meet

The November meeting for the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of directors is Thursday, set to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the facility.

Agenda items include the medical staff report, administrator's report, credit and collection report and setting a date for the December meeting due to the holidays.

SACROC event

Locals are invited to tour the offices of SACROC Thursday from 3 until 5 p.m. as the Snyder Chamber of Commerce board offers thanks to the SACROC operating unit.

Locals are invited also to greet new superintendent for SACROC, H.J. Payne.

Thursday's chamber event is the fourth in a planned series to offer thanks to industry and groups which have had a significant impact on the county. These have been staged earlier for Wall's Industry, the local teaching profession and TUElectric.

Academic meet

The Council for Educational Excellence will conduct a meeting for members and prospective members Friday at 7 p.m. at the Scurry County Museum on the campus of Western Texas College.

A presentation from Snyder Superintendent Dalton Moseley is scheduled, followed by a question and answer session.

Shirley Jones, Central Elementary teacher, will also speak to the group. She recently received a grant from the council allowing her to attend an educational seminar in San Antonio focusing on minority education in Texas.

Dance slated

The 55 and older group will have a dance Thursday at the Scurry County Coliseum (Room A). Robert Allen and his band will play from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Admission is $2 per person.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 48 degrees; low, 20 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 21 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1987 to date, 18.21 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear and cold with a low in the upper 20s. Light southwest wind. Friday, sunny with a high in the lower 60s. Light wind, becoming north 5 to 15 mph during the morning.

Water linked to defects

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Children whose parents worked or lived near areas where drinking water was contaminated with a common industrial solvent were 2½ times as likely as others to have congenital heart defects, researchers say.

Their study is the first to show a link between the solvent, trichloroethylene, and heart defects, the researchers said Wednesday at the annual meeting of the American Heart Association.

"Now we've got our work cut out for us," said Dr. Cleo Loeber, a pediatric cardiologist at the University of Iowa and one of the study's authors. "Hopefully this will get people working on this. It certainly is something that needs to be addressed."

The findings were based on interviews with parents of 646 children born with heart defects who were conceived in Tucson, Ariz., and whose mothers spent the first three months of their pregnancy there, said Dr. Stanley Goldberg of the University of Arizona in Tucson and principal author of the study.

Thirty-two percent of the parents lived or worked in a combined residential and industrial area in Tucson where trichloroethylene contaminated the drinking water from the 1950s until 1981, when the wells were closed, Goldberg said.

The incidence of congenital heart defects in the children of these parents who had lived or worked in the area was 2½ times that of heart defects in children of Tucson mothers who did not have contact with the area, Goldberg said.

A wide variety of heart defects were observed, the researchers said.

Trichloroethylene, or TCE, is one of the most widely used industrial solvents, said Kathleen Wolf, a chemical physicist associated with the Center for Hazardous Materials Control at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Wolf, an authority on TCE, said it is found in ground water and surface water around the country.

"It appears virtually everywhere," she said.

TCE is used to clean metal parts and has been used for dry cleaning. It was once used in food preparation, such as decaffeinating coffee.

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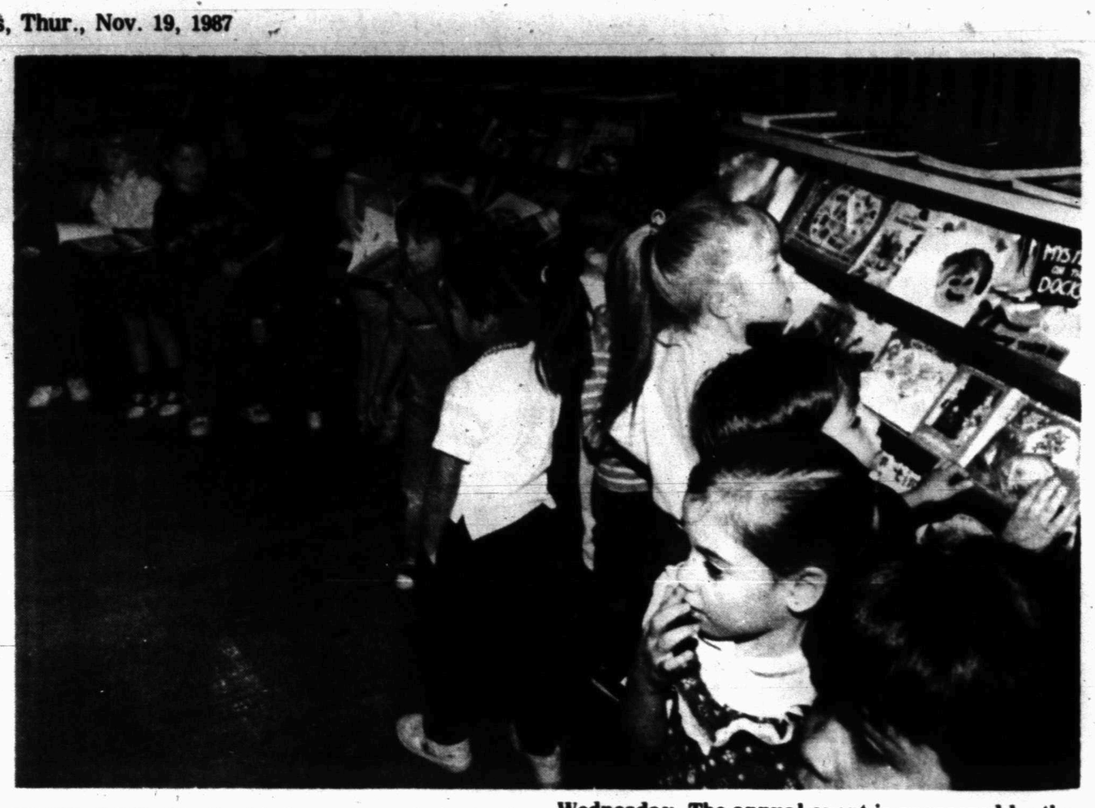

BOOK FAIR--North kindergarten students in Gaylene Dobbs' class attended the book fair Wednesday. The annual event is sponsored by the North Parent Council. (SDN Staff Photo)

NYC case raises questions about national adoption plan

by The Associated Press

It's a legal process designed to protect a most precious commodity: children. But the nation's private adoption system, critics say, is filled with loopholes, open to abuse and ripe for change.

The tragic case of Elizabeth Steinberg, a 6-year-old New York girl whose death touched the nation, has stirred debate and raised questions about whether the system does enough to prevent exploitation.

Elizabeth was given up at birth to lawyer Joel Steinberg, who promised to find her a stable home. But a lawyer for the girl's mother says Steinberg and his live-in companion simply kept the child, after a prospective adoptive family refused to pay $50,000 for her.

Steinberg and his companion, Hedda Nussbaum, are charged with murder. Elizabeth's death was attributed to repeated blows to the head and body.

This case, some say, illustrates how private adoptions — those arranged outside established agencies — can go awry because of too many legal loopholes and too few safeguards to ensure children's welfare.

"The Steinberg case is an extreme example, but it points to what can happen in any potential independent adoption," said Jeff Rosenberg, adoption services director at the National Committee for Adoption. "It points out the need for some real changes in our adoption system."

"Nobody," he said, "should be able to take custody of a child before being professionally evaluated."

Defenders of private adoptions say the fault lies with individuals, not the system.

"To take a freaky thing like this and say this is why private adoptions are not good is not just," said David Keene Leavitt, a Beverly Hills, Calif., lawyer who handles up to 300 private adoptions a year.

Rosenberg, whose Washington-based organization is an umbrella group for private adoption agencies, said 45 states allow some form of private adoption without licensing or certification.

"We require people to have licenses to sell real estate, but we don't have them licensed to place children," said Sanford Katz, family law professor at Boston College Law School. "It's a shocking mistreatment of children."

Critics of private adoption also say penalties for breaking adoption laws are insufficient.

In the New York case, Steinberg did not seek to legally adopt Elizabeth, and no charges have been filed in connection with the way he gained custody of her. Authorities, however, are investigating reports that Steinberg may have been involved in a baby "black market" ring.

2 young brothers die in mobile home fire

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Firefighters and neighbors battled flames and smoke to try to save two young brothers, but rescuers were too late when they finally made their way into the gutted mobile home.

Four-year-old Justin Kuntz and his 3-year-old brother, Shane, clung together crying for help during the blaze Wednesday afternoon, officials said. Their bodies were found huddled together on a bed.

Plastic tricycles were melted at the side of the mobile home and a dog searched throughout the debris for her puppies. Firefighters said they found four dead puppies on the other end of the mobile home.

The boys' mother, Rita Kuntz, was awakened and told of the fire by her 2-year-old daughter, Roxanne. The mother and daughter were treated and released at Sierra Medical Center.

Autopsies will be needed to determine whether Justin and Shane died from smoke inhalation or fire. Firefighters said victims usually die from inhaling smoke.

Fire Marshal Rodney Harris said late Wednesday that "there's just too much damage right now" to try to determine the cause of the fire, but investigator Hector Zubia said the fire appeared to have started in the kitchen or the boys' bedroom area.

Gabby Rocha was one of several people who tried to save the boys. She was coming out of her driveway across the street at about 2:30 p.m. when she saw black smoke coming from the mobile home.

She said Mrs. Kuntz "was coming out the door. She had a child in her hand and she was screaming, 'My two kids! My two kids!,'" Ms. Rocha said. "The woman's hair was singed. I asked where the kids were. She said they were in the back bedroom."

Neighbor Joel Marez arrived and helped Ms. Rocha break two bedroom windows and attempt to put the fire out with a garden hose.

Marez, 18, said he opened one of the doors and, "I put two feet in the door, but the smoke was just too thick and the fire was just too hot ... I heard little screams. They were just screaming."

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Some salt is a necessity

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT — A friend said that his religion prohibited the use of minerals, including salt. I thought that some salt was necessary.

DEAR READER — Some salt is necessary — in fact, unavoidable — in our diets. Meat, poultry, dairy products and, of course, seafood contain salt. Unquestionably, Americans eat too much salt; we add it to food in cooking and at the table, and most processed food contains rather high quantities of sodium chloride. The average daily intake of salt in the United States is about 200 milliequivalents, compared to one milliequivalent in primitive tribes in South America.

High dietary salt appears to make high blood pressure more severe. Therefore, patients with hypertension are usually encouraged to cut down on salt intake. Salt does not seem to affect normal people, the kidneys are able simply to excrete any excess. The issue of whether salt causes hypertension is, as yet, unsettled. However, most doctors caution against using large quantities of salt. A normal balanced diet will provide enough salt, without the necessity of adding sodium chloride.

Your friend's religion may prohibit supplementary salt in the diet. The prohibition of all salt would lead to a nutritionally unsound diet that would be impossible for anyone to follow.

Other minerals — such as potassium and calcium — are also present in many common foods and are necessary for good health. Most nutrition experts now believe that the most healthful diet is one that is low in sodium, fat and cholesterol with 15 percent of total calories made up of protein, 30 percent (or less) made up of fat and the remaining 55 percent composed of complex carbohydrates, such as starches.

DEAR DR. GOTT — Sometimes, when I doze, I jump or twitch. I'm not concerned about it, but I wonder why it happens.

DEAR READER — You are describing so called hypnagogic phenomena, the twitching and jumping that normally occur in people just before they fall asleep. Sometimes these phenomena are experienced as hypnagogic hallucinations — vivid thoughts or perceptions that startle us into wakefulness. Sleep experts have concluded that these events are caused by random electrical activity in the brain, prior to the time the brain waves stabilize in a sleep pattern. Hypnagogic phenomena happen to most people at one time or another and are nothing to worry about.

If you have questions about SLEEP, you can get answers in Dr. Gott's new Health Report on the subject. Send $1 to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to ask for the Health Report on Sleep.

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People who can help oil, gas need support

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Texas voters should not support a presidential candidate who won't solve the state's oil and gas market problems, Texas Railroad Commissioner Jim Nugent says.

Nugent made the remark Wednesday while in Corpus Christi to attend the commission's monthly statewide oil and gas hearing. The commission meets in different parts of the state for the hearings.

"The state has been important in the election of the last five presidents," said Nugent. "This time, if a candidate doesn't carry Texas, he won't get elected.

"Texas is extremely critical," Nugent said. "We should ask each candidate about his energy policy, what encouragement we can expect for exploration and drilling."

The candidates should be forced to tell Texans where each stands on an energy policy before election day, Nugent said, adding that "it makes no difference if they are Republican or Democratic."

"It is worth a try. We need jobs. The state is sick. We have all sorts of problems," said Nugent. "The candidates are paying more attention to us than in the past."

A decrease in oil and natural gas prices has made it uneconomical to drill for petroleum, although there are adequate reserves in the state, including South Texas, he said.

"Our next president must understand the economic gains to be realized from oil and gas exploration," said Nugent. "Some 200 jobs can be created for every drilling rig we bring back into action."

Six years ago there were 1,45 drilling rigs active in the state, h noted. That total now has falle to about 325 rigs.

"If we increased rig count t 500, we would create 100,000 nev jobs in Texas, and pump mor than $1.5 billion in salaries int the state's economy," sai Nugent.

Nugent said one possibility o providing petroleum companie an incentive to drill would b through tax breaks.

For example, he said, com panies drilling in a proven fielc might be given a three-year tax break. Wildcat drillers would receive up to five years of no taxes on their discoveries.

Nugent said the United States is in worse shape for oil reserves than in the crisis of the 1970s.

"In the last week of last July, we imported for the first time more oil than we produced. The American people are being flim-flammed," said Nugent.

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Nov. 20, 1987

The year ahead appears to be one of exceptional promise, especially in areas where you can assert yourself creatively. The use of your keen imagination will help fulfill your ambitious objectives.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An interesting development is stirring for you careerwise. There could be a sudden shift that will enable you to substantially increase your earnings. Major changes are ahead for Scorpios in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In order to advance your personal interests today, you may have to be a trifle bolder than usual. Don't be afraid to take a chance if you're sure the odds are in your favor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A situation about which you've been concerned looks like it's going to work out today. It might even pave the way for something good you haven't anticipated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A condition on which you didn't figure could eclipse your present expectations. Don't fret, the new program will be better than the one it replaces.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Dawn is breaking on your financial horizon today. Money could soon loosen up for you through the opening of a previously untapped channel.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something promising is in the offing for you at this time. Others will be involved, but the mechanism for reaping rewards will be in your hands.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Beneficial changes of which you might not be fully aware are occurring today. However, you'll learn of them at the proper time, from the proper people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An ally you've made will prove his or her worth to you in this present cycle. This person's actions will help you appreciate the value of a true friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Opportunities will soon prevail in areas which were previously rather dismal careerwise. Be ready to make the most of what Lady Luck offers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Something in which you're presently involved can be more efficiently organized at this time. It will produce the results for which you've been hoping.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your financial aspects look extremely promising at this time, provided you diligently pursue situations that can produce personal gains.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Partnership arrangements into which you enter in this period should prove mutually advantageous. Team up with allies who take their responsibilities seriously.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, a program for out-of-control eating; St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall; 2214 42nd St. All are welcome; the meeting is free; 4 p.m. For more information, call Joann at 573-9839.

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m.; for more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext 283.

Weight Watchers of West Texas; basement of First Presbyterian Church; 6 p.m. New members welcome and should register at 5:30 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall; salad supper; 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; Texan Restaurant; 6:30 p.m.

Alateen; for the children of alcoholics; 7 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101.

Dance lessons; country-western; VFW; 7:30; $2.50; call 573-9314 or 573-3432 for information.

Snyder Coin Club; West Texas State Bank community room; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Winston Park Building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

FRIDAY

Story Time for Preschoolers; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Duplicate bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius Dodson House; open to public 2:30-5 p.m.

Cub Scouts, Den 1, Pack 177 will visit KSNY radio station at 3 p.m.

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m.; for more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext 283.

Council for Educational Excellence; 7 p.m.; Scurry County Museum, Western Texas College.

American Legion Post 181 Ladies Auxiliary; covered dish supper for member families; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon; Chapel of Roses, Ave. K and 13th St.; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101.

Alcoholics Anonymous; Ave. K and 13th St.; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101.

SATURDAY

MAWC Christmas Bazaar. 1-8 p.m. Chicken spaghetti supper served from 5-7 p.m. Twelve clubs are participating in all. Tickets are available at $5 for adults and $2.50 for children and must be purchased by noon on Thursday, Nov. 19. A variety of holiday items will be offered for sale.

Diamond M Museum, open from 1-4 p.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-0414.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Winston Park building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

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

Diamond M Museum, open from 1-4 p.m.

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

Black Women's Association; SNB community room; 5 p.m.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR--Katherine Erwin, Art Guild Study Club member, is pictured working on items for the Christmas Bazaar to be held Saturday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. A spaghetti supper will be held from 5-7 p.m. Tickets cost $5 for adults and $2.50 for children. (SDN Staff Photo)

Jail plan nets long car rides

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The Nueces County sheriff's plan to stop accepting federal prisoners because of crowded conditions means the prisoners going to court will have to be shuttled to and from other jails at least three hours' drive away, a U.S. Marshal says.

Sheriff James T. Hickey told the Marshal's Service last week that after Jan. 1, he will not accept federal prisoners when the population at the county jail and a new annex exceeds 374.

U.S. Marshal B.S. Baker of Houston said Wednesday that means that prisoners headed for court in Corpus Christi would have to be shuttled to and from the Rio Grande Valley or Houston areas.

The marshal, however, said he understands Hickey's predicament at the crowded jail.

The Texas Department of Corrections is under federal court orders to limit the number of inmates admitted to state prisons. That has caused a backlog of convicted state prisoners at county jails.

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♠ 8 7 6 4 3 2
♥ 7 4
♦ J 9 8 5
♣ Q

SOUTH
♠ A K
♥ K Q J 10 8 5
♦ A
♣ J 8 6 2

Vulnerable Neither
Dealer South

West	North	East	South
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Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead ♠ Q

Big giveaway reaps profit

By James Jacoby

Trumping partner's good trick is not considered good form at the bridge table. But it can be the right play. It's easier to execute such a play when partner is mute and can't talk back to you. When does that happen? Yes, you've figured it out — when you are the declarer and partner is the dummy. Then you have the responsibility of playing his cards, even if that involves trumping your good trick. An obvious reason for trumping a good trick would be to create an extra entry to either hand.

Today's six-heart contract at first glance seemed to depend upon the club suit behaving well for declarer. But then declarer saw a way to give himself an extra chance, provided he was not squeamish about ruffing his own winning king. He won the ace of spades, played the ace of diamonds and a heart to dummy's ace and ruffed a diamond back to his hand. Then he played his spade king and trumped it in dummy. Another diamond was ruffed with the heart 10, and declarer then drew the remaining trumps. A club to dummy's ace allowed him to pitch two clubs on the diamond king and the good 10 of diamonds. Declarer now gave up a club and won the last trick with his remaining trump. Thus he made his contract without having to fall back on a favorable club division.

A new book by James Jacoby and his father, the late Oswald Jacoby, is now available at bookstores. It is "Jacoby on Card Games," published by Pharos Books.

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Woman slain, set afire by husband who left note

DALLAS (AP) — Police say a Dallas man left a newspaper article as a suicide note when he shot his ex-wife to death, set her body on fire and turned the gun on himself.

Elizabeth Elaine Harris, 33, died of several gunshot wounds to the head, police said. Willie Harris, 38, was in critical condition at Parkland Hospital today where he was being treated for a gunshot wound to the head and third-degree burns, authorities said.

Police said they found a newspaper article about an Arlington man who shot his estranged fiance to death before turning the gun on himself inside a pickup truck in an Arlington park last Sunday.

The victims were found Wednesday inside a burning automobile outside the Red Cross office where Mrs. Harris worked as a typist.

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Dear Abby

Pictures Worth More Words Than Second Wife Can Stand

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: This letter is in regard to "Steaming in Georgia," who had passed around a family album for visiting relatives to enjoy. She observed one "in-law" looking at two pictures of her husband and his first wife for a very long time. Then after everyone had left, she noticed that those two pictures had been removed from the album. "Steamed" was sure Wife No. 2 had taken them, and asked how to handle that situation at the next family gathering. You suggested she stand guard while guests looked at the album. Not very helpful, Abby.

I am also Wife No. 2, whose mother-in-law keeps pictures of her son and Wife No. 1 in an album permanently displayed on her coffee table. This offended me. After six years, I finally told my husband how I felt about it. It wasn't as though his mother didn't have any pictures of her son and me together. After all, we have taken her on several vacation trips with us, and took plenty of pictures, which she has — but none are in her album.

Couldn't you have said a few words in defense of Wife No. 2?

J.O. IN MINNESOTA

DEAR J.O.: I could have, and I should have. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Why did both "Steamed in Georgia" and you assume that the two pictures removed from the album were lifted by Wife No. 2?

When my second wife and I were visiting my mother, I noticed that her family albums contained pictures of me and Wife No. 1, but none of me and my present wife, so I removed those pictures from the album, gave Mom a big hug and promised to replace them with some new ones of me and my present wife. What could she have done?

LIVING IN THE PRESENT

DEAR LIVING: She could have given you a belt in the chops and ordered you to keep your paws off her album. But I'm glad she didn't.

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DEAR ABBY: I would suggest that "Steamed" use a little better judgment in the future, and remove — ahead of time — any pictures that could be offensive or hurtful to her guests.

As the wife of a divorced man, I know exactly how Wife No. 2 must have felt. True, the "in-law" had no right to remove those pictures, but she shouldn't have been subjected to them in the first place.

If anyone has the right to be steamed, I say it's Wife No. 2.

WIFE NO. 3

• • •

DEAR ABBY: I'll get right to the point. I am planning to marry "Audrey" soon. I love her very much. I would like to have my friend "Stewart" be my best man. I've known him for 18 years, and we have always been the best of friends. The problem: Audrey and Stewart were lovers at one time.

I don't want either one of them to be uncomfortable. What should I do?

CHICAGOAN

DEAR CHICAGOAN: Don't agonize over it. Ask Audrey how she feels about Stewart being your best man. If she has any negative feelings, ask someone else. If she's agreeable, ask Stewart. If he's willing, no problem.

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For Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding," send a check or money order for $2.50 ($3 in Canada) and a long, stamped (39 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054.

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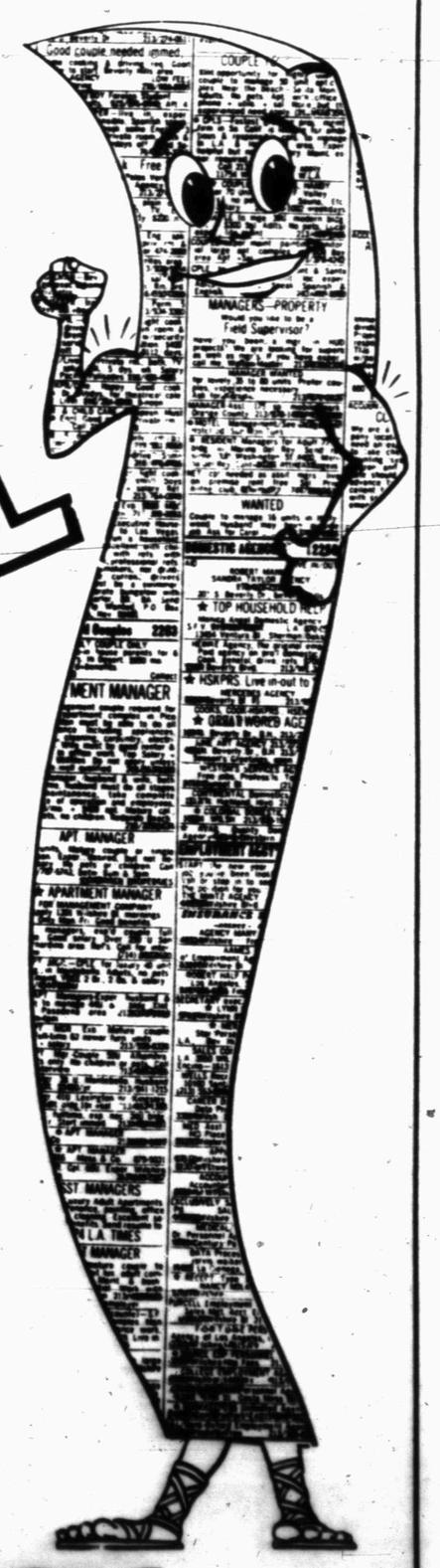

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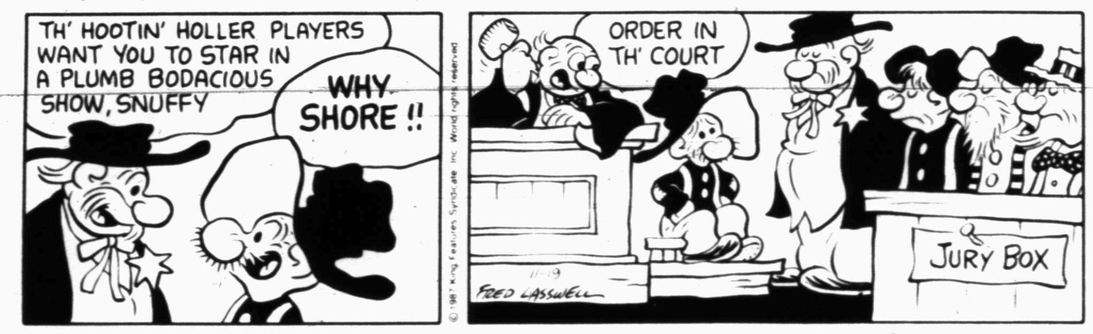

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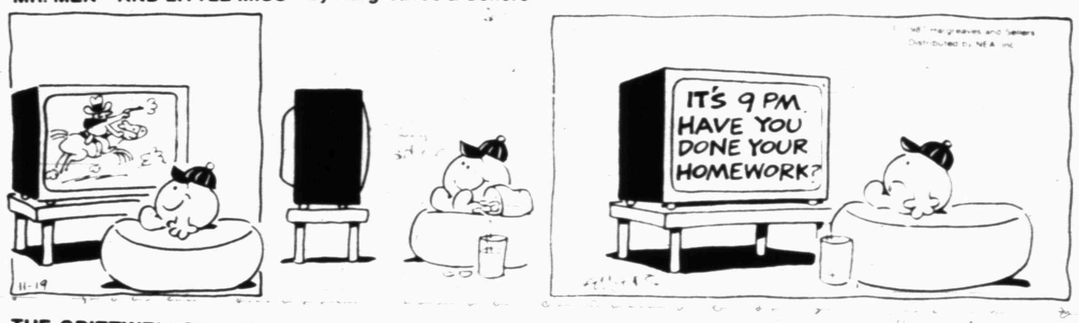

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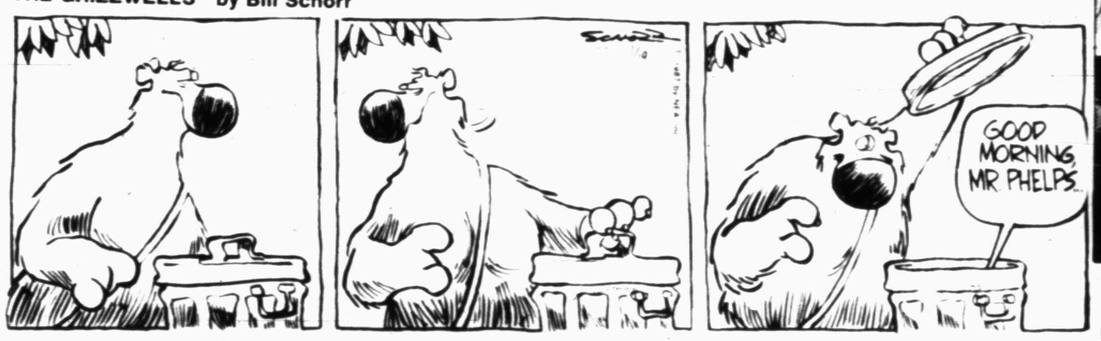

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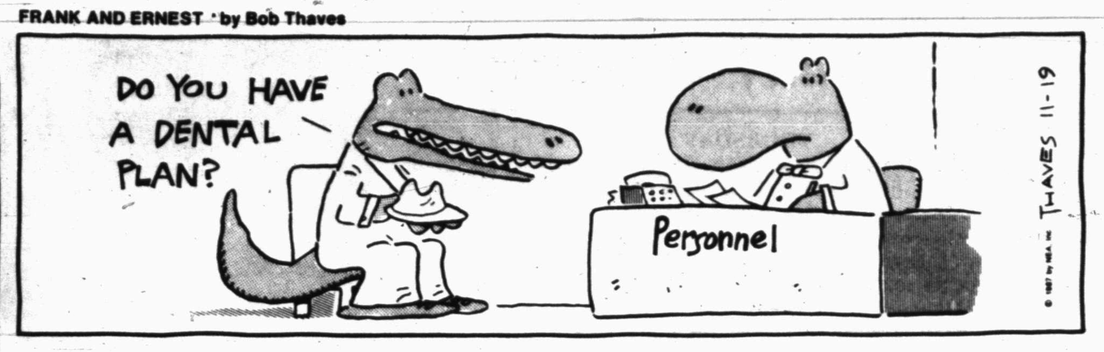

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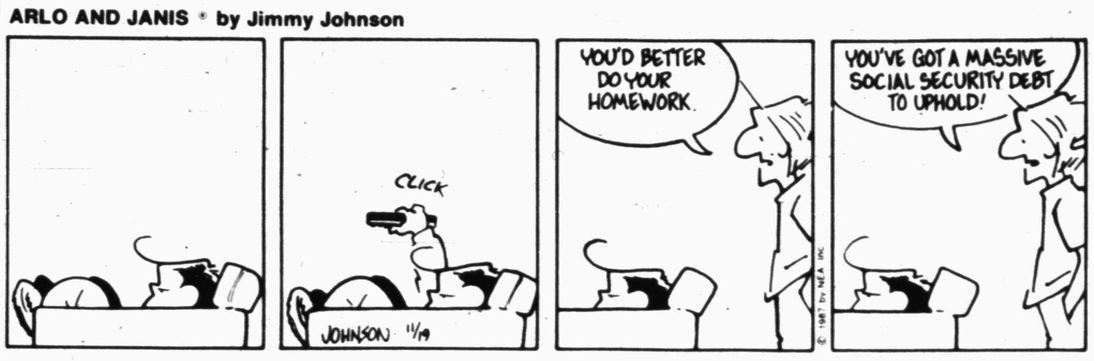

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PUZZLE

NEA

ACROSS

1 Actress Gardner
4 Went quickly
8 Exude
12 Over (poet.)
13 Ship of the Argonauts
14 Similar in kind
15 Compass point
16 Broke
17 Inner (comb. form)
18 Unsuccessful car
20 Transgress
22 Romaine
23 Card spot
25 Set of garments
27 Collector (of facts, etc.)
31 Parts of speech
34 Trouble
35 Horse directives
37 Russian river
38 Cut
40 Invasion
42 Uncle
43 Rugged guy (comp. wd.)
45 Slumbered
47 jacket
49 Part of the psyche
50 Landers
52 Egyptian deity
54 Customs
58 Uses chair
60 Actress Merrill
62 Bird (comb. form)
63 Resin-producing tree
64 Crazy
65 Turkish cap
66 Game played on horseback
67 Charitable org.
68 Three (pref.)

DOWN

1 First-rate (2 wds.)
2 Peddle
3 War god
4 Tree
5 Big leaguer
6 Conceits
7 Actress Day
8 Compass point
9 Tire problems
10 Opp. of No. 17
11 "__ Who"
19 Environment agcy.
21 Convent inmate
24 British nobleman
26 Paper of indebtedness
27 Incision
28 Telephone wire
29 Basic
30 Scan
32 Appellation
33 Arctic vehicle
36 Male parent
39 Dine
41 Beliefs
44 Head
46 Make love to
48 Donkey
50 Pronto (abbr.)
51 Actor Robert De
53 Anna and the King of
55 Lifeboat
56 At all times
57 Magnitude
59 Theater sign (abbr.)
61 Gridder group (abbr.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Y	A	K	S		L	Y	E		Y	A	M	S
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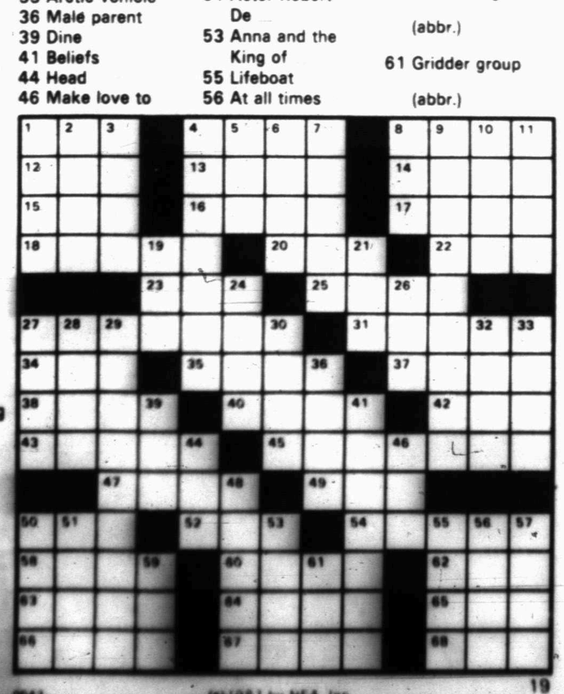

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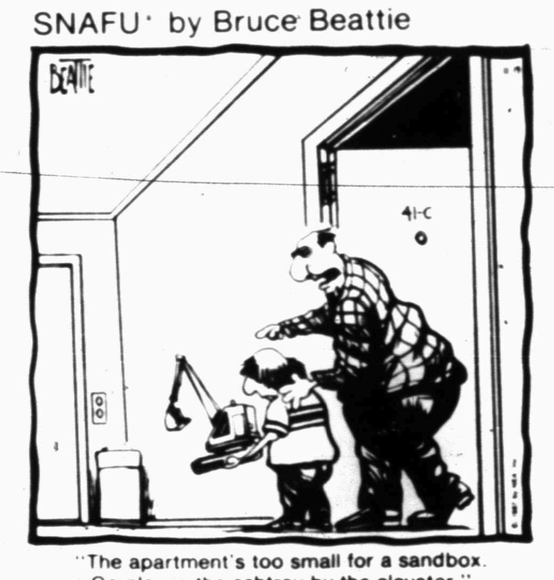


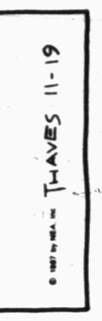
"The apartment's too small for a sandbox. Go play in the ashtray by the elevator."

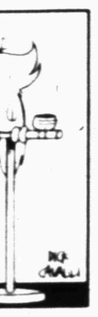
LAFF-A-DAY

"Maybe we ought to turn the world over to the kids for a few years...I'm sure they'd hand it back."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"MY MOM LOVES THE SMELL OF BURNING LEAVES!"





Familiar coaches pitted as Dusters battle Panola

BIG SPRING -- Western Texas College Duster fans will see a familiar face on the court here tonight as their Dusters take on Panola College at 6 p.m. in the Howard College Hawk Queen Classic.

Joe Cushing, who coached the Dusters for seven seasons from 1978-1985, will be directing Panola. Cushing's Duster teams never finished below second in the conference, a tradition that current Duster coach Kelly Chadwick has maintained. Cushing fashioned a record of 181 wins and 57 losses while at Western, and many of those games were against Amarillo when Chadwick coached there.

"The games between Joe's teams and my teams have always been real good ones and I expect this one to be, too," said Chadwick. "He's a fine coach."

In other tournament games today, Odessa plays McLennan Community College at 4 p.m. and Howard faces Southwest Christian at 8 p.m.

The Dusters play McLennan Community College at 4 p.m. on Friday, and Southwest Christian College at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Howard College Hawk Queen Classic

Thursday, Nov. 19: Odessa vs. McLennan, 4 p.m.; Western Texas vs. Panola, 6 p.m.; Howard vs. SW Christian, 8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 20: McLennan vs. Western Texas, 4 p.m.; SW Christian vs. Odessa, 6 p.m.; Howard vs. Panola, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21: Odessa vs. Panola, 1:30 p.m.; Western Texas vs. SW Christian, 3:30 p.m.; Howard vs. McLennan, 5:30 p.m.

Westerners play Bacone in Quarterback Classic

HUTCHINSON, Kan. -- Western Texas College's Westerners go against Bacone, Okla. in first-day action of the Quarterback Classic here at 6:30 p.m.

The Westerners, 1-8, will play Weatherford at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Hutchinson at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Quarterback Classic
Hutchinson, Kansas

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SHS ladies play Friday in Big Spring tourney

BIG SPRING -- Snyder's Lady Tigers, fresh off of a 74-48 victory over Abilene Cooper, tangle with Lubbock High in first-round action of the Big Spring Tournament here Friday.

Tip-off is 3:30 p.m.

Andrews, Hereford, Lubbock Coronado and Big Spring are also entered in the two-day tournament.

Friday, Nov. 20: **Game 1**, 2 p.m., Andrews vs. Hereford; **Game 2**, 3:30 p.m., Snyder vs. Lubbock High; **Game 3**, 7 p.m., loser Game 1 vs. Coronado; **Game 4**, 8:30 p.m., Big Spring vs. loser Game 2.
Saturday, Nov. 21: **Game 5**, 10:30 a.m., winner Game 1 vs. winner Game 4; **Game 6**, 12:00 p.m., winner Game 3 vs. winner Game 2; **Game 7**, 1:30 p.m., consolation; **Game 8**, 4:30 p.m., third place; **Game 9**, 6 p.m., championship.

Class 1A playoff slated between Paducah, Eden

Paducah's Dragons, 5-1A champions, will take on 6-1A runnerup Eden at 7:30 p.m. here Friday in a bi-district football playoff game.

Tickets, available locally at Tiger Stadium on Friday night, are $4 for adults and $2 for students.

According to media vote...

Arkansas early hoop favorite in SWC

DALLAS (AP) - Coach Nolan Richardon's Arkansas Razorbacks are the media's consensus choice to capture the 1988 Southwest Conference basketball championship, SWC officials say.

Twenty-four of the 35 media members participating in the vote at the 23rd annual SWC Basketball Media Day chose the Razorbacks to edge Baylor for the 74th SWC regular-season basketball championship.

Baylor, which returns four starters from last year's second-place 18-13 club, received five first-place votes, while Houston garnered four and placed third in total points.

Results of the balloting, with nine points awarded for a first-place vote, eight for second, etc. (first-place votes in parentheses): 1. Arkansas (24) 301; 2. Baylor (5) 281; 3. Houston (4) 247; 4. Southern Methodist (1) 212; 5. Texas Tech (1) 173; 6. Texas A&M 125; 7. Texas 113; 8. Texas Christian 83; 9. Rice 40.

Arkansas was picked no worse than third in the 1988 race as 10 lettermen and five starters return from last season's 19-14 team that advanced to the second round of the post-season NIT.

The Razorbacks open the 1987-88 season with an exhibition game Saturday against the Italian National Team in Fayetteville, Ark.

Baylor center Darryl Middleton, a consensus All-SWC selection in 1987, won the balloting for pre-season Player of the Year honors, while Houston junior Richard Hollis, a transfer from New Mexico Junior College, was a near-unanimous selection for Newcomer of the Year, receiving 29 of the 34 votes cast.

Hollis was the national JC Player of the Year for the 1986-87 season.

Middleton was one of eight players to receive votes for Player of the Year. The senior from Queens, N.Y., received 10 of the 34 votes with Baylor's Michael Williams and Arkansas' Ron Huery tying for second with seven votes each.

Sixteen players received votes for the pre-season All-SWC team. The top five vote-getters were: Arkansas' Ron Huery (26 votes), Houston's Richard Hollis (19 votes), Baylor's Darryl Middleton (24 votes) and Michael Williams (29 votes), and Texas Tech's Sean Gay (29 votes).

Mavs edge Clippers

DALLAS (AP) - The Dallas Mavericks had to struggle to defeat the Los Angeles Clippers 97-87 Wednesday night, a victory that came over a team that lost its 21st straight road game dating back to last season.

Friday night, the 4-3 Mavericks face their stiffest test of the season in Inglewood, Calif., against the NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers, undefeated over their first seven games.

"We'll have our work cut out for us," said Mavericks guard Rolando Blackman.

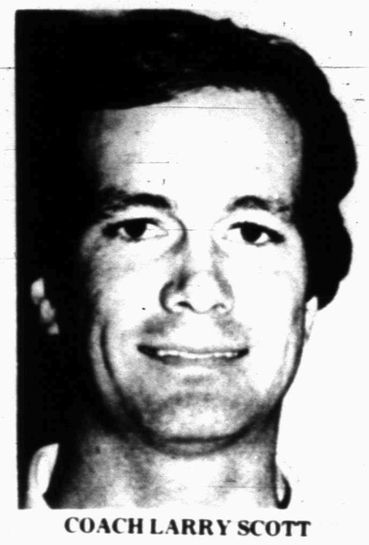
Quicker Tigers plan to run, play pressure defense in '87

Snyder fans will see a different kind of basketball from Coach Larry Scott's varsity Tigers this season.

Blessed with some quickness and depth, Coach Scott plans to go to the press and the fast break.

"We've got a lot of depth, we feel, and we're going to try to use a lot of pressure on defense and take advantage of that depth. The same way, we're going to try and put pressure on offense - try to push the ball down the court and take advantage of our quickness," said Coach Scott, whose Tigers open the 1987-88 season by hosting Abilene Cooper at 7:30 Friday in the coliseum.

Snyder returns four lettermen from a team that finished third in the District 2-4A race last season. The group includes three returning starters: 6-5 senior post Trey Tippens, 6-3 senior forward Terry Garza, and 6-0 junior guard Lewis Wesley. Tippens and Garza were both second-team, all-district selections.


COACH LARRY SCOTT

The other returning letterman is 6-0 senior guard Kevin Combest.

Filling out the roster will be 6-1 sophomore post Tracy Braziel, and six seniors. The upperclassmen are 6-3 post Perry Greathouse, 5-10 guards Van Echols and Juan Escobedo, 6-1 forward Anthony Wortham, 6-0 forward Roland Romo, and 5-11 forward Kevin Ward.

Snyder lost some strength inside when first-team choice Chris Garrett graduated, but Coach Scott feels like the Tigers can make up for it.

"We'll probably be a little weaker inside because won't have the same height and bulk did last year. We have more quickness inside now, though," noted the coach. "I think our guard situation is we have more depth and better shooting. If we can adapt to this new style of basketball we're going to play I think we'll have a chance to have a good team."

Scott isn't necessarily looking for a gang-busters type start. He knows it will take time.

"It may be a while before we get to playing like we want to. We haven't pressed a lot in years past and we haven't run the ball and we'll have to get use to that. We probably won't be pressing as much early in the year as I hope we're able to later," the coach said.

Snyder junior varsity also plays Cooper in the coliseum in a 6 p.m. ballgame Friday. In addition, the Cats and Cougars get together for a 6 p.m. sophomore game at the high school.

Coach Scott noted that Saturday's sophomore game with Lubbock High has been cancelled. Snyder will still play a 6 p.m. junior varsity game and a 7:30 p.m. varsity game in Lubbock.

The Tigers play in the Levelland and Denver City tournaments this season and open District 2-4A play by hosting Fort Stockton on Dec. 15.

Snyder Tigers

Date		Opponent	Place	Time
N	20	Cooper*	Here	7:30
N	21	Lubbock High	There	7:30
N	24	Midland Lee	There	7:30
N	28	Levelland	Here	3:00
D	1	Brownwood	Abilene	8:00
D	4	Levelland Tournament		
D	5	Levelland Tournament		
D	8	Colorado City	Here	7:30
D	11	Denver City Tournament		
D	12	Denver City Tournament		
D	15	Ft. Stockton	Here	7:30
D	18	Pecos	There	7:30
D	21	Sweetwater	Here	7:30
D	29	Mineral Wells		TBA
J	1	Central	There	7:30
J	5	Big Spring	Here	7:30
J	8	Andrews	Here	7:30
J	12	Lamesa	There	7:30
J	15	Monahans	Here	7:30
J	19	Lake View	Here	7:30
J	22	Ft. Stockton	There	7:30
J	26	Sweetwater	There	7:30
J	29	Pecos	Here	7:30
F	2	Big Spring	There	7:30
F	9	Lamesa	Here	7:30
F	12	Andrews	There	7:30
F	16	Lake View	There	7:30
F	19	Monahans	There	7:30

'Unwanted' Dawson NL MVP

CHICAGO (AP) - The Chicago Cubs' Andre Dawson, who began the season unwanted, ended it by being named the Most Valuable Player in the National League.

While the Cubs were failing and falling to last place in the NL East, Dawson was stunning - leading the majors with 137 runs batted in and tying for the lead with 49 home runs.

"I would wake up in the morning and just look forward to going to the ballpark," Dawson said Wednesday after learning of the award. "You can only dream about those kind of numbers. I didn't want to go out and try to perform above what I was capable of. I just try to do the best I could."

In becoming the first member of a last-place team to be named MVP, Dawson beat St. Louis shortstop Ozzie Smith 269-193 in voting by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

While the Cubs floundered to a 76-85 finish, Dawson batted .287 and played a strong right field. He earned an additional $150,000 for staying off the disabled list and an extra $50,000 for making the All-Star team for the fourth time, but did not have an incentive clause for winning the MVP.

Jack Clark, Smith's teammate with the NL East champion Cardinals team that finished 18½ games ahead of Chicago, was third in the MVP balloting with 186 points. Montreal's Tim Wallach was fourth and San Francisco's Will Clark was fifth. Cy Young winner Steve Bedrosian of Philadelphia finished 16th.

Bell takes AL award; Most Valuable Player

NEW YORK (AP) - George Bell won the American League Most Valuable Player award, beating Alan Trammell in the voting even after being beaten by him on the field.

The Toronto outfielder is the first MVP from a Canadian team and the first from the Dominican Republic.

"For the people of the Dominican, it means a lot," Bell said by telephone from his home in San Pedro de Macoris. "These people have been asking me when the MVP would be announced. They thought it would be three or four days after the World Series. The local newspapers couldn't wait to find out."

Bell received 332 points to 311 for Trammell in voting by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Bell had a .308 batting average, a league-leading 134 runs batted in and 47 home runs - but he and the Blue Jays collapsed in the final week of the season, just as Trammell and the Detroit Tigers were charging toward the AL East title.

Bell received 16 first-place and 12 second-place votes. Trammell had 12 firsts, 15 seconds and one third.

Minnesota outfielder Kirby Puckett was third in the voting with 201 points, followed by Boston's Dwight Evans and Milwaukee's Paul Molitor.

Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS - Rehired Doc Edwards, manager, and signed him to a one-year contract. Retained Johnny Goryl, third-base coach.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MILWAUKEE BUCKS - Acquired Larry Krystkowiak, forward, from the San Antonio Spurs in exchange for Charles Davis, guard-forward, an undisclosed amount of cash and future considerations.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS - Waived Jeff Gossett, punter. Signed Chris Dressel, tight end.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS - Released Wayne Jones, offensive lineman. Placed Reggie Rutland, defensive back, on the injured reserve. Signed Chris Foote, center, Michael Durrette, guard, and Sam Anno, linebacker.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS - Placed Preston Gothard, tight end, on injured reserve. Signed Lorenzo Freeman, tackle.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Boston	7	1	.875	
Philadelphia	2	3	.400	3½
Washington	2	5	.286	4½
New Jersey	1	4	.200	4½
New York	1	6	.143	5½
Central Division				
Chicago	6	1	.857	
Atlanta	5	2	.714	1
Milwaukee	5	2	.714	1
Indiana	5	3	.625	1½
Detroit	3	3	.500	2½
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Sacramento	2	4	.333	2½
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Phoenix	3	4	.429	4
Seattle	3	4	.429	4
L.A. Clippers	2	5	.286	5
Portland	2	5	.286	5
Golden State	1	7	.125	6½

Wednesday's Games

Boston 111, New York 109, 2OT
Chicago 84, Washington 82
Atlanta 95, Golden State 92
Philadelphia 113, Detroit 109
Dallas 97, Los Angeles Clippers 87
Indiana 117, Denver 106
Phoenix 90, Utah 80
Seattle 120, Portland 114

Thursday's Games

New York at New Jersey
Houston at Cleveland
Milwaukee at Sacramento

Friday's Games

Golden State at Detroit
Boston at Philadelphia
Atlanta at Chicago
San Antonio at Denver
Indiana at Utah
Los Angeles Clippers at Phoenix
Dallas at Los Angeles Lakers
Washington at Portland
Milwaukee at Seattle

Sideline glances...

Buckeyes take a black eye

By BILL McCLELLAN
SDN Sports Editor

Idiocy in Ohio.

The power of the almighty scoreboard once again has beaten common sense senseless.

In a brilliant display of 'yes, people can truly be dumber than rocks,' Earle Bruce has been fired as head football coach at Ohio State. Excellence doesn't mean anything.

Understand, this is not a program that has been mired in the cellar for years. There aren't any player scandals. No NCAA investigations. It's just that after eight straight bowl appearances - including two Big Ten titles and two co-titles - the Buckeyes slipped to 5-4-1.

That's too much to take, say the alumni. Get rid of the bum. Toss him out. After all, he lost three games in a row. By a total of what - 10 points? My gosh!

So Ohio State President Edward H. Jennings succumbs to the ravings of minor minds and fires the guy who brought home a Cotton Bowl victory just last season.

And Jennings doesn't have the decency to do it at the end of the season. After all, his job could be on the line, too. Kissing the right place is very important here. So he fires Bruce on Monday, before that traditional fall football classic, the Ohio State-Michigan ballgame.

Athletic Director Rick Bay resigns in disgust.

And Bruce is confused. His 80-26-1 record at Ohio State should speak for itself. It doesn't.

"I'm not allowed to have this year - one year, one bad year at Ohio State?" said Bruce.

Apparently not.

Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler, a staunch rival of Bruce's on the field and a good friend off, indicated what he thinks of the situation.

"Tell him not to worry. Tell him I'll take the athletic directorship at Michigan and hire him up here. Tell him that. That'll shut them up."

Indeed, it might.

For the record, Michigan Athletic Director Don Canham is retiring at the end of this school year. Other than the comment concerning Bruce, however, Schembechler has not indicated an interest in the job.

Dub's Barbecue was the most accurate football forecaster in our Coffee Drinker's Selections this season, picking 146 right, 74 wrong for a .664 accuracy rate. Congratulations to Dub Hirt and the boys.

Second, just one game off the pace at 145-75 for .659, was Spanish Inn.

The Texan was next at 142-78 for .645, followed by Stinson Drug with 134-86 for .609 and Bell-Cypert Seale with 133-87 for .605.

Speaking of football, it may surprise some to know that Snyder's Ragin' Tigers led District 2-4A teams in interceptions for the 1987 season. The Tigers picked off 14 opponents' passes. Randy Morris had half of those to lead the league. Scott Lanier was credited with three and Michael Riggins, Vyron Clay, Roy Gutierrez and Trey Tippens had one apiece.

Lake View grabbed 11 intercepts while Sweetwater and Andrews nabbed 10 each and Lamesa, Pecos, Fort Stockton and Monahans came away with nine. Big Spring managed seven.

Incidentally, all of Morris' intercepts came in district play.

Clay - who ran out of just about every backfield position during the season - had 561 yards on 100 carries to rank ninth among 2-4A running backs. Riggins was 14th with 346 yards despite missing 10 of the last 12 quarters of the season while Roy Gutierrez was 17th with 276 yards. Morris also ran for 114 yards on just four carries.

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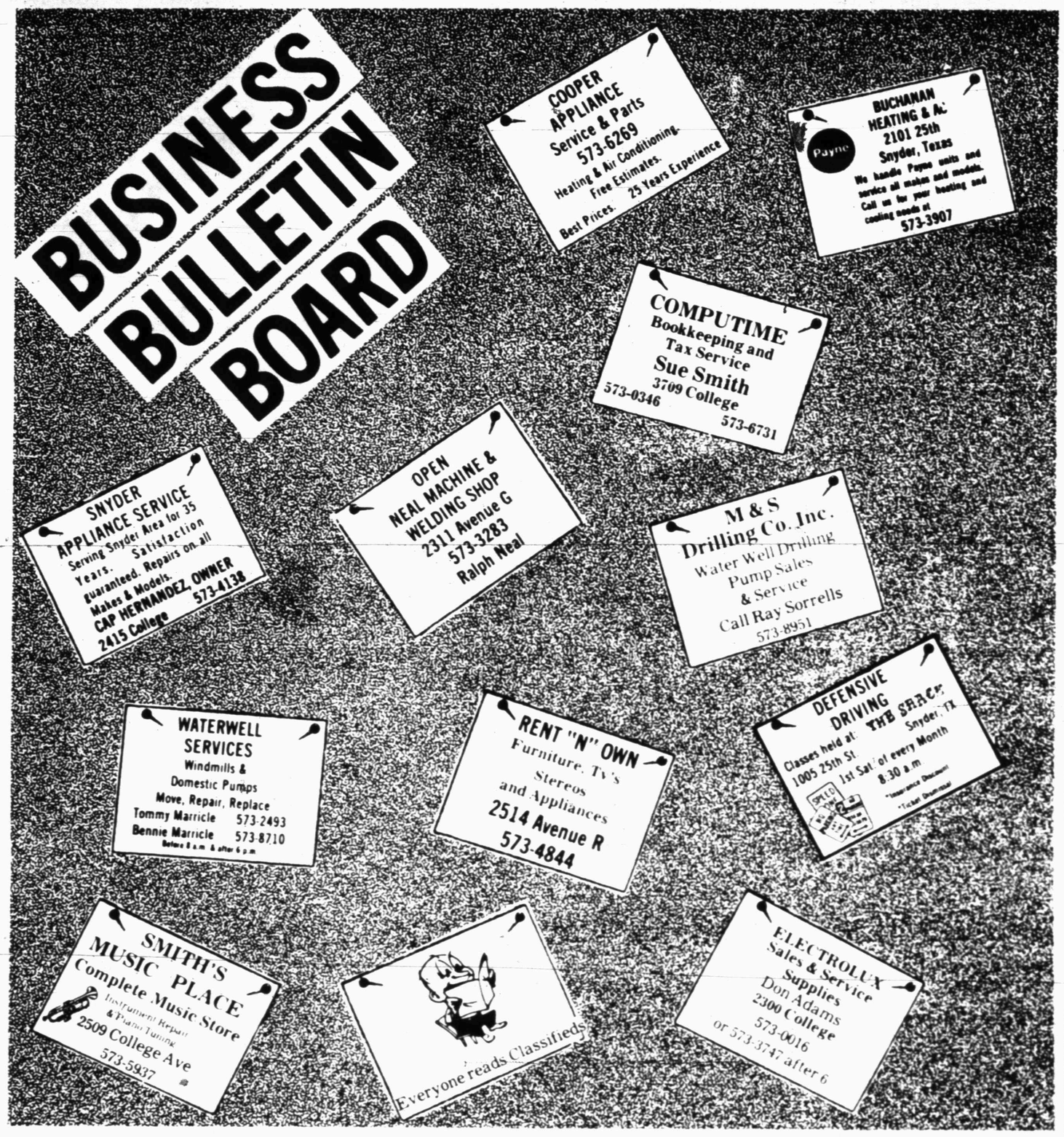

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Bond denied for developer

HOUSTON (AP) — J.R. McConnell, the elusive real estate developer who turned himself in to federal authorities, will remain in jail without bond, a federal judge has ruled.

McConnell had sought a $50,000 bond, but U.S. Magistrate Karen Brown denied the request Wednesday, agreeing with federal prosecutors that McConnell was a risk to flee the country.

The goverment had requested he be jailed until trial, or, if bond was set, that it be $1 million.

During the court appearance, McConnell also told Brown he was indigent and would need a court-appointed attorney. A Monday hearing was set to name an attorney.

McConnell, wearing a dark blue suit, looked upbeat as he was brought handcuffed into the magistrate's courtroom. After Brown's ruling, he buried his face in his hands.

"He is upset and he is distraught," McConnell's attorney at the bond hearing, Stanley Cushman, said afterwards. "I think he expected to be treated with a semblance of fairness.

"I think he was surprised. I was. I don't think he's a risk. He came back voluntarily."

McConnell, arrested Tuesday after getting off a plane from Mexico, was indicted last month in what federal prosecutors said was just the start of one of the biggest bank-loan fraud cases in U.S. history.

The indictment charged that McConnell and five associates last year arranged loans for $4.2 million through fraud, including false ownership papers for property posted as collateral.

Federal officials have said the two loans listed in the indictment, one at a Houston bank and another at a savings and loan, were only part of a larger scheme to defraud lending institutions of at least $162 million.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Woodward described McConnell as the mastermind of the scheme and said more indictments against him were likely. McConnell already faces a possible 20 years in prison and $1 million fine plus restitution costs if convicted on the current charges.

Woodward said Wednesday that federal investigators traced McConnell to visits to London, Scotland, Switzerland, Canada and Mexico and that they believed he may have tried to set up a residence in Switzerland.

At the time of his arrest Tuesday, McConnell said he had 35 cents in his pocket. Woodward said federal agents were trying to determine if he had cash hidden in foreign banks.

During the hearing, Woodward told the judge McConnell had refused to tell his own attorney of his whereabouts and had reneged on an earlier offer to turn himself in.

"He successfully thwarted and avoided attempts to locate him," the prosecutor said. "He's been incarcerated now and knows what it's like and that increases his chance of flight."

"The fact is he did appear, he showed up, he got here," Cushman countered. "They did not have to go get him."

Brown, however, ruled that she could not be reasonably certain McConnell would appear for trial, now set for Dec. 29, and that he should remain in custody. Woodward said it was doubtful the trial would begin that early.

Cushman, from Gainesville, Fla., took the case on behalf of his law partner, a friend of McConnell's. McConnell also is from Gainesville and has a previous Florida conviction in the 1970s for selling unregistered securities.

Cushman had hoped the bond would be reduced.

Oil futures finish higher

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil futures have bounced back after a heavy selloff stemming from continued worries about burgeoning crude oil stocks and signs of growing production.

In a volatile session Wednesday, crude prices hit three-month lows in early trading, but wound up closing sharply higher.

The December contract for West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark grade of U.S. crude oil, dropped as much as 35 cents before bouncing higher to close at $18.64 per barrel, up 24 cents from Tuesday's close.

Refined products on the exchange were mixed, also in volatile trading.

Wholesale unleaded gasoline fell as much as 1.09 cents a gallon before rebounding to close .31 cent higher at 49.40 cents a gallon. Wholesale heating oil fell .26 to close at 54.94 a gallon.

Futures opened sharply lower on what analysts called bearish sentiment stemming from monthly inventory figures by the American Petroleum Institute, released after the close of trading Tuesday.

The report noted crude oil stocks were 2.1 percent higher in October than a year earlier and almost 5 percent higher than in September, an indication that supply was slightly outpacing demand.

Nuke plant closer to licensing

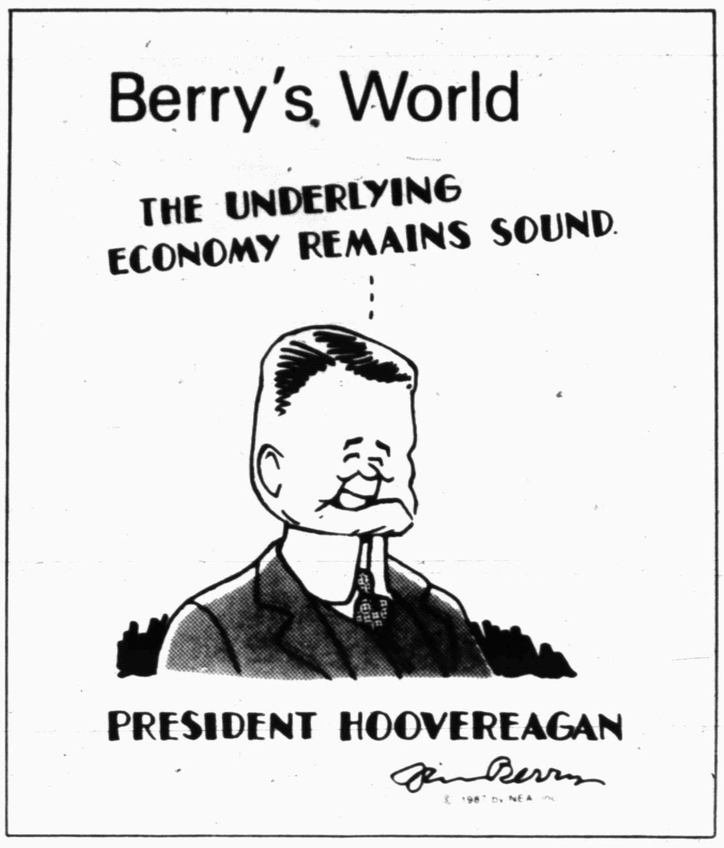
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A program for correcting design and construction problems at the over-budget Comanche Peak nuclear power plant may be approved, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission says.

The NRC will make a decision after public hearings tentatively scheduled for Dec. 9 in Dallas, said Jane Axelrad, deputy director of the commission's Office of Special Projects.

In a memoradum dated Nov. 6 and made public Tuesday, an NRC official says he found the TU Electric's three-year review of the plant acceptable with some relatively minor conditions. The memo was written by James Keppler, director of the NRC's Office of Special Projects.

The plant, about 80 miles southwest of Dallas in Somervell County, was begun nearly 13 years ago but has yet to generate power. Its estimated cost increased from $779 million to $7.5 billion. At least some of the overruns are likely to be passed on to rate payers.

The design and construction of the plant repeatedly have been questioned, frustrating the utility's attempts to win a license.



Pickens drops bid for Newmont Mining

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Corporate raider T. Boone Pickens bailed out of his controversial takeover bid of Newmont Mining Corp. after a Delaware court blocked the buyout.

"Ivanhoe is withdrawing its cash tender offer for 28 million common shares of Newmont Corp.," Amarillo-based Ivanhoe Acquisition Corp. officials said Wednesday.

Newmont shares tendered into the Ivanhoe offer will be returned to the tendering shareholders, the officials said in a statement. Neither Pickens nor other of Ivanhoe's officials returned calls to The Associated Press Wednesday.

The Ivanhoe group made a hostile takeover offer of $72 per share for 28 million of Newmont's 66.8 million common shares. The move would have boosted Ivanhoe's holdings to 51 percent of Newmont.

Newmont, a giant mining concern based in New York but incorporated in Delaware, has resisted the takeover attempt since it began in August with a $5.64 billion or $95 a share offer.

The takeover attempt became a battle between Ivanhoe and Consolidated Gold Fields PLC, Newmont's largest stockholder, which scooped up 15.8 million Newmont shares in a two-day "street sweep" in September.

In Delaware Chancery Court, Ivanhoe challenged the legality of maneuvers of London-based Consolidated, which raised its stake in the Newmont from 26.2 percent to 49.9 percent.

In its ruling Wednesday, the Delaware Supreme Court said Newmont had the power and duty to oppose Ivanhoe's tender offer, and that the defensive measures were reasonable considering the threats posed.

"The board acted to meet them in the proper exercise of its sound business judgment," the court said, adding that Newmont's methods in stopping the "inadequate, coercive" Ivanhoe offer were legitimate.

Newmont stock soared $9.50 when Pickens announced his tender offer to $92 a share. On Wednesday, Newmont closed on the New York Stock Exchange at $32 a share, down one-eighth of a point from Tuesday.

Ivanhoe still has a lawsuit pending in federal court in Wilmington, Del., seeking injunctive relief against Consolidated. The suit alleges the company violated Securities and Exchange Commission rules in making its tender offer to Newmont. The case was scheduled for a Nov. 23 hearing.

Michael Goldman, who represented Newmont, said Wednesday the decision was a "tremondous victory on all points. The board feels it was fully vindicated."

Charles Richards, Ivanhoe's attorney, said he was disappointed by the decision.

"This certainly kills the offer he (Pickens) has on the table," said Richards. Ivanhoe remains a major stockholder, with about 10 percent of the outstanding shares.

Lawrence Hermesch, who represented Consolidated, did not return the AP's calls for comment Wednesday.

Ivanhoe had extended its tender offer several times while the state's highest court considered the legality of the offer.

The partnership is under an injunction from a federal appeals court in San Franciso that prohibits it from making any move toward gaining control of Newmont. That injunction stems from a suit filed by Newmont seeking to block Ivanhoe's tender offer.

Ivanhoe officials had no immediate comment on its pending suits.

Ivanhoe Partners is comprised of Mesa Limited Partners, Harbert Corp., NRM Energy Co. L.P. and Galactic Resources Ltd.

Proposed low-level nuclear site in West Texas opposed

AUSTIN (AP) — El Paso county officials opposing a low-level nuclear waste dump near their border say they have just begun to fight.

The Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority is considering, after a statewide search, a dump site near Fort Hancock, 37 miles from the El Paso city limits.

"There has to be a better place to put this disposal facility than next to the fourth-largest city in Texas, next to the drainage basin of one of the great rivers of our country, next to a major population center, next to groundwater that might be connected ... to the water supply for El Paso," El Paso County Judge Luther Jones told the agency staff and board Wednesday.

Jones suggested locating the disposal site in a more remote area, and said El Paso officials would help the authority find another site — most likely west of the Pecos River.

"It's hard for me to imagine that you will ever meet the type of resistance you're just beginning to see from El Paso," he said. "Our opposition is real, it's determined and it's well-financed. The litigation process has just begun."

El Paso and Hudspeth counties have obtained a state district court order to block a vote by the board on the site. The case is on appeal to the Texas Supreme Court.

Sen. Tati Santiesteban, D-El Paso, told the authority he would use "every technical trick" to fight off a nuclear disposal facility near Fort Hancock.

Santiesteban and Jones were among a delegation of 15 to 20 people who appeared in protest of the site at a board meeting.

"With all due respect, I do not believe the authority has acted in good faith," Santiesteban said. "I think that the authority has not actually found the best site."

Board member James Allison said, "Without reservation, the good faith you're looking for has been exemplified by the members of this board."

Jose Sanchez of El Paso, district director for U.S. Rep. Ron Coleman, D-Texas, read a statement from Coleman, which said:

"Over the past five years political pressure has been brought to bear from every direction with only one goal in mind — put this site in West Texas, away from the concentration of voters in East, Central and South Texas.

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PTK honors two staffers

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District for 16 years before beginning work on his doctorate at East Texas State University.

He holds a BS degree in science from ETSU and a master of education degree from the University of Houston.

He is a former president of the Texas Association of Educational Technology. He is a member of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats and a past director for the chamber.

He is also a past-president of the Snyder Kiwanis Club and the Scurry County unit of the American Heart Association. He has worked also with the local American Cancer Society.

Johnson is beginning her seventh year as secretary in WTC's student activities office. In presenting her award, Roe noted she often goes beyond the requirements of her job to be available when needed. She described her as a "caring, concerned person" who relates well to students, taking a sincere interest in them.

Former recipients of the outstanding service awards include Dr. Ed Barkowsky, Dr. Franklin Pruitt, Mike Otto, Martha Gist and Joe Carter. Barkowsky, Pruitt, Otto and Carter are faculty members and Gist is a former secretary in the counseling office.

Guidelines for selection note that anyone on campus may be considered for the award.

PERFECT CLASS ATTENDANCE--These Stanfield fourth graders in Barbara Hawes' class were not absent during the month of October. They are Blanco Alfraro, Cela Ashby, Paige Bell, Andrea Corkran, Kevin Hildebrand, Julie Lang, Jeffery Levens, Jared McArthur, Belinda McCoy, Stacey Parker, Carl Strelecki, Laura Stutheit, Robert Trevino, Stephanie Uptergrove, Carrie Walker, Scott Williamson, and Mendy Winter.(SDN Staff Photo)

Harvest-related fires cause two local calls

Firemen were called to two cotton harvest-related fires Wednesday, one at Farmers Co-op Gin on the Roby Highway and the other on a farm 22 miles northwest of the city.

The firefighters took only about 20 minutes to put out a fire in a burr pile on the gin yard, but burning cotton in a module on the Buddy Drum farm kept them occupied for 1 ½ hours.

The gin fire call came in at 8:26 a.m. and the module fire at 8:15 a.m.

They answered four calls Tuesday, a grass fire and shed fire at Hermleigh and a grass fire and smoke alarm in Snyder.

A roadside grass fire off the west side of U.S. 84 at Hermleigh was reported at 1:44 p.m. Tuesday and dispensed with in about an hour, and a fire set off by burning trash in the same vicinity at 3:33 p.m. burned grass and destroyed a shed owned by H.M. Lomax, a department spokesman said.

Firemen were called to a backyard grass fire behind a house at 503 N. Ave. O at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday and were able to keep it from spreading.

They also responded to a 5:15 p.m. report of smoke in a cotton field behind Wilson Motors off the East Highway.

The fire fighters were unable to find a fire after the 5:15 p.m. report, the spokesman said.

Fire pandemonium kills 32 in London subway incident

LONDON (AP) — Fire broke out below a wooden escalator and raced through London's busiest subway station, killing 32 people and injuring about 80 in a cavern of smoke and flaming debris.

Pandemonium broke out when thousands of commuters found themselves trapped in the blaze Wednesday evening at King's Cross station and struggled to escape through walls of dense smoke and fierce heat.

Witnesses said they saw people with burning hair and others lying face-down and motionless in the charred main ticket hall of the mammoth station, which is served by five lines of the London Underground running below a British Rail intercity terminal.

Some survivors said transport staff directed them to escalators that carried them into flames and smoke. One fire official said the blaze was so hot that it blew tiles from walls of the station.

The London Fire Brigade said one fireman was among the 32 known dead. Among those taken to hospitals, at least 27 remained overnight for further treatment, some of them severely burned, the brigade said.

Outside the station, a temporary morgue was set up in a church.

It was by far the worst fire on the 124-year-old London Underground, the world's oldest subway, and its second most deadly accident. Forty-three were killed and 74 injured in a subway train crash on Feb. 28, 1975.

The fire began at 7:36 p.m. at the end of the capital's commuter rush, and undoubtedly would have claimed more lives had it occurred an hour earlier. The fire was brought under control in about two hours, the brigade said.

Transport Secretary Paul Channon visited the chaotic scene late in the night and pledged a full government inquiry.

Sir Keith Bright, chairman of London Regional Transport, said the fire started about halfway up a wooden escalator and quickly spread "into the ticket area, which is completely burned out."

Press Association, the British domestic news agency, quoted an unidentified Fire Brigade source as saying the fire may have been caused by a spark from an escalator motor that ignited trash in a machinery room.

The Fire Brigade would not comment on the report.

There was also speculation the fire may have started by a discarded cigarette. Smoking has been banned in Underground stations and trains since January 1985, but the ban is sometimes ignored.

Firefighters with breathing apparatus searched smoke-filled tunnels. Joe Kennedy, assistant chief fire officer, said the inferno covered 500-600 square yards and built up heat of such intensity it blew tiles from walls and cracked concrete.

Passenger Andrew Lea complained of a "casual attitude" among station workers and said passengers had been directed onto an escalator that carried them up into the fire.

"We followed their directions ... and about halfway up a sheet of flames shot across the top of that escalator that I was on, and very soon the ceiling was on fire and debris started falling down," he said.

Lea said he escaped by returning to the platform and getting on a train that took him out of danger.

Two major independent reports in 1985 and 1986 warned of fire hazards in the Underground system and cited poor storage of building materials, inadequate communications and lack of fire training for staff.

There were 10 major fires on the Underground between 1976 and 1985, but only one fatality, and the 254-mile system handles 2.5 million passenger journeys a day.

The London Underground was opened in 1863, and wooden escalators were first installed in 1906. Many are being replaced under a renovation program.

Pilots had no warning

DENVER (AP) — The captain of the doomed Continental Airlines jet tried to seize the controls from his relatively inexperienced co-pilot in a desperate attempt to save the aircraft, evidence released by investigators indicates.

Capt. Frank Zvonek and co-pilot Lee Bruecher were among the 28 who died after the DC-9 jet crashed during takeoff Sunday in a snowstorm at Denver's Stapleton International Airport.

Investigators who recovered the cockpit voice recorder from the wreckage of Flight 1713 said Wednesday it showed no indication of trouble until two seconds after the plane began to climb. A crew member uttered an expletive, which was followed by the sound of impact.

"We heard no warning systems. There were no warning systems audible with the tape at this time. A rhythmic thumping can be heard — not much can be made of that at this time," said Jim Burnett, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

"We also have determined the captain's yoke was broken during the impact and we also have established the captain's arms were broken," Burnett said, referring to Zvonek's control column.

That may have occurred if Zvonek's hands were on the controls. Continental officials confirmed Wednesday that Bruecher, 26, was handling the takeoff.

Burnett said it is routine for the pilot who is not controlling the takeoff to handle radio communications. He said the voice recording showed that Zvonek was speaking at takeoff "but that does not equate with the fact that the first officer was flying the plane. The captain always has the right to take over the controls."

Among the issues raised since the crash are an apparent miscommunication between the crew and the control tower and the captain's decision to take off despite a 23-minute delay after the plane was de-iced. Authorities said that ice buildup on the wings could have caused the crash, which injured 54 people, including five who remain in critical condition.

Air safety experts have been highly critical of having two pilots relatively inexperienced with the DC-9 in the same cockpit.

Bruecher had 3,100 flying hours with commuter airlines before joining Continental last July.

FBI director outlines his goals to group of Texans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newly sworn-in FBI director William S. Sessions today outlined his goals in a talk to a group of Texans, stressing the need for new agents to replace those who are destined to leave in the near future.

"The FBI will lose 50 percent of its agents in the next five years" through attrition, the former federal judge from San Antonio told members of the Texas Breakfast Club, an informal monthly gathering of Texans.

Dubbed by one Lone Star native the man who "brings new meaning to the phrase 'gut reaction,'" in reference to a digestive tract ailment that forced the cancellation of his swearing in ceremony, Sessions was greeted with a standing ovation by the partisan crowd.

The silver-haired Republican confessed that despite his years of dealing with the FBI as a judge, he had not been fully aware of the role the FBI plays in combating foreign espionage and providing for counterintelligence.

"You are looking at a director who a year ago, ... or even six months ago, was not fully aware of the FBI's mission," said Sessions, who had been chief federal judge for the Western District of Texas.

Sessions said he has since learned that in the past four years, 27 of 28 espionage arrests by the FBI have resulted in convictions and sentencings and that 90 foreign agents have been expelled from the United States.

He underlined his commitment to battling organized and white collar crime and used a comparison of $30 million he said was lost through armed robberies last year with the billions of dollars stolen surreptitiously by financial thieves.

The new director condemned those who "take electronically that which cannot be taken by force of arms," but refused to talk about a joint FBI, Internal Revenue Service and regulatory agency task force probing the savings and loan industry in Texas.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	32½	32	32¼
Ameritech s	85½	84¾	85¼
AMI Inc	12¼	12	12¼
AmStand	35⅝	35½	35½
Amer T&T	29⅝	28¾	29
Amoco	67½	67¼	67¼
Armcolnc	9½	9¼	9½
AtlRichfld	71¼	70⅝	71
BakerHugh n	13¼	13⅛	13⅛
BancTexas n	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛
BellAtlan	69¼	68⅝	68¾
BellSouth s	37⅝	37⅛	37½
Beth Steel	13½	12⅝	13⅛
Boeing	44⅝	43½	44⅝
Caterplfr	57¼	56⅝	57¼
Centel s	36¼	36¼	36¼
Chevron	39⅝	39	39¼
Chrysler s	23¼	22½	23⅛
Coastal s	26½	26¼	26½
Cocacola	39¼	38⅝	38¾
Coleman	30	29⅝	29⅝
Colg Palm	40⅛	39⅝	39¾
ComMetl s	15¼	15⅛	15⅛
DeltaAir	35¼	35¼	35¼
DigitalEq	128¼	126¼	128¼
DowChem	81⅝	80	80⅛
DresserInd	23	22½	22¾
duPont	82¼	81¼	82¼
EstKodak s	48¼	47¾	48¼
Enserch	17⅝	17¼	17⅝
Entexlnc	18	17½	17⅝
Exxon s	41¼	40⅝	40½
Firestone	33¼	33⅛	33¼
FtBcpTex	⅝	9/16	⅝
FstRepub	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛
Flowerlnd	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝
FordMotr	77¼	76⅝	76¾
GAF Cp	45⅝	45	45¼
GTE Corp s	36⅝	35⅞	36¼
GnDynam	48⅝	47⅝	47¾
GenElct s	45¼	44⅝	45¼
GenMills	45¾	45⅝	45¾
Gen Motors	61½	60¾	61¼
GnMotr E	34⅝	34⅝	34⅝
Goodrich	33⅝	32¾	33¼
Goodyear	49⅝	49	49⅛
GtAtlPac	35⅞	35¼	35¼
Gulf Stat t	6	5¾	5¾
Halliburtn	26	25	25⅝
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HollyFarm s	29¼	29	29
HoustInd	30¾	30½	30½
IBM	118⅞	117¼	118½
IntlPaper s	37¼	36⅞	37¼
JohnsJn	78⅝	77¼	77½
Kmart s	29	28⅝	28¾
Kroger s	26⅛	25¾	26⅛
vjLTV Cp	2⅞	2¾	2⅞
Litton Ind	77	76¾	76¾
LoneSta Ind	21½	21¼	21⅝
Lowes	19⅝	18⅞	19
Lubys	22⅞	22¼	22¼
MCorp	3⅝	3½	3½
Maxus n	8½	8⅛	8⅛
MayDSt	29⅝	28¾	29¼
Medtronic	81½	80⅝	81
Mobil	36¼	35½	35⅞
Monsanto	72¾	71½	72½
Motorola	42⅞	42	42¼
Navistar	4¼	4⅛	4¼
Nynex	67⅞	66⅝	67⅝
PacTel s	28¼	27¼	27⅞
PenneyJC s	45½	45⅛	45¼
Phelps Dod	38½	38	38⅝
PhilipPet	11	10⅝	10⅞
Polaroid s	21¾	21	21⅝
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ProctGamb	86⅞	85⅝	86⅝
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SearsRoeb	36⅝	36¼	36⅜
SherwinWm	25⅜	25	25¼
Singer Co	49¾	49	49⅝
Southern Co	22¼	21⅞	22⅛
Southland	59¼	57½	58
SwstBell s	36½	36	36½
SunComp	50⅛	49¼	50⅛
TNP Ent	19¼	19⅛	19¼
Tandy	34	33⅝	33⅝
TempleInld s	42¾	42¼	42¾
Tenneco	42⅝	41¾	42
vjTexaco	30	29¼	29½
TexAmBnch	5¾	5¾	5¾
TexEasth	22⅞	22⅛	22½
TexasInd	32	31⅝	32
TexasInst s	40⅞	40	40¾
Tex Util	29⅛	29	29⅛
Textron s	22¼	21¾	22⅛
Tyler	10⅛	10	10⅛
USX Corp	28½	28⅛	28¼
UnCarbde	22¼	21⅞	22
UnPacCp	53¾	53	53⅝
US West	51	50⅝	50¾
UniTel	24⅞	24⅝	24⅞
Unocal	26¾	26⅜	26¾
WalMart s	27½	26⅞	27⅛
WestghEl	46⅛	45½	46¼
Xerox Cp	58½	57⅞	58½
ZenithE	14	13⅞	13⅞

"If a man makes a better mousetrap than his neighbor, his neighbor will borrow it," according to an anonymous saying.

Drive reaches 91 percent mark

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Public employees, comprised of city and county workers as well as highway department personnel, is at 108 percent with $2,599 raised. Its division chairmen are Jeanne Johnson, Fran Farmer and L.E. (Doc) Griffin.

The Rural division, headed by Jay Martin at Ira and Dunn; Glen Butler at Hermleigh; and Don Farmer at Fluvanna, also topped 100 percent with $1,620 raised.

Other division totals include: Professional, $6,816 for 75 percent; Royalty Owners, $4,085 for 64 percent; and Special Contributions, $1,819 for 45 percent.

Assuming an $80,000 goal, pledges made toward the nine United Way agencies include:

—Boys Club, $27,500.

—Noah Project, $11,000.

—Snyder Child Day Care Center, $10,000.

—Boy Scouts, $9,500.

—Girl Scouts, $9,500.

—Oil Patch Foster Parents, $4,060.

—Red Cross, $1,775.

—Salvation Army, $1,335.

—West Texas Rehab Center, $445.

—Local expenses, $4,885.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS--Betty Eades, 3503 Houston.

DISMISSALS--Elois Pruitt, Sherri Powell, Janette Allen, Gertrude League, and Jimmy Rollins.

Immodest proposal

Dollars, day care could end decline

By Ben Wattenberg

Fifth of six articles

Suppose the speculation about the economic, political and personal effects of the Birth Dearth is at least partially correct. Is there something that can be done?

Demographics don't turn around on a dime. Just as there is an echo effect of the Baby Boom, so will there be an echo effect of the current Birth Dearth. As it arrives, it will be very difficult to issue a national command: "Attention, all couples. Have more babies immediately or else!"

But we can provide more options. That, after all, has been the core idea of feminism: more options. If some couples want three or four children, we should try to make that easier; if fewer couples want zero and one child families, we should make that easier, too. What can we do?

First on the agenda is public education. Let the word go forth that a no-growth or shrinking Western population will harm the West and harm the United States. That it will probably cause economic turbulence, probably starting with the housing industry in the 1990s and, after that, chaos in Social Security. That it may cause domestic tension. That over a longer stretch of time it can erode American power, influence and values; that, compared to now, the forces of freedom may move toward a relative disadvantage to the numbers of totalitarians or to the forces of the Third World. That there will be much personal misery if a quarter to a fifth of women have no children, if lots of potential grandparents don't have grandchildren.

Let all the manifestations be understood: That immigrants don't steal jobs from natives, that we are not running out of resources, and that national poverty is not caused by national population growth. Then we can begin.

Perhaps at the top of every list of feminist reform is day care. It is a crucial and usually expensive service for working women. My own favorite

semi-solution to the day-care issue concerns the American corporation. Fewer than 0.1 percent of U.S. firms offer on-site day-care. Yet a large fraction of our work force is female. On-site day-care could help a company attract young women workers and also help increase fertility by making motherhood and a career easier to manage simultaneously.

That's one small piece of the puzzle. It's non-govermental, it's pro-family and pro-feminist. Add to that an array of other service programs that have been advocated to help working mothers: Unpaid maternity leave, paid maternity leave, flextime, job sharing, the re-establishment of the day-care tax credit, the new day-care arrangements utilizing the skills of the elderly — just to begin.

All these programs share one thing: They make it easier for a woman to work and have children. These ideas ought to be judged on their merits and, if deemed workable, put into practice.

But while these proposals can probably help push up fertility at the margin, such programs will typically only make it easier for most of the involved working women to bear only one or two children. But if a woman wants to bear and raise three or four children, that woman typically must be able to stay home, at least when the children are young. How to get those bigger necessary families?

Give them money. Lots of it, in order to at least partly compensate for lost earnings. Many demographers have maintained that pro-natalist public policies don't do much to raise fertility. But the evidence of recent years reveals that in the communist nations in Eastern Europe, when truly major benefits were offered, the Western experience of major fertility decline to below-replacement levels was avoided.

The fastest traditional way to deliver targeted funds to people is through the tax code: specifically, significantly greater tax exemptions for children. But there may be an even more dramatic way to target the Birth Dearth problem: a child allowance.

To be of some real help, the money involved would probably have to be at least $2,000 per year per baby, paid for, say, 16 years, starting with babies born now. No matter how you cut it, this will soon add up to annual expenditures of hundreds of billions of dollar. Such big money can and should come from only one source: The Social Security Trust Fund. The amount flowing through that fund in 1985 amounted to $190 billion. But by the year 2015, as the 80 million Baby Boom babies are producing at full steam, there will be a surplus in that fund of about a trillion dollars.

But there are difficult times ahead for the trust fund because so few babies (relatively) will have been born during the years of the Birth Dearth. There will not be enough Birth Dearth babies in the work force to support the by-then-aged babies of the Baby Boom.

Now, suppose the bonus of $2,000 per year for each new baby will encourage some couples to have an extra baby. For 16 years, that new baby will be pulling cash out of the trust fund — $32,000 in all. But at about age 20, that extra "bought" baby will typically go to work — and work for about 45 or 50 years. So: Although such a plan will draw down the fund in the early years, it could replenish the fund by yielding new revenue-producers at just about the right time — when the Baby Boomers start needing retirement funds.

In short, Social Security is a Ponzi game, a pyramid scheme. It works fine as long as it is stoked by new players (children). When fertility falls drastically, the society has broken the ancient rules of the Ponzi pyramid. But it possibly can be restored by using present resources for future benefits. In the financial community, that is called "investment."

(Next: Our self-interest)

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THE BIRTH DEARTH

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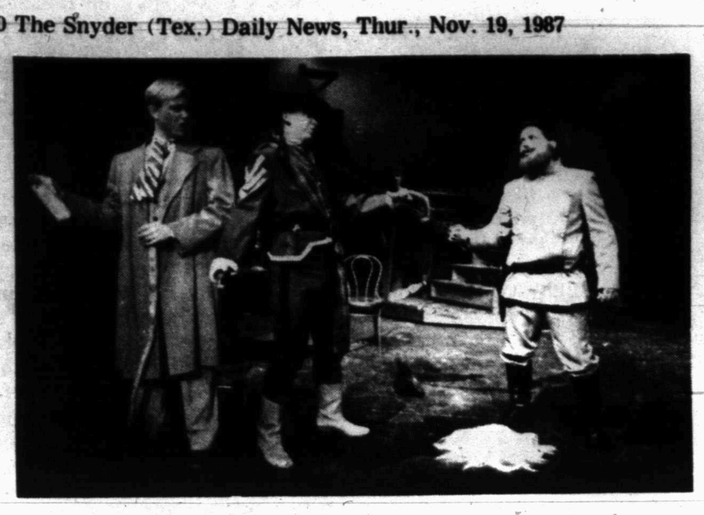

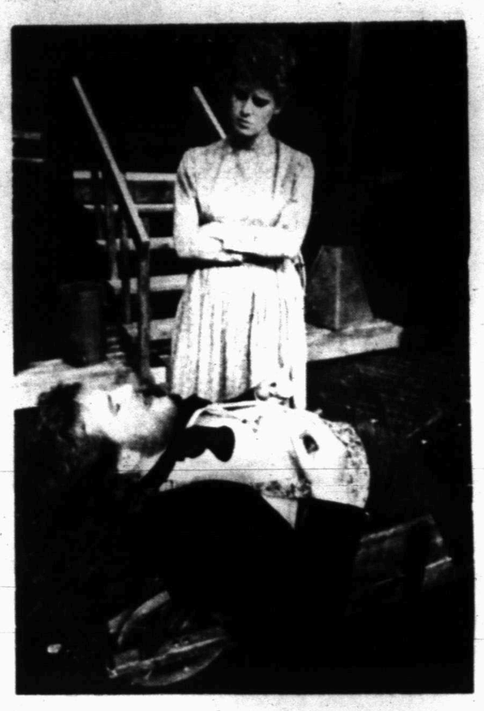

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