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TDC may have to close doors today

HOUSTON (AP) — Sheriffs around Texas today nervously waited to learn if state prisons would refuse to accept new inmates to avoid exceeding a population limit set by a federal judge.

One sheriff already has threatened to continue sending inmates even if the prisons close.

"I'll handcuff them to the inside of the fence," Bexar County Sheriff Harlon Copeland of San Antonio said.

Texas has the nation's second-largest prison system. As of Thursday, there were 38,469 inmates throughout 25 prison units, said Carl Jeffries, assistant director for treatment and classification in the Texas Department of Corrections.

That number, if calculations were accurate, would mean the TDC surpassed the limit imposed by U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice to settle an inmate lawsuit against overcrowding and other prison conditions.

A 1983 state law passed to meet the judge's standards set 95 percent of capacity as the population limit. The irony of the TDC having beds available even if the **agency exceeds the 95 percent** ceiling was not lost on Harris County Sheriff Johnny Klevenhagen, one of several officials who also face violating their own court-ordered population limits.

"How can they have the luxury of having 2,000 open beds, but then have them sleeping on the floor in the county jail?" Klevenhagen asked Thursday night.

"We certainly appreciate their problem," said Jeffries.

Jeffries said TDC officials would closely monitor the numbers today.

However, all of Friday's new prisoners should be accepted by late today and the closing would affect those scheduled to arrive Monday, he said.

County jails "will just have to maintain the prisoners awhile longer," Jeffries said.

He said prisons would be reopened when the population count dips below the cap. No incoming convicts are sent during the weekend, he said.

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Ask Us

Q. — Is Monday's school holiday tied to Martin Luther King Day?

A. — No. While the day is a federal holiday, school is to be out because of a "teacher preparation day" scheduled last spring by Snyder ISD. School officials **say it was only a coin**cidence that it fell on the observance which honors King's birth. Monday, school teachers will report while students will be out.

Sales tax begins in minus column for Snyder, state

The first monthly reporting period for Snyder sales tax returns shows the local spending estimate to be some 14.1 percent behind totals reported in January last year.

In actual dollar amounts, the report indicates the 1 percent tax returned some $46,000 this year compared to more than $53,000 last year. Exact amounts are $46,015 and $53,625.

Since January marks the first reporting month, these totals stand for the year-to-date amounts also.

The figures reflect sales made here in November and reported to the Comptroller of Public Accounts by Dec. 20.

Because of this, they do not reflect the additions to the state sales tax which went onto effect Jan. 1.

During 1986, Snyder's sales tax returns did not feel the effect of the downturn in oil prices until mid-summer. Because of this, the totals were running well ahead of 1985 figures until June, when minus totals began being reported monthly.

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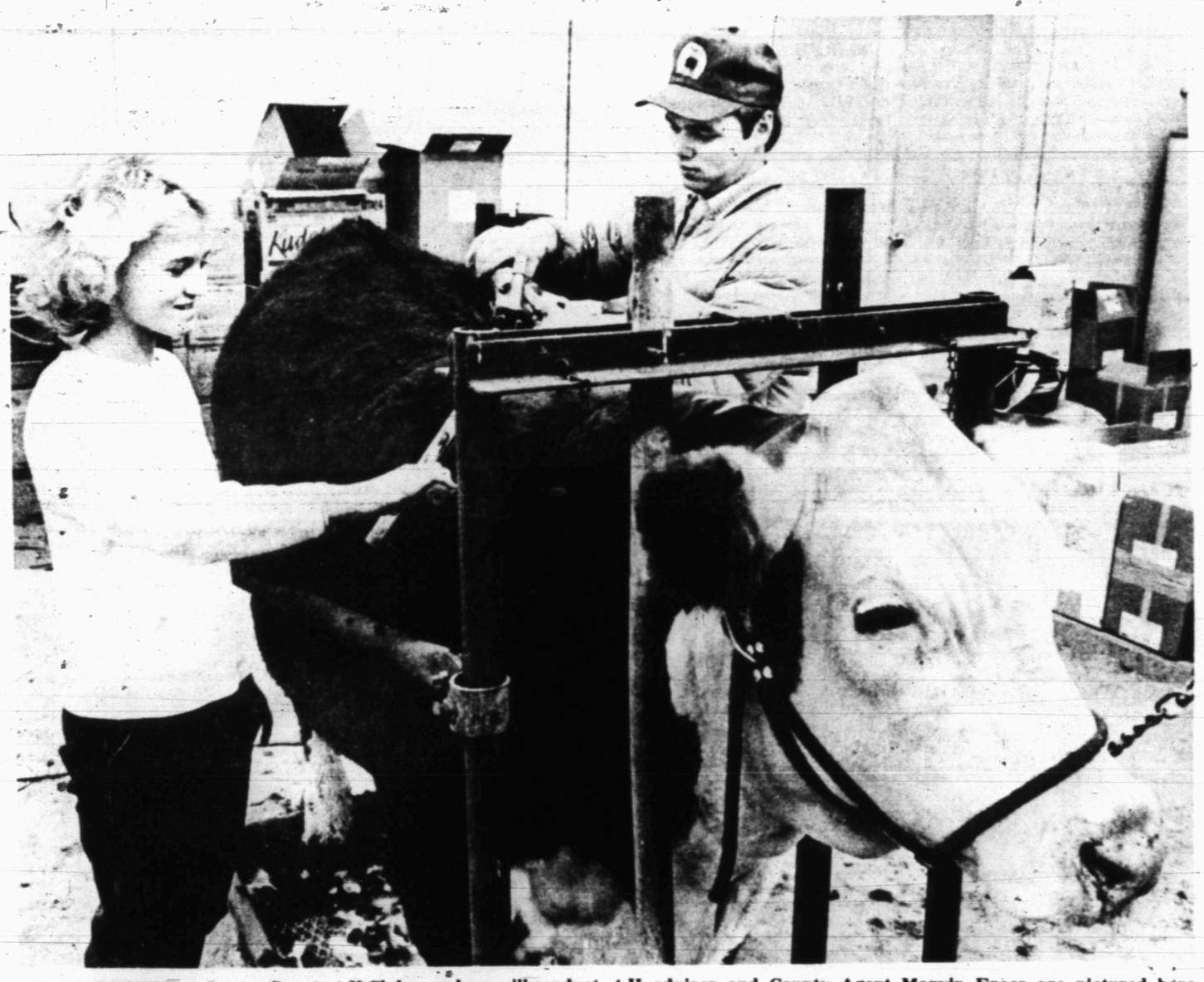

READY TO SHOW — Scurry County 4-H Club members will conduct their annual livestock show Saturday in the ag annex of the Scurry County Coliseum beginning at 1 p.m. 4-H member Dayla Church and 4-H advisor and County Agent Marvin Ensor are pictured here preparing one of her entries in the steer show (SDN Staff Photo)

Icy cold forecast for area

By The Associated Press

Bone chilling cold temperatures swept across the Texas Panhandle today as a winter storm swirled into the state from New Mexico, prompting the National Weather Service to issue warnings and watches for winter weather across much of the northern portion of the state.

Snow was falling in Amarillo where the temperature dropped to 17 and the wind chill index was at 18 below zero. Amarillo recorded 3 inches of snow between midnight and 5 a.m.

And thunderstorms were reported over middle and upper sections of the Texas coast because of a low pressure system in the Gulf of Mexico and there was light rain and drizzle **reported between the two weather systems.**

A winter storm warning was in effect for the Panhandle, a travelers advisory was in effect for the South Plains, Permian Basin, Concho Valley and southwest mountains, a winter **storm warning was in effect for the South Plains and a winter storm watch was in effect for tonight and Saturday in northwestern portions of North Texas.**

The colder temperatures, freezing rain and possibly snow snow are expected to move south later today, prompting the National Weather Service to issue winter storm watches for the northwest part of North Texas and the South Plains for tonight.

Forecasts called for snow in the Panhandle and South Plains today. There was a chance of freezing rain or drizzle over northwest sections of North Texas, the Permian Basin, Concho Valley and southwest mountains. Rain or drizzle was forecast for the rest of the state.

4-H animals draw spotlight Saturday

The Scurry County 4-H livestock show is slated Saturday in the coliseum ag annex, opening a full week of show action in that facility.

According to Marvin Ensor, county extension agent, 4-H members will be showing about 30 hogs, 50 lambs and 18 steers. The project show will start at 1 p.m.

Richard Spencer, ag teacher at Roby, will judge the event.

The 4-H competition will be followed Monday as Hermleigh FFA members bring their animals into the ag annex. The chapter show will start around 3 p.m. that day.

Activities related to the county-wide Scurry County Junior Livestock Show will begin Tuesday with morning weigh-ins for animals to be completed by 5 p.m.

The competition will continue through the week with the swine show scheduled Wednesday, the lamb show Thursday and the steer show Friday.

Livestock shows already completed include the Snyder FFA Chapter show Dec. 20 and the Ira FFA chapter show Jan. 10.

The show season will officially close Saturday, Jan. 24, with the annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Association premium sale which begins at 1 p.m. in the ag annex.

From water district...

Water rate slated to decrease in '87

The water rates charged Snyder and other member cities of the Colorado River Municipal Water District are scheduled to be reduced during 1987.

The decline in charges includes the absorption by the district of what was expected to be a 5 cent per 1,000 gallon increase to all member cities to help finance the Stacy Reservoir project.

Thanks to a substantial "cost under-run" for one district project and the district-wide reduction in energy costs during 1986, the savings was made possible, according to CRMWD spokesman Joe Pickle.

The savings now projected follow terms of a rate schedule fixed this week by the CRMWD directors.

The charge to Snyder is scheduled to be reduced just over 2 cents per 1,000 gallons--a calculated rate of 44.30 cents per 1,000.

This is a "calculated" rate since the final charge to the city is figured based upon the actual delivery of water. The actual water charge to Snyder during 1986 was 51.31 cents per 1,000.

If the projected water usage for Snyder holds true, the actual charges figured one year from now should show a substantial **decrease from 1986, it was noted.**

The district was able to lower its projected rates after board members elected to apply some

See RATES, page 10

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Experience teaches us that a fellow with only one idea usually has a bad one."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

James Roberts, in the Andrews County News, said that with all the hoopla ushering in the new year, the five cents a gallon state tax on gasoline almost slipped by unnoticed.

"The nickle increase brings the state tax on gasoline, diesel, and propane to 15 cents per gallon.

"But we bet you forgot that another increase on fuel goes into effect shortly to benefit lust.

"A new federal excise tax of one-tenth of one cent per gallon goes into effect shortly. The tax is supposed to go into the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund which goes by the initials, L.U.S.T.

"Evidently, you cannot lust after the flesh, but lusting on behalf of the federal government is A-okay.

"When all of the new taxes are in place, total state and federal taxes on gasoline will amount of 24.1 cents per gallon."

Wacil McNair, in the Gilmer Mirror, observed that the Southwest Conference schools did not fare well in recent bowl games. Only one of four teams came up with a victory.

The bowl games involving Texas A&M, Arkansas, Texas Tech and Baylor put nearly $3 million into coffers of the SWC's nine schools since all conference members share in the bowl bonzana, although those actually playing get a larger slice of the financial pie.

For independents such as Penn State and Miami, **bowl games are even more lucrative** since they do not have to share bowl receipts with other schools. The two teams shared $2.6 million for appearing in the Fiesta Bowl.

Tax deadlines are coming up and George Dolan, in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, reports there are two signs at the local tax office in Wharton.

The sign over the entrance reads, "Watch Your Step."

A sign over the exit cautions, "Watch Your Language."

In Brief

Rotan tremors

ROTAN (AP) — When the first pre-dawn jolt hit, a few folks thought it was a supersonic jet fighter breaking the sound barrier.

But the noise came from below ground, not above. Four earth tremors shook houses and produced a flurry of phone calls to city officials. No injuries or damage was reported.

A University of Texas geophysicist said the earthquakes were probably caused by underground pressure changes in natural gas and oil.

"I've been living here 70 years, and this is the first one I've felt here," said Jack Aaron, the town's water superintendent. "We got a lot of calls here at the city office. The people were just concerned. They didn't know anything. They didn't know if it was a sonic boom or what."

Local

Library closed

The Scurry County Library will be closed Saturday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. for memorial services for Harry Mitchell, killed Wednesday in a one-car rollover northwest of the city.

Mitchell is the husband of County Librarian Janice Mitchell.

The library will reopen from 1 until 6 p.m. Saturday.

Club officers

Three new members to the Snyder Country Club board of directors were elected Thursday as well as a new slate of board officers.

Chosen for the board were John Greene, Rick Hall and Luanne Burleson.

Named as the new board president was John Reed with John Greene named vice president. Larry Anderson remains as board secretary.

Other members of the **board are Richard (Bear) Hardin and Harold Lacik.**

Bake sale set

The annual bake sale sponsored by Safeway and its employees will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the store. Proceeds will be donated to Easter Seals.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 40 degrees; low, 31 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 31 degrees; trace precipitation; total precipitation for 1987 to date, .07 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight colder with a 30 percent chance of snow. No significant accumulation. Lows near 20. Wind Northeast 5 to 10 mph. Saturday cloudy and cold with a 20 percent chance of snow. No significant accumulation. Highs mid 30s. Wind Northwest 10 to 15 mph.

New drug approaches hurdle

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — An experimental AIDs drug which is farther than any other along the regulatory path to general approval is taking another major step with formal consideration by a Food and Drug Administration advisory committee.

The maker of the drug AZT has sought permission to make it available for prescription by all physicians, and the advisory panel's recommendation on the request is expected to carry heavy influence with the FDA.

Today's meeting comes a day after Surgeon General Everett Koop told a Senate panel that education about the disease's deadly consequences remains the best weapon against AIDS even though fighting it is the government's No. 1 health priority.

The FDA advisory committee was devoting a day-long meeting to consideration of AZT, or azidothymidine, with presentations from FDA staff members and the company to be followed by several hours of discussion and, perhaps, a vote late in the day on what recommendation to make.

The FDA approved expanded, although still tightly controlled, use of AZT on Sept. 30 after more restricted clinical trials demonstrated it appears to prolong life and reduce symptoms in some patients with AIDS.

The manufacturer, Burroughs Wellcome Co. of Research Triangle Park, N.C., and federal health authorities have asserted that AZT is not a cure for AIDS, although it appears to relieve some symptoms.

AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is a fatal affliction in which the body's immune system becomes unable to resist disease. There is no known cure and no one is known to have recovered from AIDS.

Several members of the Committee on Health and Human Resources commended Koop and Assistant Health and Human Resources Secretary Robert Windom on Thursday for proposing a 28 percent increase in money for AIDS research and education that would bring the total to more than $500 million in fiscal 1988.

But Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the panel chairman, said the administration would take money from cancer and other research to fight AIDS, and he vowed to fight for more money to keep from slighting those programs.

David Baltimore, co-chairman of the Institute of Medicine-National Academy of Sciences Committee for a National Strategy for AIDS, said an AIDS vaccine would not be ready for at least five years and that drugs to treat the disease effectively are also a number of years away.

Human tests on an AIDS vaccine could possibly begin by the end of the year.

Airplane collision likely to revive safety concerns

WASHINGTON (AP) — The second collision in five months of a private plane with a commercial aircraft is expected to give new ammunition to critics who say air safety is eroding at the hands of an inadequate air traffic control system.

Federal Aviation Administration officials have maintained that the skies are as safe as ever and point to a sharp decline in accidents in all segments of the aviation industry last year. Nevertheless, the critics contend an increasing number of accidents are waiting to happen.

The National Transportation Safety Board has only begun to examine the collision of a Skywest commuter plane and a small private aircraft Thursday over Salt Lake City, Utah, but in some ways the accident has a familiar ring.

Last Aug. 31, another small plane, which had just taken off, collided with an Aeromexico jetliner making an approach to Los Angeles International Airport. There were 82 people killed in the accident; 10 people died in the Utah aerial tragedy.

In both accidents the commercial planes were under the direction of an air traffic controller during a routine approach. The private planes, which had taken off from so-called reliever airports near commercial air corridors, apparently were flying under visual flight rules and not under the direction of air traffic control.

The private plane in the California accident had no encoding device designed to make the plane's altitude show up on radar screens and was not observed, according to air traffic controllers. Early indications are that the small plane in the Utah collision also was not observed by the controller tracking the commuter.

Both collisions occurred during good visibility.

The latest accident comes only days after the Federal Aviation Administration came under attack from a member of Congress because of the number of near-collision reports filed with the agency last year.

During the year, according to the FAA, there were 828 reports of two aircraft coming close enough to each other for at least someone, usually one of the pilots, to consider themselves to be in danger of colliding. In 141 cases the planes were reported to have flown within 100 feet and in more than half within 500 feet.

DIAL A DEVOTIONAL 573-8801

Dear Abby

Reader Hates Being Hounded By Charities Chasing Funds

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am not rich, neither am I poor. I've always contributed to the charities I feel are deserving, and nobody has to remind me to make my annual contribution, but things have now gotten out of hand.

Lately I have been deluged with what appear to be "bills" from numerous well-known organizations, pleading that they are desperately in need of funds. Yesterday, I received 16 requests from charities — yes, 16 — with urgent "please-help-us-now" letters, of which 12 were third and fourth requests! I felt as though I was being billed for a debt that was long overdue.

I am aware that charities need funding, but I am so annoyed at this point, I am ready to toss all of these letters into the wastepaper basket without even opening the envelopes — even though some may contain a 22-cent postage stamp that could be used for another purpose.

Abby, please get this message across. These people need to know how turned off some of us get when we are ...

DUNNED TO DEATH

DEAR DUNNED: I couldn't agree with you more. But please don't quit giving to the charities of your choice because of those who dun you to death with high-pressure tactics.

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DEAR ABBY: My 58-year-old husband has a habit of sitting sideways at the table when we are eating. He always has turned his chair sideways, and now the children, ages 27, 22 and 19, are doing exactly the same thing. This is especially annoying when we have company for dinner.

Would it be wrong to tell my family to please sit the proper way, or leave the table?

E.A.K.

DEAR E.A.K.: Yes, it would be wrong. However, you could tell them before your guests arrive to please sit properly at the dinner table. And by the way, if your husband has always sat that way, your chances of breaking that irritating habit are slim. But you could work on the 19-year-old.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a widow, so family means a lot to me. My sister, whom I'll call Joan, is married. Hers is not a happy marriage, but she has tried hard to make it work. Joan asked me to receive mail for her at my address, and I agreed. She's corresponding with "Jim," a former boyfriend. He is also married, and they see each other occasionally and maintain contact by mail. When I see how happy Joan is when she gets a letter from Jim, it does my heart good because she gets so little happiness from her husband.

Well, the inevitable happened. Her husband found one of those letters Joan had carelessly left in the bathroom. Although it was addressed to me, he read it and became very angry. He confronted Joan, they talked it out and she promised to end all contact with Jim. He forgave her, but he refuses to speak to me or have me in his house. He hangs up on me when I call, and I am never included in anything they do together.

Joan tried to reason with him, but he is very stubborn. She is forgiven. Meanwhile I am being punished.

What advice have you for me?

OUT IN THE COLD IN WISCONSIN

DEAR OUT: Try to put it out of your mind. You can't change anyone but yourself. Unfair? Yes. But you are paying dearly for having been a party to a sneaky business in the first place. I hope your sad story will prevent someone else from making that mistake.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO DOWN IN THE DUMPS IN MONTGOMERY, ALA.: Nobody said it better than Dale Carnegie: "The tendency to seldom think of what we have but always of what we lack is the greatest tragedy on earth. Count your blessings — not your troubles!"

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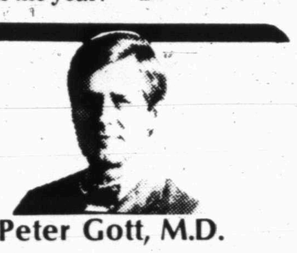
(To get Abby's booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send a check or money order for $2.50 and a long, stamped (39 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054.)

Dr. Gott



Peter Gott, M.D.

Readers' hunch may be right

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT — My husband was in the hospital for three weeks because he couldn't gain weight and had constant diarrhea. The doctors all said his tests were normal. After experimenting on our own, we discovered that he could not tolerate any fat. We cut out all fatty and fried foods, and he takes 3 grams of Viokase daily (calcium gluconate and enzymes). We feel the pancreas is malabsorbing. What do you think?

DEAR READER — I think you're onto something. Pancreatic insufficiency can cause weight loss, diarrhea and fat intolerance. The diagnosis usually is suggested by a stool analysis showing elevated fat levels. Ask your husband's doctor for an opinion. Your doctor may be glad to have the benefit of your insight — and then the proper diagnosis can be established. Good for you!

DEAR DR. GOTT — I've been treated since 1975 for erythema multiforme. My skin eruptions are very severe at times. Is this the same thing as lupus?

DEAR READER — Erythema multiforme is an allergic rash that appears on skin and mucus membrances. It is seen as bumps, pimples and blisters. It can occur with drug reactions, infections and pregnancy, as well as in certain autoimmune diseases, such as lupus, in which the patient appears to be allergic to his or her own normal tissue. Lupus is a specific disease that usually affects many organ systems, including the kidneys, nerves, blood vessels and joints.

DEAR DR. GOTT — My left shin is pink most of the time. My doctor says this is caused by vascular insufficiency, and he advises me to wear an elastic stocking. Is there anything else I can do? I take high-blood-pressure medicine, and eat no fat, salt or sugar.

DEAR READER — In addition to wearing elastic hose, you can elevate your foot when possible, avoid prolonged standing, try warm compresses three times a day, use skin cream regularly to prevent drying and breakdown of tissue, and be especially careful not to injure your skin. Skin injury can produce particularly troublesome consequences because tissues that are deprived of oxygen (as is the case with vascular insufficiency) do not heal at a normal rate.

Dr. Gott's Health Report on DIGESTIVE GAS tells what causes this common problem — and how you can manage it. For your copy, send $1 and your name and address to P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to mention the title.

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Berry's World

"I say let's take a page out of Ronnie's book and not let ourselves get ahead of the information curve."

Panel to spend millions on colonias

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Impoverished communities along the border will be eligible for aid to develop sewage and drainage systems under a $3.5 million appropriation approved Thursday by the Texas Water Development Board.

The funds represent just a fraction of what it would cost to bring water and sewage systems to the state's colonias, isolated communities without basic utilities, said Herbert W. Grubb, director of planning for the water board.

Thousands of people live in colonias along the Rio Grande from Brownsville to El Paso, Grubb said.

The cost of supplying sewage systems to the Rio Grande Valley's colonias is estimited at $93 million, Grubb said, with better systems costing up to $150 million.

He said the $3.5 million could be used in individual projects to bring sewage and drainage to a colonia, to help a community pay the interest on a loan from the board for such a project, or to leverage a loan.

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Community Calendar

FRIDAY

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

Alcoholics Anonymous; Ave. K and 13th St.; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8325 or 573-2101.

Saturday

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-6604 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.

Reps may vote against aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reps. Les Aspin and Marvin Leath, two of the four Democrats competing to become chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, say they may change their previous positions and vote against further U.S. military aid to the Nicaraguan Contras.

All four candidates said Thursday they are unsure who will win the Jan. 23 vote. Aspin, D-Wis., is trying to win back the position he lost last week when he was voted out as chairman by House Democrats.

Leath, D-Texas, is considered Aspin's chief challenger, although two other Democrats on the Armed Services panel are also candidates. They are Reps. Nicholas Mavroules of Massachusetts and Charles Bennett of Florida.

All four said they are trying hard to line up support for the vote, which will be by secret ballot during a closed-door meeting of the 258 House Democrats. The party picks the chairman because it controls a majority in the 435-member chamber. Republicans will not vote in the election.

After last week's vote, Democrats said Aspin was rejected chiefly because party liberals had thought he would support them in opposing aid to the Contras along with more money for the MX nuclear missile, two controversial programs strongly supported by the Reagan administration. Aspin voted for both programs.

Asked about the vote, Aspin said, "We'll see how it comes out" while Leath said, "I feel pretty good at this point, but these things can change overnight."

Mavroules said, "It's difficult to contact people away from Washington and do it by phone. But I feel pretty good about things right now, I really do. I won't say I'm going to win, but I think people are listening, at least when I can get them on the phone."

Bennett had predicted last week he would win but now says only, "I remain optimistic and hope I will be elected chairman." He was rejected by House Democrats two years ago when Aspin won the position.

Aspin said he will oppose more money for the MX.

Mesa confident of impending sale

DALLAS (AP) — The president of Mesa Petroleum Co. says he is confidant Diamond Shamrock shareholders will sell their common stock to a partnership headed by corporate takeover tycoon T. Boone Pickens Jr.

If David Batchelder's prediction comes true, it will happen despite the wishes of the Diamond Shamrock board of directors. The board Thursday unanimously rejected the partnership's $15 per share partial tender offer.

It was the second time the Dallas-based petroleum company has turned down a Pickens takeover bid.

Diamond Shamrock said in a statement that the latest offer was "even more inadequate" than Pickens' $2 billion stock trade offer that was rejected last month.

But Batchelder, president of Pickens' Mesa Petroleum Co., predicted that Diamond Shamrock shareholders will ignore the board of directors and sell their stock.

The partnership headed by Pickens, a Texas oilman who also heads Mesa Limited, and Birmingham, Ala., construction magnate John M. Harbert, offered to buy 20 million shares.

'It's just a continuation of their standard operating procedure," said Batchelder. "We believe absent a superior offer, many more shares will be tendered than the 20 million we're offering to purchase. They'll offer because they haven't had the ability to realize $15."

Mesa owns 5 million shares of Diamond Shamrock, or about 4.5 percent of the common stock.

Last month, Pickens' Mesa Limited Partnership offered to swap one Mesa unit for one Diamond Shamrock share. The Mesa units were then trading at about $17 a share.

"Now, in the face of rising oil prices, Mesa is offering only $15 per share for only 18 percent of the common shares," the Diamond Shamrock statement said. The statement said Mesa admits not having developed a specific proposal to acquire the remaining Diamond Shamrock shares.

Nephew to take over for Moody

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — The 24-year-old nephew of indicted Galveston insurance heir Shearn Moody Jr. will take over his position on the charitable Moody Foundation.

Moody's mother and brother voted in a closed session on Thursday to remove the 53-year-old Moody, who has been indicted twice in a month on charges he defrauded the foundation.

Frances Moody Newman and Robert L. Moody, trustees of the foundation, then appointed Ross Rankin Moody, the son of Robert Moody, to take the third trustee position.

"I feel kind of bad (about) the circumstances of which I was put on the board," Ross Rankin Moody said. "I'm very happy. I've got some new ideas (about the foundation)."

He is a corporate financial analyst for a Wall Street investment firm and on the board of directors of several insurance companies and the Moody National Bank.

Shearn Moody refused to comment before and after the vote.

His brother said only "We're glad to have Ross on the board."

The Thursday session was described as a tense and tearful meeting.

Hours before, U.S. District Judge Ross N. Sterling refused to block Shearn Moody's removal. His attorney, Marian Rosen, had filed a motion, saying state and federal laws used to back up the ouster are unconstitutional.

He was indicted last month for allegedly abusing his power as a foundation trustee to funnel grant funds to organizations that would not otherwise have received them.

The money was then kicked back to Moody and others to pay personal and legal expenses, the indictment says.

Before going into the meeting in Galveston, Mrs. Newman criticized the attention given to her indicted son by the media.

"The press has been so vicious," she said. "They've been allowed to say many vicious things about Shearn that aren't true. I'm here for justice and I want justice done to my son."

Bridge

James Jacoby

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Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead ♥ K

Looking for alternatives

By James Jacoby

A reminder: Six outstanding cards of a suit will usually divide 4-2. If you need them to be 3-3, then play for that division, but you will succeed more often if you look for better alternatives.

North didn't particularly like supporting his partner's spades with only two cards, but they were good ones (A-Q), and it was certain that South had at least five spades when he responded one spade originally and then bid diamonds over opener's jump to three clubs. South had a comfortable bid of four spades after the strong bidding by North.

Hearts were led and continued, and declarer ruffed the second trick. What now? If spades divide evenly, declarer can play A-Q, cash the diamond ace, ruff another heart and pick up trumps with the king. If they don't divide 3-3, the defender with the long trump will eventually trump in on the diamonds and take some tricks. And if that defender started with only two diamonds, the contract will be set.

The solution doesn't come easy, but declarer must sacrifice his trump queen to make his contract. After trumping the second heart, he should play a spade to dummy's ace, cash the diamond ace and then overtake the spade queen with his king. The defense now has two trumps left, both higher than declarer's trumps, but South will simply play out his winning diamonds. The defenders will get two trump tricks, whether or not the trumps are in the same hand, but declarer will have made his contract, barring a very unusual 5-1 spade distribution.

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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Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Jan. 17, 1987

In the year ahead, you'll be able to bring to fruition a venture to which you've given lots of time and energy. The change for the better will be slow, but consistently favorable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Benefits can be derived from a joint venture today if you don't upset the applecart by asking for more than what you're entitled. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker set instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If a friend does something that displeases you today, don't suffer in silence and keep your feelings bottled up. Air what perturbs you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today is a peculiar day where you may operate at one extreme or the other. You'll either be very industrious, or frivolous and extravagant.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you get involved in an activity today that has competitive elements, don't let your ego get bruised if a friend is better at it than you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A portion of your time should be allotted to looking out for the needs of loved ones today. Do it of your own volition instead of waiting to be asked.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're a good salesperson today, and others will be receptive to what you have to offer. Just be sure you only promote things in which you truly believe.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be a trifle loose with your resources today. It's OK to spend on things you enjoy, provided they bring pleasure to others as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) For you to properly enjoy yourself today, it's best you take care of your duties first. You won't be relaxed if you have responsibilities hanging over your head.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll want to help others today. This is a noble endeavor as long as you don't make those you assist feel they're obligated to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A friend of whom you're especially fond may be a bit more attentive to another pal than to you today. Don't be envious.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Uncertainties may plague you early in the day, but when it's time for you to swing into action, you'll be remarkably resourceful and competent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You'll be amply endowed with bright ideas today, but don't disregard the thoughts or suggestions of others, especially regarding commercial matters.

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Oil equipment ban to Soviet Union is to be lifted shortly

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration will lift the ban on sales of oil and gas drilling equipment to the Soviet Union, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said.

A lift on the unilateral 9-year-old ban had been urged for years by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, and more recently by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas. Both argued that it was ineffective because the banned equipment can be purchased by the Soviets from dozens of other sources.

On Thursday, Baldrige said he agreed.

Gramm said an informal decision to lift the controls took place at an inter-agency conference Thursday morning attended by representatives from Commerce, State, Defense and Energy departments.

The administration must decide by next Tuesday — when the controls would lapse — whether to renew the ban on petroleum technology exports to the Soviets.

The USSR is the largest petroleum equipment market outside the U.S.

American firms had controlled about 35 percent of the market prior to the ban, Bentsen said. Since its imposition in 1978, the U.S. share shrunk to .04 percent, with the difference going to Italian and Japanese firms.

"We cannot hope to be a major trading nation if we unilaterally restrict trade and leave our allies free to take advbantage of a major market without U.S. competition," Bentsen wrote in a letter to Baldridge last month.

The ban was begun by the Carter administration after the jailing of several Soviet dissidents, including Anatoly B Shcharansky, who last year emigrated to Israel.

It has cost U.S. manufacturers, half of whom are based in Texas, almost $2 billion in sales through 1986, Bentsen said.

"In the last five years the market value of the ten largest U.S. oilfield equipment companies has dropped by 73 percent. Over 4,000 jobs have been lost in this industry in Texas alone in the first five months of 1986," he said.

McIntire makes SPC Dean's List

LEVELLAND--Melissa McIntire of Snyder is among 332 students named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 1986 semester at South Plains College.

New world opens for NASA since the Challenger mishap

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The commander of the first post-Challenger astronaut crew said it is a "whole new world" at NASA now and that the attitude of people in the space agency will make the next shuttle flight "the safest mission yet."

Navy Capt. Frederick Hauck, 45, said Thursday that NASA is "stronger, wiser" than before the Challenger explosion last January and he is confident that the next shuttle flight will be successful.

"It is a whole new world since Jan. 28, 1986," said Hauck. "The accident changed the way everybody in agency looks at their jobs, at their responsibilities. I have no worries that this mission (will be) the safest mission yet."

The mission commander said "the spirit of the crew of Challenger is with us. We are looking forward to taking up where they left off."

Hauck and the four others in his crew met with reporters to talk of their four-day mission aboard space shuttle Discovery scheduled for launch on Feb. 18, 1988.

Hauck said the launch date will be difficult to accomplish, but that NASA will delay the mission if necessary to make sure the flight is safe. Another disaster, he said, could doom U.S. manned spaceflight.

"We shouldn't take it for granted that the American people will always fund recoveries from major accidents," he said. "We couldn't survive two major disasters in a matter of months."

All of the astronauts acknowledged in private interviews that they felt a sense of betrayal when they learned that Challenger was destroyed by a rocket flaw known to some engineers, but not reported to the astronauts or to senior NASA executives.

"I was dismayed and angered," said Richard O. Covey, 40, who will be pilot on Hauck's crew. "I found it difficult to imagine that that could have happened."

He said his trust in NASA is being restored, however, noting: "We found a problem, but we can fix it. And I think we have."

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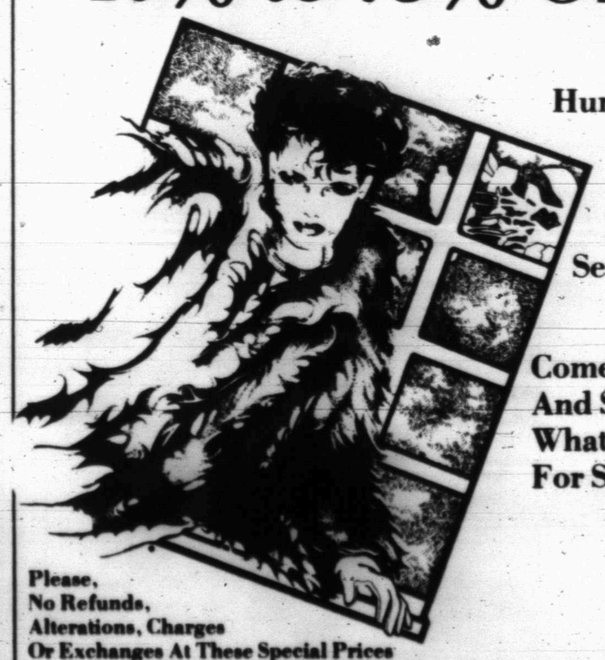
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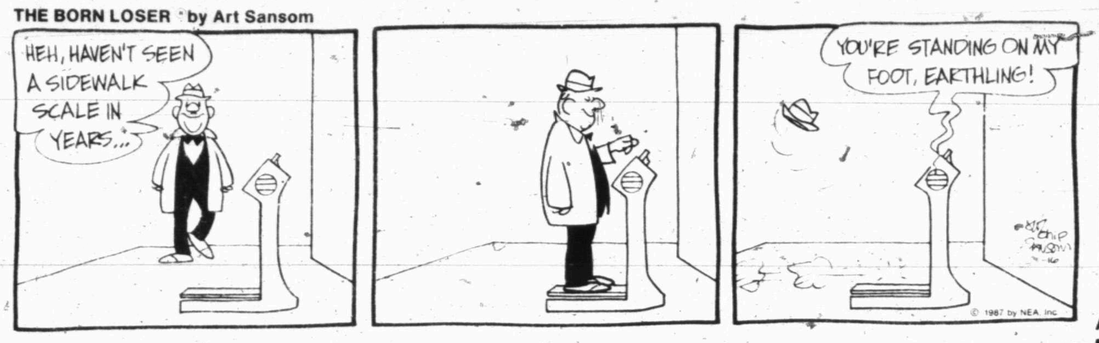

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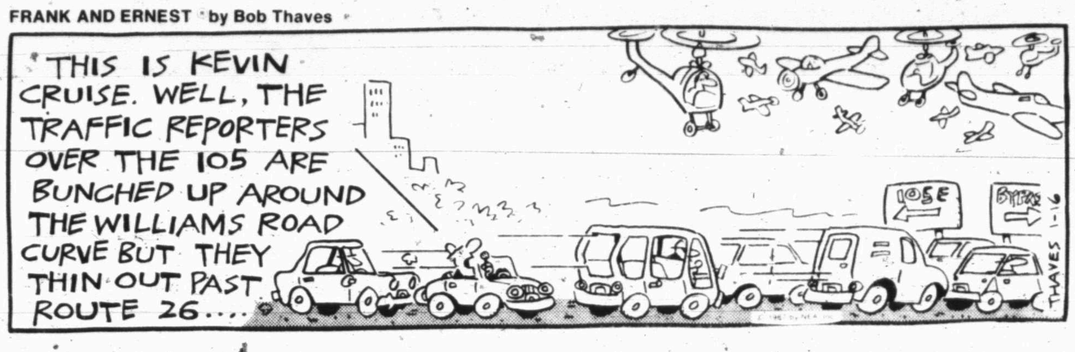

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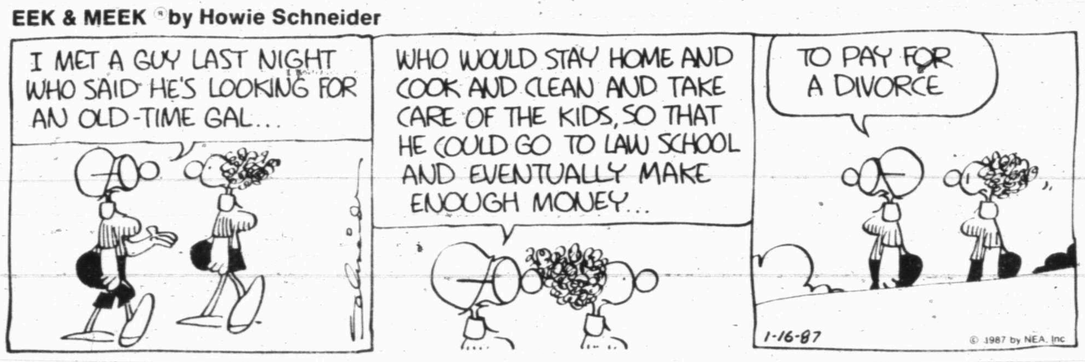

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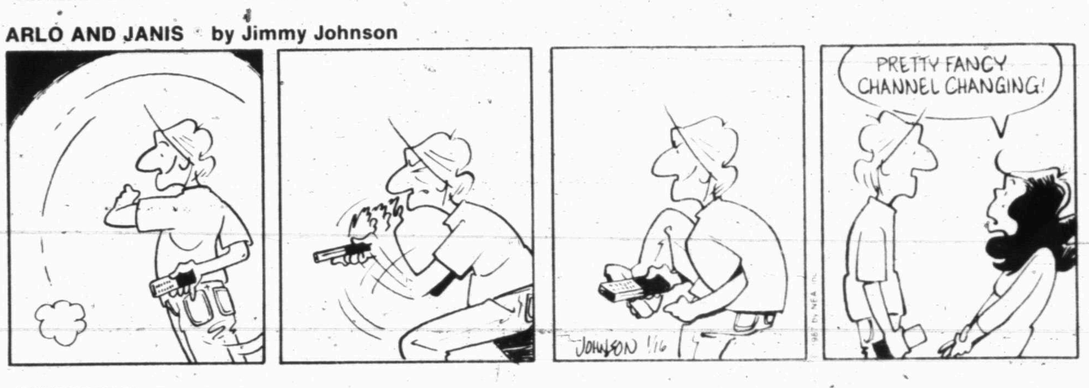

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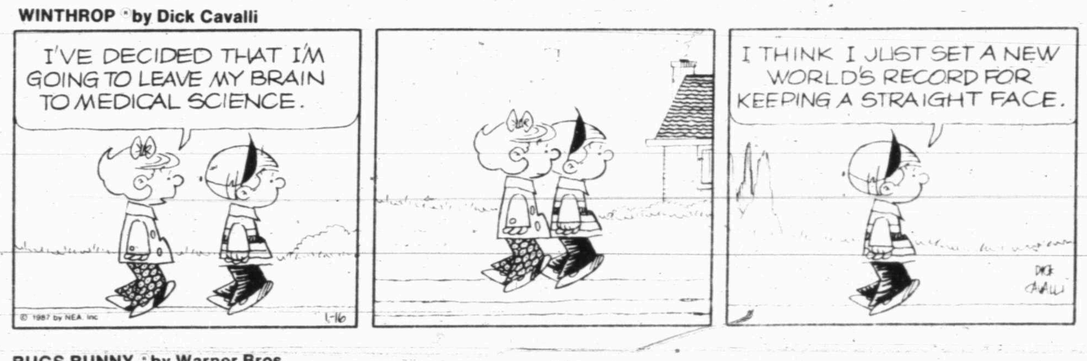

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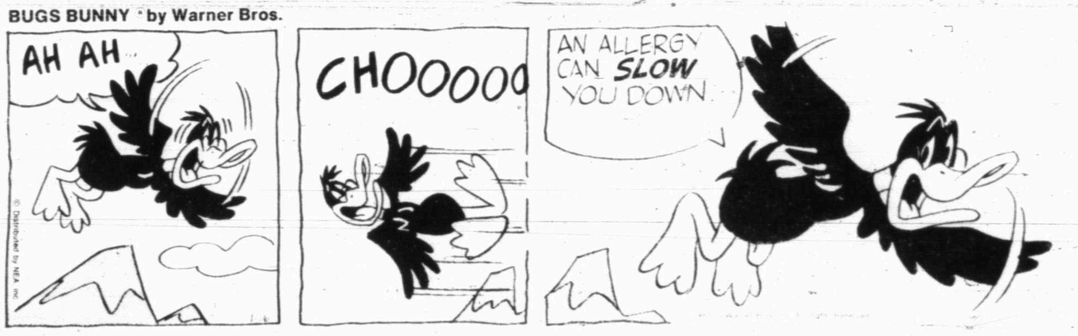

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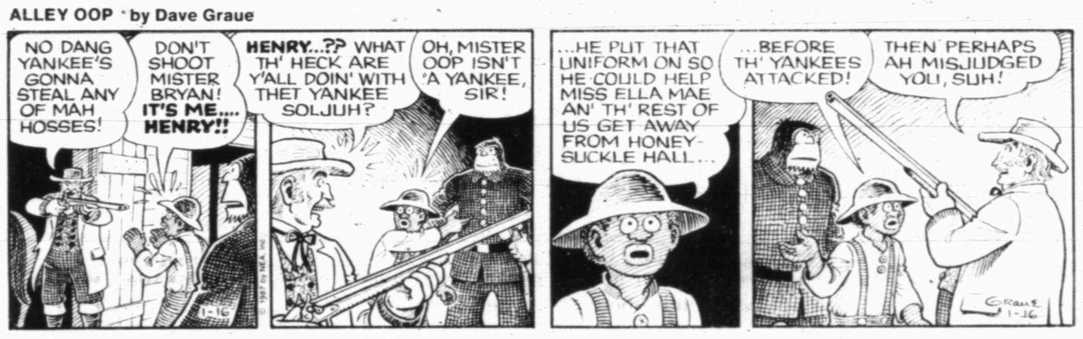

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12 Pertaining to dawn
13 Utility
14 Island
15 Theater box
16 Double curve
17 Disorderly flight
18 Burn slowly
20 Laundering finale
21 Long time
22 Was victorious
23 Who (Fr.)
26 Triangle type
31 Overturn
33 Exclamation of disappointment
34 Reliable
35 How sweet
36 Doctor (abbr.)
37 Mary _____
38 Right away
41 Superlative suffix
42 Dawn goddess
43 Bent to one side
45 Halted
48 Trips
52 Kind of soil
53 Exclamation of amazement
54 Inland sea
55 Tamarisk salt tree
56 Airline information (abbr.)
57 Row
58 Necessity
59 Tunisian ruler
60 Handle (Fr.)

DOWN

1 Skinny fish
2 Weaving device
3 Villain in "Othello"
4 Anoint
5 Chess pieces
6 Soviet Union (abbr.)
7 Roman bronze
8 Strangeness
9 Actress Sue
10 Adjective suffix
11 Diminutive suffix
19 Trifle
20 Legendary bird
22 Compass point
23 Jest
24 Capable of (2 wds.)
25 Osiris' wife
27 Rowing tools
28 Ancient musical instrument
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30 Spanish artist
32 Honorable
36 "_____ Kapital"
37 Bird's nest
39 Brick carrier
40 Bidirectional (comp. wd.)
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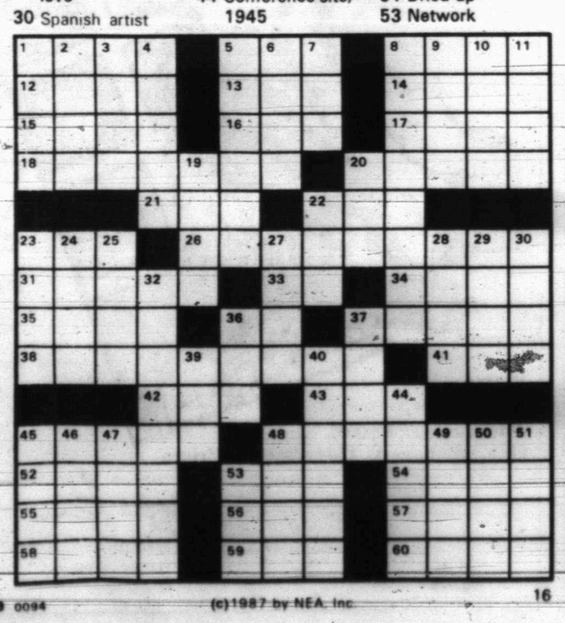

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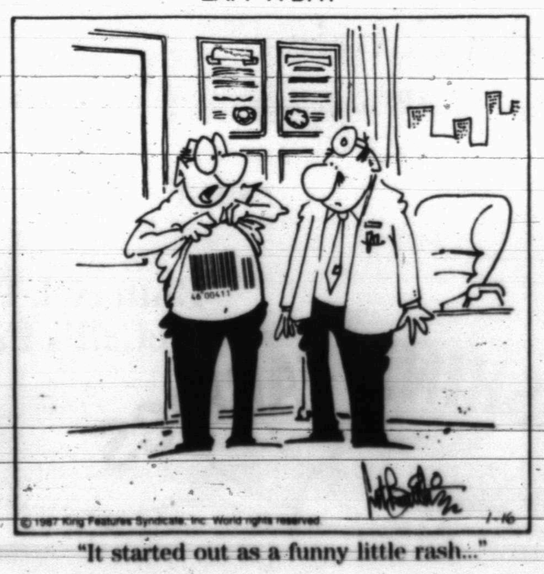

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Gambling proposal to voters

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Voters will go to the polls Saturday to decide whether casino gambling should be legalized in this Gulf Coast resort city where illegal betting clubs once ran wide open.

A Galveston Daily News poll published this week showed the measure being favored slightly.

"All this is just chit-chat till election day and then we'll see," said Harris L. "Shrub" Kempner, an investment adviser who is vice chairman of the Galvestonians Against Casino Gambling. "But I really can't predict the future."

The newspaper, in an editorial published on Sunday, came out against the proposal.

"We would love to have the jobs and economic benefits gambling might bring," Managing Editor Richard Fogaley wrote. "But we don't feel we can afford to sell the city to the gambling forces. The price is too high. If gambling becomes a part of Galveston life, all other aspects will be forgotten."

Both backers and opponents say the campaign is going well and both are predicting victory when the ballots are counted in the non-binding referendum Saturday night. Both sides say they'll be helped by a large turnout from Galveston's 30,000 registered voters.

Three years ago, 40 percent of the voters — the most to participate in a city election in years — rejected by a 63-37 percent margin a non-binding proposal which called for legalized gambling.

"If we lose — but we don't expect to lose — we'll be back," said Sam Clark, a former liquor and sporting goods stores operator who is chairman of the pro-gambling group called Businesses Encouraging Tourism.

"Our city has been through this enough. We hope it's the last time," Kempner says.

The treasurer of the anti-gambling forces, Frank Crews, worries the issue will surface again and again until it passes and notes that gambling wasn't approved in Atlantic City, N.J., until after a half-dozen tries.

U. S. Sen. Gramm addresses solons

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' junior U.S. senator says he will use his political clout to bring the nation's first defense research laboratory to the University of Texas at Austin, which already holds a major federal grant to work on "Star Wars."

Sen. Phil Gramm also predicted that an energy study by the Reagan administration would conclude that it's in the nation's best interest to encourage production of Texas oil.

In a speech to the Legislature on Thursday, the Republican senator said:

"While we have been leaders in virtually every other area of national defense, while Texans have defended the flag around the world, while we have been blessed with military facilities that have brought jobs and given us a leadership role in keeping Ivan back from the gate and keeping the world free, we have not played the leadership role in doing defense research, in developing modern technology that we had a right to claim.

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Thomas Singers performance set

The Thomas Singers will appear this weekend at the First Assembly of God Church. They will sing Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. and again at the Sunday morning church service.

The Thomas Singers consist of Don, his wife, Virginia, and daughter, Leana. Each member of the family plays several instruments, such as banjo, guitars, base and keyboard.

Their voices blend in three part harmony and their music features the popular "Nashville sound."

Don Thomas formerly appeared in the country and western music scene, working with such stars as Buck Owens, Johnny Cash, Tex Ritter and others. He was a regular member on a TV show for 2½ years.

For the past 15 years, the Thomas family has been traveling nationwide giving concerts.

They have recorded 17 albums and made numerous appearances in churches, auditoriums and on TV and radio broadcasts across the country.

JOHN BOSMAN

Bosman to speak at local church

John Bosman of Amarillo will preach revival services at the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church Sunday through Friday. Service times are 9:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday and 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Several months ago he, his wife Anne and son Jayce offered their views on the South African unrest to a combined class of world history and economic students at Snyder High School.

Currently based in Amarillo, the Bosmans have been in the U. S. the past several months conducting revival services.

New commercial for popular singer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson is making two new Pepsi commercials in an estimated $10 million, multi-year deal.

The new spots will be Jackson's first solo appearance for Pepsi, and the first since he and his brothers appeared for the soft-drink company in 1984.

One of the new commercials will appear on the Feb. 24 Grammy telecast. Jackson also will do a Spanish version, Pepsi-Cola Co. spokesman Ken Ross said Thursday.

Bruner completes unit of training

Army National Guard Private William G. Bruner, son of Pat A. Bruner and nephew of Carrillyne Potts, both of Snyder, has completed one station unit of training (OSUT) at the U. S. Army Infantry School, Ft. Banning, Ga.

OSUT is a 12-week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

WILLIAM BRUNER

Superstar forms his own business

HONOLULU (AP) — Los Angeles Lakers superstar Kareem Abdul-Jabbar has formed his own record company and says he wants to be a full-time promoter of jazz when he leaves basketball.

Cranberry Records' first signed artist is pianist Kenny Kirkland, who has played with Wynton Marsalis and Sting.

Abdul-Jabbar said in a recent interview he planned to showcase his recording artists in Hawaii, where he lives part time. He was named to the Hawaii Jazz Preservation Society's board of directors this week.

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Chadwick urges leadership as Dusters fall to Wranglers

ODESSA -- And then there were none.

Western Texas' 68-66 loss to Odessa here Thursday, coupled with South Plains' win over Clarendon, left no undefeated team in the women's Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

Western Texas had gone into Thursday's game here with a 3-0 mark while Clarendon was 1-0 - the only two unbeaten teams in league play. While fast-improving Odessa nipped fifth-ranked Western Texas, South Plains handed Clarendon a 55-44 loss.

Western and South Plains hold a half-game edge in the WJCAC with 3-1 records. Odessa is 2-1 while Clarendon is 1-1. Howard College, idle Thursday, is 2-2.

Clarendon is at Odessa next Monday while Howard visits Levelland to play South Plains. Western Texas meets Blinn Junior College in Stephenville in a non-conference outing.

Coach Kelly Chadwick said his WTC Dusters simply did not play well against Odessa.

"I thought we were intimidated by them. The kids just didn't play. I'm very frustrated. That's three games we've given away now," said the coach, whose Dusters are 17-3 on the season. "Sooner or later they've got to learn to win. We need to have some leadership on the floor in those tough situations, somebody that will say 'it's time to win, let me have the ball.'"

Western Texas trailed most of the ballgame, despite leading 39-35 at halftime. The Dusters fell behind by five or six points midway through the second half, but rallied to regain the advantage in the closing minutes.

"We had a seven-point lead with 2:56 left and got beat," mused Chadwick. "We just turned it over and fouled. Six of those points of theirs were from free throws. The girls didn't realize that with that much of a lead and with that much time if they don't foul they are going to win the ballgame."

Western lost freshman point guard Kayla Thompson to fouls at the 2:56 mark and that made a key difference, noted the coach.

"Kayla had a good game except she fouled out. That's because she is a freshman. A point guard is never supposed to even ever be in foul trouble. It hurt when she fouled out because she is such a good ballhandler," said Chadwick.

Western got 22 points from sophomore Wendy Milner. Brenda Welch added 19 while GiGi Robinson scored 13 and Lisa Thompson added 10.

Welch's 19 points was just five below her average, but Chadwick was not pleased with her performance.

"Brenda did not play well in our most important game of the season. If she's our star, our star has got to play well in those situations," he said.

He cited Robinson and Milner as having good games, and Lisa Thompson as "keeping us in the ball game early with some really good shots.

"Overall, though, we didn't play well. It's all in their heads. They think 'it's Odessa' and they freeze up. It's just a mental thing," said Chadwick. "I guess it goes back to leadership. We've got to find some leadership on that floor. Someone who refuses to be intimidated, who will take control."

Odessa, 16-2 and 2-1, was led by 6-0 freshman Nelda Roy, who scored 18 points. Linda Banks, a 6-4 sophomore, put in 15 points and Angela Jackson added 11.

Odessa 68, Western Texas 66

WESTERN TEXAS (66)-- K. Thompson 1 0-0 2; Welch 6 7-12 19; Robinson 5 3-4 13; Milner 6 10-10 22; L. Thompson 5 0-0 10; TOTALS 23 20-26 66.

ODESSA (68)-- Powell 1 0-0 2; Maddoz 1 0-0 2; Jackson 4 3-4 11; Johnson 3 0-3 6; Broomfield 3 2-4 8; Banks 6 3-4 15; Roy 7 4-4 18; Purvey 2 2-2 6; TOTALS 27 14-21 68.

Halftime- WTC 39, OC 35; Total Fouls- WTC 20, OC 19; **Fouled Out**- Banks, K. Thompson, L. Thompson; **Technical**- Banks; **Records**- WTC 17-3, 3-1; OC 16-2, 2-1.

Men's WJCAC

Team	Conf W	Conf L	Season W	Season L
New Mexico JC	6	0	18	1
Midland	4	1	17	1
South Plains	4	1	14	3
Clarendon	2	2	6	7
Howard	3	3	11	8
Odessa	2	3	12	6
Western Texas	1	4	6	11
NMMI	1	4	4	13
FrankPhillips	0	5	7	12

Monday's Results: NMJC 121, WTC 104; SPC 92, OC 79; HC 88, NMMI 74.

Wednesday's Results: NMJC 111, FPC 81.

Thursday's Games: OC 128, WTC 100; MC 86, HC 82; NMMI 74, FPC 65; SPC 84, CC 65.

Next Monday's Games: MC at WTC, HC at SPC, CC at OC.

Women's WJCAC

Team	Conf W	Conf L	Season W	Season L
Western Texas	3	1	17	3
South Plains	3	1	13	6
Odessa	2	1	16	2
Clarendon	1	1	8	4
Howard	2	2	14	6
FrankPhillips	1	3	9	8
New Mexico JC	1	4	8	13

Monday's Results: WTC 90, NMJC 74; OC 64, SPC 46.

Wednesday's Results: NMJC 71, FPC 66.

Thursday's Results: OC 68, WTC 66; SPC 55, CC 44.

Next Monday's Games: CC at OC, HC at SPC, WTC vs. Blinn at Stephenville (non-conference).

Frosh defeat Merkel, 39-18

SWEETWATER -- Snyder freshman girls defeated Merkel 39-18 in the Sweetwater Tournament here Thursday.

The young Lady Tigers are slated against Sweetwater tonight at 7 o'clock in the middle school gym.

Cindy Srna led Snyder with 11 points.

S P O R T S

Odessa slaps Western men

ODESSA -- Western Texas College gave up 70 second-half points here Thursday and fell to Odessa College 128-100 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference basketball action.

The loss puts the Westerners at 1-4 in conference play now and 6-11 for the season. Odessa improves to 2-3 and 12-6.

In other games played Thursday, Midland clipped Howard 86-82, New Mexico Military Institute topped Frank Phillips 74-65 and South Plains handled Clarendon 84-65.

"When you give up 70 points in the second half you don't expect to win," panned WTC Coach Phil Spradling. "Defensively, we're just not playing at all."

Western jumped out to a 12-2 advantage but lacked the bench strength to stay with the Wranglers, who put nine players in the scoring column. WTC trailed 58-49 at halftime.

"We started off in the lead but we didn't play our type of game, which is to get in the lead and slow the ball down," said Spradling, who commands only an eight-man roster. "I guess it was the adrenalin of the guys. They wanted to keep scoring and keep getting up and down the court. We're a running team, basically, and it's hard for us to adjust to the fact that we've got to slow it down if we're going to play a full 40 minutes."

Western's Alvin Lee led all scorers with 37 points. John Lewis scored 25, including three 3-point goals, while Darrell Nelson and Amos Jones notched 12 points each. Melvin Thompson added 10 points.

Odessa got 35 points from Dave Swan and 34 from Troy Bell. Eric Price scored 21 and Riley Smith 20.

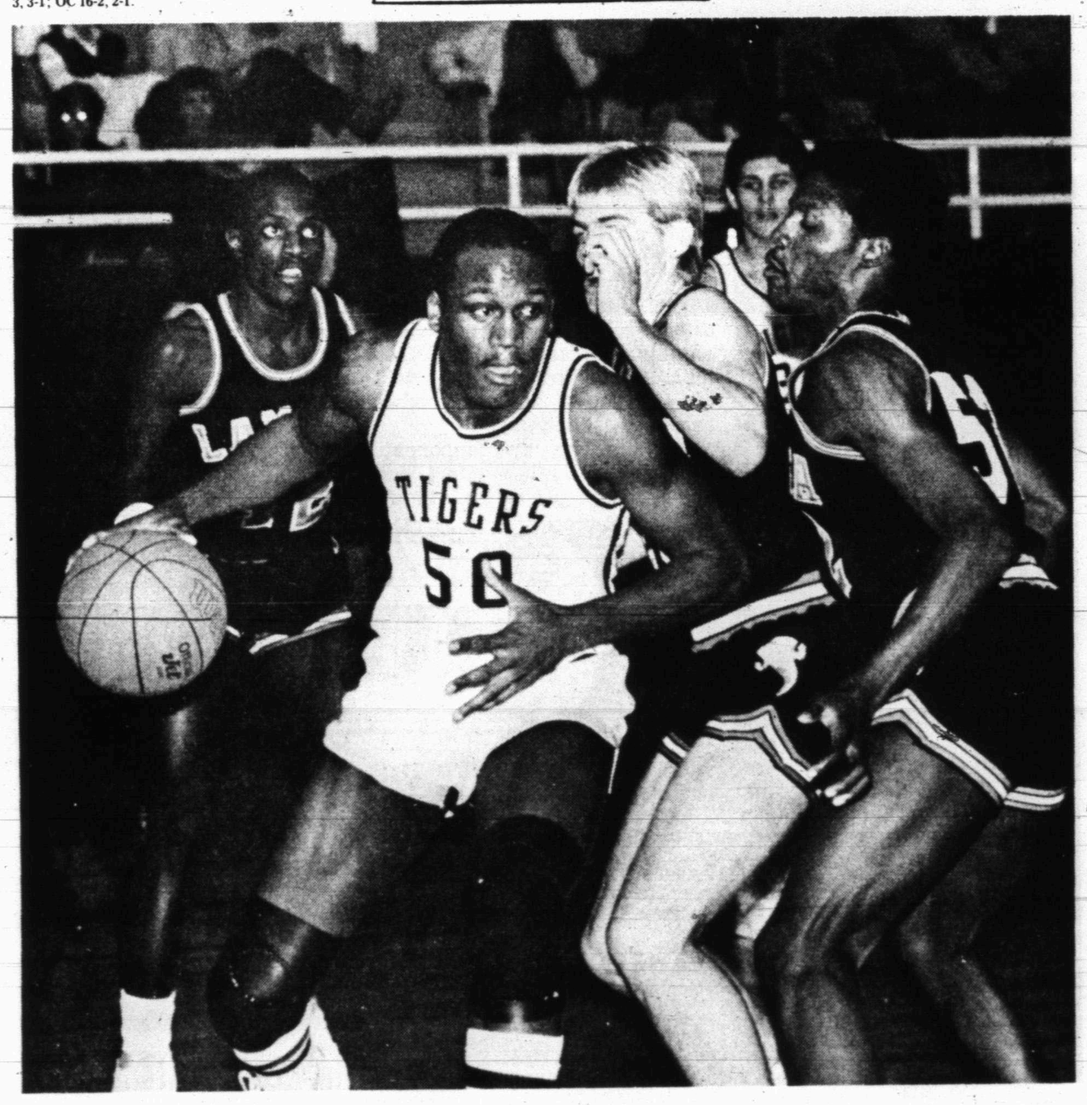
Next up for Western is to host seventh-ranked Midland College at 8 p.m. Monday in Scurry County Coliseum.

Odessa 128, Western Texas 100

WESTERN TEXAS (100)-- Alvin Lee 12 12 37; John Lewis 10 2 25; Amos Jones 5 1 12; Darrell Nelson 3 6 12; Melvin Thompson 4 2 10; Terry Ridgeway 0 1 1; Igor Gojanovic 1 1 3; TOTALS 35 24 100.

ODESSA (128)-- Edwards 3 2 8; Francis 1 0 2; Bell 15 4 34; Swan 14 2 35; Price 8 5 21; R. Smith 8 4 20; Wilson 2 0 4; D. Smith 1 0 2; Ryan 1 0 2; TOTALS 53 17 128.

Halftime- OC 58, WTC 49; **Total Fouls**- WTC 24, OC 26; **Fouled Out**- Edwards; **Three-Point-Goals**- Lee 1, Lewis 3, Jones 1, Swan 5.



DRAWS A CROWD -- Snyder senior Chris Garrett draws a crowd under the basket in a recent varsity basketball game. He'll undoubtedly do the same tonight as the Tigers play in Monahans. A girl's varsity game is scheduled here. See related article below. (SDN Staff Photo)

In cage contests tonight...

Tiger teams try Monahans

MONAHANS -- Coach Ken Housden's Lady Tigers and Coach Larry Scott's Tigers are approaching tonight's District 2-4A games with Monahans differently, but both are hoping for the same outcome - a victory.

Scott's boys, who play in Monahans, will be trying to rebound from a three-game losing streak that has left them 3-3 in conference play. It won't be easy, said Scott.

"They are going to be thinking that we're 10-10 and 3-3 and they can beat us. They know it's a long road trip, and they'll be ready for us," said Scott, rejecting the suggestion that after playing Big Spring, Andrews and Lamesa his Tigers might have an easier time of it tonight.

Monahans boys are 9-8 for the season and 2-4 in district play.

"They have real good size and a couple of good guards," said Scott. "They are the type of team that could give us problems."

Both varsity games tip off at 7:30 p.m. and will be preceded by junior varsity games at 6 p.m. The girl's games will be held at Snyder High School Gym.

Coach Housden's girls also need a win to stay afloat in the race for a playoff berth, but unlike the boys, the girls are coming off of two straight victories.

"We've played pretty well these past couple of games and if we can continue to do that, we've got a chance," said Housden, whose girls are 4-4 in loop action and 12-8 overall. "We'd probably have to go undefeated for the second part of the district, but if we play to our potential, it's possible."

Monahans' girls are 4-12 for 1986-87 and 1-7 in conference play.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

	W	L	Pct.	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Boston	25	10	.714	—
Philadelphia	21	16	.568	5
Washington	19	18	.514	7
New York	12	24	.333	13½
New Jersey	10	26	.278	15½
Central Division				
Atlanta	25	10	.714	—
Detroit	23	10	.697	1
Milwaukee	23	15	.605	3½
Chicago	18	16	.529	6½
Indiana	18	18	.500	7½
Cleveland	14	22	.389	11½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Dallas	23	13	.639	—
Utah	21	15	.583	2
Houston	17	18	.486	5½
Denver	16	22	.421	8
Sacramento	10	26	.278	13
San Antonio	9	28	.243	14
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	28	8	.778	—
Portland	24	15	.615	5½
Golden State	21	17	.553	8
Seattle	19	16	.543	8½
Phoenix	15	22	.405	13½
L.A. Clippers	5	31	.139	23

Thursday's Games

Atlanta 130, Milwaukee 91
Indiana 113, Washington 105
Houston 107, Chicago 96
Phoenix 123, Utah 107
L.A. Lakers 129, Golden State 109
Sacramento 120, Portland 118

Friday's Games

Cleveland at Boston
Houston at Detroit
Dallas at Milwaukee
Denver at Seattle
L.A. Clippers at Golden State

Saturday's Games

Dallas at Indiana
Detroit at New Jersey
New York at Cleveland
Philadelphia at Chicago
Utah at San Antonio
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix
Seattle at Sacramento

Sunday's Games

Houston at Boston
L.A. Lakers at Washington
Atlanta at Milwaukee
Golden State at Portland

Bird chosen top male athlete

BOSTON (AP) - Larry Bird, the first basketball player ever to be named The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year, says he's living a dream with the Boston Celtics.

"I'll tell you, I can't vision myself playing for somebody else," Bird said Thursday. "Looking back, it's just been a dream.

"This is my eighth year and it's gone so fast I'm gonna be out of here shortly."

Bird, who turned 30 last month, said he's still having fun as an NBA super star and he's very happy with his $2 million-a-year contract which has three years remaining plus an option year.

"I'm very happy with what the Celtics give me," he said. "I'll never go in and ask for more money. The only thing I concentrate on is winning a championship."

Then, in apparent reference to reports that slugger Jim Rice of the Red Sox was the highest paid Boston athlete, also with a reported $2 million last year, Bird said:

"Why I'm not even the highest paid athlete in Boston. But I don't worry about that."

Bird, who won the NBA's most valuable player award for the third consecutive year in 1986, edged the American League MVP Roger Clemens of the Boston Red Sox for the AP Athlete of the Year honor.

Bird was named on 60 of the 95 ballots cast by a nationwide group of sports writers and sportscasters.

Clemens, who had a 24-4 record in pitching the Red Sox to the American League pennant, was named on 63 ballots, but Bird had 30 first-place votes and 214 points based on five points for first, three for second and one for third.

Navratilova voted top woman

NEW YORK (AP) - Martina Navratilova, continuing her assault on the record book every time she steps onto the court, was named today as The Associated Press Female Athlete of 1986.

It is the second time in four years the world's No. 1-ranked tennis player has won the award. She also won in 1983.

This year, she polled 377 points to easily outdistance golfer Pat Bradley, who finished second in the nationwide balloting of sports writers and broadcasters with 240 points.

Finishing third was track star Jackie Joyner with 126 points, followed by distance runner Grete Waitz of Norway with 99; world figure skating champion Debi Thomas, 97; basketball star Cheryl Miller, 87; and distance runner Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway, 38.

Twenty athletes were named in the annual poll, with Navratilova collecting 57 first-place ballots, 33 for second and 23 for third. Bradley received 31 votes for first place, Joyner 15, Thomas 7, Waitz and Miller six each, and Kristiansen 3.

Five points were awarded for a first-place vote, three for second and one for third.

Navratilova had a typical Navratilova year in 1986.

She finished as the world champion - determined by the Virginia Slims World Championship Series point standings - for the fourth straight year. She reached the finals of the championships at Madison Square Garden for the ninth consecutive time and posted her seventh victory, including the last four.

Hope event a cold affair

LA QUINTA, Calif., (AP) - David Edwards found himself in a dilemma.

"To stay warm, you have to wear so many clothes you can't play golf. To play golf, you have to take off so many clothes, you can't stay warm.

"You just try to strike a happy medium," Edwards said.

And he did a good job of it - for 17 holes - in the second round of the $900,000 Bob Hope Classic.

But on the 18th, he hooked a 3-iron through a cold, drizzling rain and into a pond. It produced a double bogey that provided Andy Bean with a three-shot lead Thursday.

Bean didn't have the same problem. He, too, faced unusually chilly temperatures, a rare desert rain and occasionally gusty winds. But he didn't have to worry about overdressing.

"You don't expect this kind of thing here. I didn't bring these kind of clothes. I didn't have enough to put on. I was freezing," Bean said after a 4-under-par 68 on the Indian Wells course enabled him to get through 36 holes in 131, 13 under par.

Bean plays PGA West today. The course carries a U.S.G.A. rating of 77.1, the highest in the country. It is generally considered to be 5-6 shots more difficult than the other three courses used in this five-day, 90-hole tournament.

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Acreage restrictions stem wheat planting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers have cut plantings of winter wheat for this year's harvest by 10 percent from 1986, reflecting the heavy pressures caused by government acreage curbs, massive stockpiles and lower market prices.

The Agriculture Department reported Thursday that winter wheat was planted on about 48.7 million acres last fall, the smallest acreage since 1978.

"Acreage is down in the Great Plains, the Western states, the eastern Corn Belt and the Southeast," the department's Agricultural Statistics Board said. "Only the Delta states, Delmarva (Delaware, Maryland and Virginia), Kentucky and West Virginia show increases."

The report said about 81 percent of the acreage was seeded by Oct. 26, about on track with normal planting. Winter wheat makes up about three-fourths of the total U.S. wheat harvest.

A series of related reports showed the scope of the grain situation, including wheat and feed grains.

In a supply-and-demand analysis, officials said the U.S. wheat stockpile on June 1, the beginning of the 1987-88 wheat marketing year, could be 1.92 billion bushels, about the same as a year ago. The farm price of wheat is expected to average $2.20 to $2.40 this season, down from $3.16 in 1985-86.

Market prices have dropped this year largely because of lower federal supports, which administration officials say should help stimulate exports, help reduce the grain surplus and, eventually, raise market prices.

Similar market declines have occurred in other commodities. For corn, the report showed farm prices averaging $1.35 to $1.65 this season, down from $2.35 in 1985-86. Acreage cuts also are expected when farmers plant their 1987 corn this spring.

Another report said corn in storage as of Dec. 1, 1986, totaled about 10.3 billion bushels, up 20 percent from inventories of 8.61 billion bushels a year earlier.

The Dec. 1 wheat stockpile was reported at 2.66 billion bushels, up less than 1 percent from about 2.64 billion bushels on Dec. 1, 1985.

Soybean stocks, at 1.98 billion bushels, also were up about 1 percent from a year earlier's 1.96 billion bushels.

A review of overall 1986 crop production showed minor adjustments in USDA's previously announced harvest figures. Last year's corn harvest was put at 8.25 billion bushels, down 7 percent from the record 1985 crop, although the yield of 119.3 bushels per acre was a record high.

The 1986 harvest of all wheat was shown at 2.09 billion bushels, down 14 percent from 1985, and soybeans last year totaled 2.01 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the 1985 harvest. Cotton production, at 9.78 million bales, was down 27 percent.

Soviet grain agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Lyng says he understands how farmers are frustrated by the Soviet Union's apparent decision to ignore terms of a long-term grain agreement's requirement that Moscow buy minimum amounts of U.S. grain every year.

Despite clear-cut language in the pact, Lyng said Thursday the Soviets are virtually ignoring the agreement's terms.

Lyng said the indication came during a meeting here last month with Moscow's foreign trade minister, Boris Ivanovich Aristov.

"He virtually disavowed that agreement by saying that they in total over the years had purchased more than the minimum agreement," Lyng said in a telephone interview with farm editors. "That's not the way the agreement is written."

Lyng added: "The agreement calls for a minimum purchase each year of wheat and corn, and they simply have not lived up to that agreement on wheat for the past two years. This year, they're not buying corn either."

Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., whose state is the leading wheat producer, said he also had met with Aristov last month but got no assurance the agreement would be followed.

"I don't know what you can do about it," Dole told a reporter. "We've urged them to live up to the agreement ... It's up to them."

The current five-year agreement took effect Oct. 1, 1983, and is in its fourth year. So far, no grain has been sold for delivery in 1986-87. Last year's sales included 152,600 tons of wheat and 6.8 million tons of corn.

Under the agreement, which runs through Sept. 30, 1988, Moscow is supposed to buy at least 9 million tons a year, including a minimum of 4 million tons each of wheat and corn.

Soviet officials have complained the United States has subsidized grain exports to some countries under the Agriculture Department's Export Enhancement Program but has denied the program to the Soviet Union.

"Their argument that we were discriminatory against them on the Export Enhancement Program has no validity because we did, in fact, last year, on wheat, offer them a special discount, which made our wheat fully competitive with that around the world," Lyng said.

The special wheat offer expired last Sept. 30 with no sales to the Soviets.

Later on Thursday, the Agriculture Department issued a monthly report showing the Soviet Union's 1986 grain harvest is still estimated at 210 million metric tons, unchanged from the December forecast.

Soviet total imports of grain in 1986-87 also were unchanged at 21 million tons, down from 29.9 million tons in 1985-86 and a record of 55.5 million tons in 1984-85, when production was down and Moscow was rebuilding grain stockpiles.

The report said Soviet grain buyers "have shown more than usual interest in imports of feed wheat" for livestock this season, with Canada and the European Community being the main suppliers.

In contrast, Canadian sales of high-quality wheat for milling into flour has been lagging, possibly reflecting sharp increases in Moscow's procurement of domestic milling wheat, which are up about 50 percent from a year ago.

"Greater dependence on domestic high-quality wheat and less dependence on imports would be consistent with earlier policy decisions intended to reduce reliance on imported food-quality wheat," the report said.

Rail board seeks automatic brakes on all freight trains

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal board probing last week's fatal Amtrak collision near Baltimore is calling for automatic brakes on all trains sharing tracks with passenger traffic in the busy Northeast corridor and says regulators should have required such a backup device long ago.

The high-speed Amtrak passenger trains that use the corridor from Washington to Boston are equipped with the automatic braking systems which trigger within six seconds if a train operator does not comply with a change-of-speed signal.

Freight trains such as the Conrail locomotives that smashed into the Amtrak train Jan. 4 are not required to have the devices, although the National Transportation Safety Board urged at least three times in the past decade that some kind of automated train control system be put on trains as a backstop against human failings.

An apparent failure of the Conrail locomotive's engineer and brakeman to notice and properly respond to a reduction of speed signal as they approached an intersection with the main Amtrak line is being viewed as a primary factor in the collision that killed 16 people and injured 175 others.

Joseph Nall, who heads the investigation, told a television interviewer Thursday night the operation of the Conrail locomotive has become a major "focal point of the investigation," especially since drug tests earlier in the week revealed the presence of marijuana in both the engineer and brakeman.

Tests and other evidence indicates, according to investigators, the Conrail locomotive, pulling two other locomotives, sped through a slow-down signal, and by the time the engineer noticed a stop signal near the track interchange, it was too late to halt the train safely.

Nall said in an appearance Thursday night on the "MacNeill-Lehrer NewsHour" television program that the safety board expects to be able to eventually determine whether drugs impaired the two crewmen before the accident. He cautioned, however, that no such conclusion has been made.

At the same time, he said an automatic braking system likely would have prevented the collision because "the device, if it had been in place, would under normal conditions have slowed the (Conrail) train to a stop" before it slid into the path of the Amtrak.

Complicated phone system headed for more confusion

AUSTIN (AP) — Think you have finally figured out the new world of telephones? Don't hang up yet. More changes could be on the way.

The Public Utility Commission on Thursday endorsed a partial deregulation of AT&T Communications. But the company says the proposal does not go far enough. The company is talking to lawmakers about complete deregulation.

Also Thursday, Consumers Union announced its opposition to a proposal to deregulate some services offered by Southwestern Bell and other local telephone companies. The bill would not allow the companies to set their local phone rates, but would allow them to set the price for related services, such as repairs.

Ricky Knox, spokesman for the Texas Telephone Association (representing the local phone companies), said there is no intention to seek deregulation of local rates.

But Carol Barger, southwest regional director for Consumers Union, said she is concerned that could be an eventual goal.

All in all, according to Ms. Barger, the breakup of the nationwide Bell System has been disappointing.

"We were optimistic about it," she said at a Capitol news conference. "I'm here today to tell you we were wrong in that."

Ms. Barger said consumers simply are not ready for further changes in their telephone service.

"I think they're confused, they're frustrated and they don't have any idea why the breakup occurred. They just feel like, 'I don't know how to manage this. I'm just going to have to get by and hope I'm not getting ripped off,'" she said.

The AT&T partial deregulation rules advanced by the utility commission could add another new layer of confusion. Under current rules, the PUC regulated AT&T's rates, but not those charged by the approximately 160 other long-distance companies in Texas.

The PUC plan would allow AT&T to set its own rates as of July 1. But the rates for basic long-distance service could change only a penny per minute in the first year and another penny in the second year. After that period, the PUC would take another look at the system, unless the Legislature orders complete deregulation of AT&T.

The plan also could wind up including annual consumer decisions about what long-distance service they want.

"We think the flexibility the commission is granting AT&T is the right direction, but we're concerned that it doesn't go far enough," said AT&T executive Phil Bode.

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Officials arrest one of four suspects

BONN, West Germany (AP) — Police have arrested a Lebanese man accused of hijacking a TWA jetliner in 1985 and killing one hostage, and U.S. officials said they would seek his speedy extradition.

Mohammed Ali Hamadi, 22, was seized at Frankfurt airport when customs agents discovered three wine bottles in his carry-on luggage containing methyl nitrate, a fluid sometimes used in making explosives, security officials said Thursday.

In Washington, U.S. officials said Hamadi was one of four people indicted in the United States on charges of conspiring to commit air piracy and murder in the TWA hijacking, during which a U.S. Navy diver was shot to death.

The officials said they were talking with West Germany about extraditing Hamadi, believed to have been one of two gunmen who carried out the hijacking.

The hijackers held 39 Americans hostage for 17 days in June 1985 before releasing them following Syrian mediation. Then, hooded and carrying handguns, the hijackers read a statement at Beirut airport before vanishing.

Italian Interior Minister Oscar Luigi Scalfaro was quoted Thursday as saying there was a link between Hamadi and a 26-year-old Lebanese man arrested at Milan airport Monday after authorities found he was carrying plastic explosives and detonators.

The Italian news agency AGI quoted Scalfaro as saying in Rabat, Morocco, that the operation that led to the arrests of Hamadi and Bashir al-Khodr was continuing, but did not elaborate.

Hamadi was arrested Tuesday upon arrival from Beirut on a Middle East Airlines flight, said security officials who spoke on condition of anonymity. His arrest was announced Thursday.

The officials said Hamadi was believed to belong to an extremist Shiite Moslem group. A high-ranking West German Interior Ministry official said Hamedi was traveling under an alias with a forged Lebanese passport, but was positively identified through fingerprints.

Bonn security officials said Hamadi told police he carried the wine bottles containing the methyl nitrate for an unidentified man he was to meet in Frankfurt.

Jochen Schroers, a spokesman for the Frankfurt prosecutor's office, said authorities believed Hamadi was preparing a terrorist bombing, but it was unclear whether the attack was planned for in West Germany.

The West German television network ZDF reported Thursday night that officials were investigating whether Hamadi was involved in the June 1985 bombing of a Frankfurt airport departure hall that killed three people and injured 42. The report gave no further details and cited no sources.

The U.S. indictment, which was unsealed in Washington Thursday night, charges Hamadi and three others with conspiracy to commit air piracy, murder and assault.

The murder charge stems from the slaying of Navy diver Robert Stethem on June 14, the day the hijackers diverted the Athens-to-Rome TWA flight to Beirut. They demanded the release of Lebanese prisoners held in Israel.

Also named in the indictment are fugitives Ali Atwa and Hasan Izz-Al-Din. The name of a fourth defendant remained sealed and the Justice Department offered no explanation.

Obituaries

Mort Ewing

A memorial service was conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at Colonial Hill Baptist Church for Mort Ewing Jr., 35, Snyder Chamber of Commerce manager since August of 1982.

Ewing, of 5601 Cedar Creek, was killed Wednesday night in a one-car automobile accident.

Officating at the memorial service was the Rev. Miller Robinson, church pastor, assisted by Rev. Tom Holcomb of the East Side Church of Christ.

Funeral services for Ewing will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the South MacArthur Church of Christ in Irving. Officiating will be Art McNeese.

Ewing was hired in the twin capacity as executive officer for both the board of county development and the chamber of commerce in August of 1982.

Previously, he served as assistant manager for both the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce and the Mesquite chamber.

He was born in Longview on Dec. 25, 1951, the son of Mort and Bonnie Ewing. His parents, of 4125 N. O'Connor in Irving, survive him.

He graduated from MacArthur High School in Irving in 1970 and enrolled in North Texas State University in September of that year.

He earned a BA degree in public address and communication and later a masters degree in communication from NTSU.

In Snyder, he was a member of the advisory committee for Senior Citizens Inc., the group which oversees the operation of Golden Terrace Village; and an ex-officio member of the Senior Citizens Center advisory board.

He was also a director for United Way here and an active member of the Early Morning Bible Class at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

He was a member of the Eastside Church of Christ.

Other survivors include two brothers, Price of Irving and Neil of Arlington.

Jay Gannaway

Services for Jay Gannaway, 25, are set for 4 p.m. Friday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with the Rev. Tim Townsen of Central Baptist Church in Odessa officiating, assisted by the Rev. Rex Reynolds of the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

He was DOA at 1:04 a.m. Thursday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born April 20, 1962 in Scurry County. He was a Baptist. He had lived in Odessa for 15 years and the remaining years in Snyder and Hermleigh.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ruben Gannaway, Jr. of Snyder; two sisters, Tresa Stratford of Snyder and Belinda Wolf of Charleston, S. C.; one brother, Jeff Gannaway of Andrews; his grandparents, Homer Gannaway of Hermleigh and Mr. and Mrs. John McCright of Snyder.

He was a member of Central Baptist Church in Odessa.

Pallbearers will be Eric Nachlinger, Michael Nachlinger, Cory Burleson, Darrell Joe Nachlinger, Jay Bearden, Richard Groves, and Darrell Mayo.

Jacey Ray

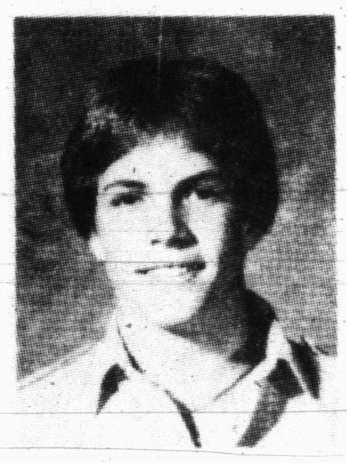
Services for Jacey Gertrude Ray, 76, of Jenks, Okla., former Snyder resident, are set for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with the Rev. C. J. Smith, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will follow at Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday at her home at 734 Plaza Drive, Apt. A. She was born Oct. 14, 1910. She was a housewife and Baptist.

She was married to Arnel Jefferson Ray July 30, 1928 in Bastrop. He died April 21, 1980.

She is survived by two daughters, Betty Clerihew of Graham and Mary Ray of Jenks, Okla.; four sons, Jimmy Ray of Crane, Dick Ray of Bullard, Robert Ray of Tyler and Charles Ray of Granbury; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers will be Horace Fowler, Billy Calley, Richard Hester, Mickey Sterling, Lowell Martin, and John Floyd.



JOHN WILSON, JR.

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BIG SPRING--Services are set for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel for John P. Wilson Jr., 23, who died Wednesday night in Austin.

Wilson graduated from Snyder High School in 1982. He was named Mr. SHS, was an all-state third baseman, and was a member of the Tiger basketball team. He attended Howard College and Texas A&M, and was studying to be an accountant.

He was the son of John and Peggy Wilson of Big Spring, and the family formerly lived in Snyder where the father was an accountant and former city councilman.

Survivors include his parents; a sister, Valerie Gammon of Austin; and a nephew, Andrew Gammon of Austin.

Herman Griffith

ROTAN--Services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday at Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel for Herman G. Griffith, 82, who died Wednesday in a Rotan hospital. Burial will be in the Rotan Cemetery.

He was the father of Bobby Griffith and Estelle Rollins, both of Snyder.

Born in Coryell County, Griffith lived in Fisher County for 43 years. He was retired from National Gypsum. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. His wife, Lucille, preceded him in death.

Survivors include two other sons, Gene Griffith of Rotan and Kenneth Griffith of Dublin; two other daughters, Wilma Odom of Taylor and Nancy Newman of Waco; four brothers, Amos Griffith of Los Angeles, Marshall Griffith of Coleman, R. D. Griffith of Bluffdale and Henry Griffith of Santa Anna; two sisters, Lorene Niemann of Kingsville and Mary Thorton of Fredericksburg; 18 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Cora Lee Jeffress

CARLSBAD, N. M.--Services for Cora Lee Jeffress, 97, of Carlsbad, N. M. were held Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church. She was buried in Sunset Gardens Memorial Park. She died Monday in a local hospital.

She was born Dec. 12, 1889 in Brown County, Tex. In 1897 her family moved to Scurry County in a covered wagon. She married Hugh Jeffress on June 22, 1908 in Snyder. She attended Abilene Teachers College and West Texas Teachers College.

When her father died in 1908, the Jeffress' took over the family farm.

She was a charter member of the Methodist Women at Union Methodist Church in Scurry County.

She is survived by two daughters, Tennye Mae Worley of Carlsbad, N. M. and Hughlene Baker of Arlington; one sister-in-law, Lola Bynum of Snyder; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Landsum Manor.

Water rates may go down

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$1.4 million of non-municipal revenues to "soften rates" to the member cities.

District officials note that a cost under-run in expenses tied to the Beals Creek quality enchancement project allowed a substantial transfer of monies from CRMWD's interest and sinking fund.

Previous to this, the district had planned to apply some $1.2 million toward "rate modification" to benefit water rate charges.

If the board had held to this schedule, Snyder would have seen its cost per 1,000 gallons increase by 1.6 cents.

The district's rates are based on a combination of fixed charges (for operations and debt service) plus the cost of delivering water, a figure tied to the amount used.

The calculated rate for the two other CRMWD member cities, Odessa and Big Spring, were reduced also--Odessa by some 6 cents per 1,000 and Big Spring some 1 cent.

Odessa's calculated rate will be 69.39 cents per 1,000 and Big Spring's some 53.8 cents.

Becaue consumption by member cities was considerably less than estimated for 1986, Odessa's actual rate per 1,000 gallons this past year was 80.4 cents and Big Spring's 58.3 cents.

Sales tax shows new year decline

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The year ended at a minus 6.5 percent.

Statewide, the year's first reporting period for sales tax was down an average 9 percent.

The report for area cities was mixed. These include:

—Lubbock: minus 11.6 percent with $732,854 returned this year compared to $829,342 last year.

—Abilene: minus 15.1 percent with $417,567 returned this year compared to $492,361 last year.

—San Angelo: plus 10.4 percent with $349,558 returned this year compared to $316,473 last year.

—Big Spring: plus 0.91 percent with $78,514 returned this year compared to $77,810 last year.

—Snyder: minus 14.1 percent with $46,015 returned this year compared to $53,625 last year.

—Sweetwater: plus 36.5 percent with $61,321 returned this year compared to $44,899 last year.

—Colorado City: minus 11.7 percent with $13,977 returned this year compared to $15,853 last year.

—Post: minus 44 percent with $6,081 returned this year compared to $10,875 last year.

Auto glass said broken

Police are investigating a criminal mischief report filed by a Snyder woman Thursday morning.

At 8:27 a.m., Juanita Hyers of 306 28th St. reported a broken window on her 1984 Renault.

The vehicle is thought to have been damaged between 10 p.m. Wednesday and 8:15 a.m. Thursday while parked at the Hyers residence.

Births

Stewart and Alisa Anderson are the parents of a baby girl, Kayla Dawn, weighing eight pounds five ounces born at 2:49 p.m. Jan. 9 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bennett of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Anderson of Andrews.

Markets

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	58	56⅜	57⅝
Amer Can	93⅞	92½	92¾
Ameritech	140	138½	139¾
AMI Inc	16½	16¼	16¼
Am Motors	3⅛	3	3⅛
AmStand	45⅜	44⅞	45⅛
Amer T&T	25⅝	25¼	25⅜
Amoco	73⅞	73	73½
ArmcoInc	6½	6¼	6⅜
AtlRichfld	69½	68¾	68¾
BancTexas	½	15-32	½
BellAtlan s	72½	71½	71⅞
BellSouth	61¼	60⅝	60⅞
Beth Steel	7⅞	7½	7⅝
Borden s	52¼	51	51¼
Caterpllr	44¼	43⅝	43⅞
Centel	62⅛	61¾	61¾
ChesebgP	72¼	72	72¼
Chevron	52⅞	51⅝	51⅞
Chrysler s	45⅜	44½	44⅝
CoastalCp	43⅛	42¾	42¾
CocaCola s	40⅞	40	40⅛
Coleman	35¾	35⅛	35⅛
Colg Palm	45¾	44⅝	44⅞
ComlMetl s	16⅞	16¼	16¼
DeltaAirl	53	51¾	52⅜
DiamShrd	14¾	14¼	14½
DowChem	67⅞	67⅛	67¼
DressrInd	23⅞	23¾	23¾
duPont	99½	97¼	97½
EstKodak	74⅛	73⅜	73¾
Enserch	19¼	18⅞	19
EntexInc	15¾	15⅝	15¾
Exxon	77⅝	76⅝	77
FederalCo s	48¼	47⅛	47⅜
Firestone	29⅝	29¼	29¼
FtBcpTex	6½	5¾	5⅞
FlowerInd	26¾	26⅛	26⅛
FordMot s	70½	68⅞	69
GAF Cp s	40⅝	40	40
GTE Corp	61⅞	60⅞	61
GnDynam	76⅞	75¼	75½
GenElec	95	93	93⅛
GenMills s	46	45⅜	45½
Gen Motors	69⅜	68⅜	68⅝
GnMotr E	30⅛	29¾	30
Goodrich	50⅞	50	50¼
Goodyear	43⅜	43⅛	43¼
GtAtlPac	25⅞	25¼	25½
Gulf StaUt	8½	8¼	8⅜
Haliburtn	29⅜	28⅝	28⅝
HolidayCorp	73	72⅝	72⅞
HoustInd	37¼	37	37
HughesTl	11	10⅞	11
Interfst	4⅞	4¾	4¾

Midday Stocks

IBM	121⅛	119½	120⅞
Int Paper	89½	87¼	87⅜
JohnsJn	73⅛	71⅞	72⅜
K mart	47¾	47⅜	47⅜
Kroger s	31	30¾	30¾
vjLTV Cp	2⅞	2⅝	2⅞
Litton Ind	82	80½	80¾
LoneSta Ind	34⅛	33⅝	33¾
Lowes	28⅞	28½	28⅝
MCorp	11½	11⅛	11⅛
MayDSt s	40½	39½	39¾
Medtronic	83⅞	83	83⅛
Mobil	44⅛	43⅝	43⅞
Monsanto	83	81¾	81⅞
Motorola	44⅛	43	43⅛
Navistar	6	5⅞	5⅞
Nynex s	69	68	68⅛
OwensIll s	56	54¾	55¼
PacTel s	56⅞	55⅞	55⅞
Penney JC	77⅝	77⅛	77⅛
Phelps Dod	26⅛	25½	25½
PhilipPet	12⅞	12⅝	12⅝
Polaroid	71⅝	71	71¼
ProctGamb	84¼	83⅛	83⅝
PubS NwMx	36⅝	36⅜	36⅝
RepBankCp	20⅝	20⅜	20⅜
Sabine	15¼	15½	15⅝
SFeSouPac	32⅞	32¼	32⅞
SearsRoeb	44¼	44⅛	44¼
SherwinWm s	32½	31⅛	31⅛
Singer Co	42¾	42	42
Southern Co	27⅝	27⅜	27½
Southland	47⅞	46⅝	46⅝
SwstBell	116⅝	115¾	115¾
StdOil	56¾	55¾	56⅛
SunComp	62⅛	61⅝	61⅝
TNP Ent	22⅞	22⅞	22⅞
Tandy	47¾	47⅛	47⅛
TempleInld	65¾	65½	65⅝
Tenneco	40⅞	39⅞	39⅞
Texaco Inc	39	38½	38½
TexAmBnch	15½	15	15
TexComBn	27⅞	27½	27½
TexEastn	33⅜	32⅜	32⅜
Texas Inst	135⅛	132¾	133¼
Tex Util	34¼	34	34⅛
Textron	68¼	67½	67⅞
Tyler	14⅜	13⅝	13⅝
USX Corp	24	23½	23⅝
UnCarbde s	25⅝	25⅜	25½
UnPacCp	68¾	67⅛	67⅛
USWest s	56⅞	56	56½
UniTel	27½	27¼	27¼
Unocal	29½	29⅛	29⅛
WalMart	48	47⅝	47½
WestghEl	65¼	64½	64⅞
Xerox Cp	66⅞	66⅜	66⅜
ZenithE	25	24⅝	24⅝

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