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Workforce Training Center takes shape on paper

Bids to be let shortly; completion in August

By August, Western Texas College could be poised as an area leader in workforce training skills, offering specialized courses not only for traditional students, but for business and industry as well.

"Accessible," "convenient" and "versatile" were some of the words used to describe the proposed Workforce Training Center as college trustees viewed blueprints Monday night.

With bids expected to be let in February, the Center could be completed as early as August — in time for the fall semester.

Though viewing the blueprints was an informational item and no action was taken by trustees, no one spoke against the project, either. That means that Adling Associates of Lubbock will proceed with the bidding process.

The Center — a renovation of the existing auto/diesel complex on campus — will include offices, a distance learning lab, computer lab, classrooms, board room, a breakroom and areas large enough to bring in textile or oil field type equipment for on-the-spot training.

Bill Adling, who made the presentation, noted that the estimated price tag of $493,675 is four per cent over the budgeted amount of $478,000. It won't be until bids come in on Feb. 5 that actual costs are known. Trustees are expected to consider the bids on Feb. 9.

In drawing up the plans, Adling Associates worked closely with John Gibson, director of workforce education, and Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education, as well as others on campus.

"It's going to be a very versatile facility," said Gibson, noting it will be used for training on equipment, distance learning and computer classes. "It has a real good flow through it, and it will be very accessible to the public."

The Center will be a stand-alone facility, meaning that it can operate independently of the rest of the campus. A large part of instruction that goes on there will likely be in the evenings, particularly job training skills.

The Center will also allow several "sister" departments to be located in the same area. In turn, that will make space available on campus for other programs.

In a related item, Britt Canada, director of technology, updated the board on progress of a distance learning lab, including $35,000 in assistance received from the Board of County Development.

Some $20,000 of that money will be used to purchase a compression-decompression machine; the remaining $15,000 will be used to purchase a couple of TV monitors, a camera and other equipment.

Those items will allow WTC to receive courses from other areas. Canada said courses could be offered through distance learning as early as the summer.

Administrators are currently looking at grants to purchase transmitting equipment, so that WTC will also be able to send to other areas. Estimated cost of that equipment is $70,000.

Once the Workforce Training Center is completed, the distance learning lab will move into that facility.

Trustees on Monday also approved two requests for tuition and fee variances. One of those could mean a substantial income for the college. Administrators plan to offer such job skills training as general business technician I, computer operating systems, computer service technician, food services, electrical technician and plumber/pipefitter at the Ware Unit in Colorado City.

Each program would consist of 108 contact hours and last three months. Net income to the college, despite waiving tuition and fees, would be $14,448 per three-month course.

"This will be the only program like this in a transfer facility. We're breaking new ground here," said Thornton.

The program will be a major one, requiring some 15 to 20 instructors. The Ware Unit already has 30 new computers, nine classrooms and two vocational labs, said Thornton, and a preliminary sign-up indicated a waiting list of 150 students.

"This will give those people some specific skills to help them get a job when they get out," Thornton said.

The other request for a variance is a course designed to enhance computer skills of WTC employees.

In other business Monday, trustees:

—Employed James Clifton as assistant professor of criminal justice. Clifton is a WTC graduate who has his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M and his master's from Southwest Texas State. He has 13 years of law enforcement experience.

—Named former WTC board member Howard Sterling to the WTC Scholarship Foundation board.

—Viewed pre-bid information on a van to be used for the home-delivered meals program by the Senior Center.

—Noted that gross profit from the Nov. 22 auction of college surplus equipment was $22,246.50.

—Received a hand-out noting concurrent courses are being

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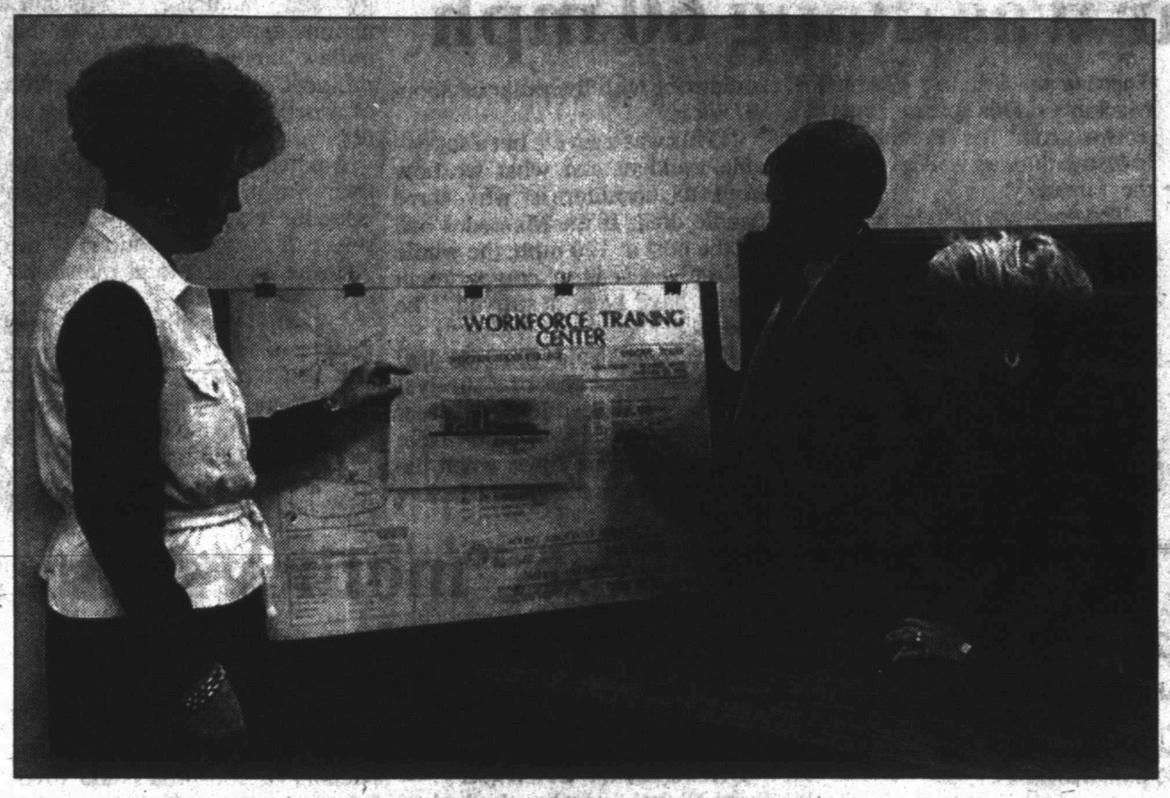

WORKFORCE CENTER — John Gibson, director of workforce education, looks over the blueprints for the proposed Workforce Training Center with Linda Franklin, divisional secretary of continuing education, left, and Roxanne Stoker, workforce financial secretary. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

College sets aside monies for mascot

Western Texas College will have a mascot next fall, due to the hard work of some trustees and the director of student activities.

Trustees on Monday gave verbal approval to spend $3,350 in student services funds for the mascot suit, which will be styled as a cowboy.

Alisha Cooper, director of student activities, told trustees that tryouts for the mascot's role will be held during the first two weeks of the fall semester and that the student selected will be eligible for a scholarship.

Cooper said that in addition to performing at women's basketball games, the mascot will visit elementary schools and be a goodwill ambassador for the college.

WTC board member Carolyn Barbee, who has touted the idea of a mascot for years, said she believes it can be a great tool for the college.

"I've always been of the opinion that recruitment can start in grade school. This will give kids something they can relate to the college. I think it can be very positive within the community."

Congress accused of 'blackmail'

Albright says legislators undermined united front against Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Looking back on her first year as secretary of state, Madeleine Albright said today efforts to present a united front against Iraq were undermined by congressional "legislative blackmail" to block payment of the U.S. debt to the United Nations.

But even as she attacked lawmakers, she appealed for their support in the coming year for an indefinite expansion of the U.S. peacekeeping role in Bosnia and the admission of three new NATO members.

Albright cited gains in U.S. policies in Europe and Asia over the past year while expressing regret over the lack of progress between Israel and the Palestinians.

Albright returned to the Center for National Policy, a think tank she once headed, to review U.S. foreign policy during her first year in office and discuss her goals for 1998.

Faced with fresh resistance by Iraq, which today refused to give American weapons inspector Scott Ritter access to a suspected site, Albright departed from her prepared text to face down Saddam. "We will not rule out any options," she said.

Lawmakers, she said, had created "a truly ridiculous" impasse by refusing last year to repay U.S. debts to the United Nations during a confrontation with Iraq.

"The victims of this act of legislative blackmail are the American people," Albright said. "For the failure to pay our UN debts undermines our leverage just as Saddam Hussein was challenging the authority of the Security Council, and it damaged our credibility just as the General Assembly was voting on a plan that could have reduced by roughly $100 million a year the amount we are assessed by the U.N. system."

Iraq last fall expelled U.S. weapons inspectors from the country, setting up a standoff with the United Nations. It agreed to allow them back into the country only after Russia's intervention.

The three-week standoff occurred as Congress blocked repayment of U.S. arrears to the United Nations. She blamed a small group of House members for blocking approval of U.N. funding over concern with American participation in international family planning programs.

"The best America is a leader, not a debtor," Albright said.

She also urged Congress to stay the course on Bosnia, warning that premature withdrawal of American peacekeepers would squander all that has been achieved in the past two years. It would "abandon those throughout Bosnia who have placed their faith in the United States."

In addition, she issued a strong appeal to the Senate to support the admission of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic into NATO.

She noted that the prospect of NATO membership has produced an accelerated trend toward resolution of centuries-old conflicts in Central and Eastern Europe.

"The currents of history are shifting in directions that will make us all more secure," she said.

She also urged congressional approval of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act, which she said will help speed the integration of Africa into the global economy.

While focusing largely on substantive issues, Albright also looked back on some lighter moments during her first 12 months as America's top diplomat.

She recalled throwing out the first ball in Baltimore to initiate the 1997 baseball season and singing to Asian diplomats last summer at a meeting in Malaysia.

"And just last month, I was included on a national magazine's list of the 25 most intriguing people alongside a cloned sheep," she said.

Rep. Stenholm plans visit today

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm will be at the Ritz Theatre from 4:45-5:15 p.m. today to announce locally that he is seeking re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some people think they know about driving a car just as soon as they learn where the horn is located."

If we're not careful, jokes about rednecks will soon surpass those about Aggies.

But before we pass up a chance on the Aggies, we have to tell you about the A&M grad who got his diploma and received the helpful advice on what he should do next:

"Put it on your car's dash, and then you can legally park in a handicapped space."

A friend recently sent us this "Redneck Etiquette" over the E-mail. These suggestions are not likely to appear in Miss Manners.

Redneck driving etiquette:

--Dim your headlights for approaching vehicles, even if the gun is loaded and the deer is in sight.

--When approaching a four-way stop, the vehicle with the largest tires always has the right of way.

--Never tow another car using pantyhose and duct tape.

--Do not remove seats from the car so that all your kids can fit in.

--Never lay rubber while traveling in a funeral procession.

Redneck personal hygiene:

--A toothbrush should never be a hand-me-down item.

--If you have to vacuum the bed, it's time to change the sheets.

--While ears need to be cleaned, this is a job that should be done in private, using one's own truck key.

Entertaining at home:

--A centerpiece for the table should never be anything prepared by a taxidermist.

--Do not allow the dog to eat at the table, no matter how good his manners.

Redneck dating:

--Always offer to bait your date's hook, especially on the first date.

Redneck theatre etiquette:

--Crying babies should always be taken to the lobby and picked up immediately after the movie.

--Refrain from talking to characters on the screen. Tests have proven they can't hear you.

Redneck wedding etiquette-

--Livestock is usually a poor choice for a wedding gift.

--It is not polite for the groom to bring a date to the wedding.

Redneck etiquette for all occasions:

--Never take a beer to a job interview, or ask if they press charges.

--Even if you are certain you are included in the will, it is tacky to drive a U-haul to the funeral home.

ASK US

Q—On the notice of the release of sex offenders published in the paper, why can't a more specific location than just a street address be given?

A—Information published is all that the law allows.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 70 degrees; low, 30; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 30; no precipitation; total for 1998, .05 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy. Areas of drizzle late. Low around 35. Wind W 5-15 mph. Wednesday, some morning fog/drizzle; partial clearing. High around 50. Wind S 5-15 mph, becoming NW.

Willie Bob Greene
Mostly cloudy

Sunset: 6:02 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:43 a.m.
Of 12 days in 1998, the sun has shone 12 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It is a mistake to look too far ahead. Only one link of the chain of destiny can be handled at a time.

Winston Churchill

European countries sign human cloning ban

PARIS (AP) — Less than a week after an American scientist announced he would clone a child, 19 European nations signed a treaty Monday that said cloning people violated human dignity and was a misuse of science.

Britain and Germany, however, balked at signing the measure that London considers too strict and Bonn too mild.

Although Monday's signing was planned months ago, it clearly took on a greater significance with the announcement last week by Chicago physicist Richard Seed that he will clone a child within two years.

"This is a horror story that the states present here ... will use every effort to prevent," said Jean Boucauris, Greece's director for European affairs.

The signing by 19 members of the Council of Europe — in a room filled with professors, philosophers and doctors as well as diplomats — came the same day French President Jacques Chirac called for an international ban on human cloning, and two days after President Clinton urged Congress to do the same.

The July 1997 presentation of Dolly the sheep, the world's first cloned mammal, set off an international outcry over the implications for human biology.

Many U.S. and international leaders renewed their condemnation after Seed said that he planned to begin working on human cloning using a newly developed technique. Some physicians questioned whether Seed, who is not a doctor, had the expertise to successfully complete such an experiment.

Seed, unaffiliated with any institution, said he would move his enterprise to Tijuana, Mexico, if Congress bans human cloning in the United States.

The treaty says that cloning is "contrary to human dignity and thus constitutes a misuse of biology and medicine." Signatory nations agreed to enact laws that outlaw human cloning, but the protocol itself makes no mention of sanctions against those that do not carry it out.

Medical ethicists praised the treaty for drawing attention to an issue for which, they say, the vast scientific complications are dwarfed by the moral questions.

"There will always be mad people out there, and I could name one in Chicago," said Dr. Francoise Shenfield, a fertility expert who teaches medical ethics at University College London.

"Everybody jumped" when Seed made his announcement, she said. She added that the treaty, just by making news, would help educate people about what was at stake in human cloning.

For example, the psychological burden on a child created by cloning would be "very heavy," Shenfield said.

Dr. Axel Kahn, the top medical ethicist at the National Institute for Health and Medical Research in Paris, said a baby produced by cloning "is an insult to human rights."

"To create humans in this completely new way means they will no longer have autonomy, because someone decided what their hair color and their other characteristics would be," Kahn said.

Britain — where Dolly was introduced — has a strong tradition of defending the freedoms of scientific research. It refused to join the protocol, seeing it as too rigid.

Germany claims the measure does not go far enough, and says it's weaker than a current German law forbidding all research on human embryos — a legacy of Nazi attempts to conduct genetic engineering of humans.

The United States, Japan, Canada and the Vatican participated in drafting the protocol, which must be ratified by signatory nations before taking effect.

The countries that signed were Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Moldova, Norway, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Turkey.

British mishap expert believes Diana's car was doing 60 mph

LONDON (AP) — The Mercedes in which Princess Diana was killed was traveling at 60 mph — twice as slow as reported earlier — when it crashed, a leading British accident investigator says.

All four occupants of the car would have survived if Paris' Pont de l'Alma traffic tunnel had been equipped with crash barriers, according to Professor Murray Mackay, a professor of transport safety at the University of Birmingham.

In a program to be broadcast Tuesday on Britain's Channel 4, Mackay said his conclusions were drawn from the French police investigation, as well as a visit to the tunnel.

The program includes a computer simulation of the Aug. 31 accident that killed Diana, her companion Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul, who was found to be legally drunk. Only bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones survived.

"Newspapers have talked of speeds of 120 mph but looking at the damage tells a very different story," Mackay said. "It suggests an impact with the pillar of about 60 mph."

"This was a severe but a survivable accident and what we now need to consider is why three people died. If the Mercedes had hit the post at 120 mph, the whole of the passenger compartment would have been destroyed," he said.

The 36-year-old princess had the best chance of survival because she was sitting in the rear right seat which would have suffered the least force when the car hit the pillar and spun, Mackay said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Pain of Adultery Persists After End of the Marriage

DEAR ABBY: Adultery seems to be an accepted fact of life these days. Everybody's doing it. No problem.

It's no problem, that is, until you are the injured party. Then it's a very big deal. The hurt is so deep, it's hard to believe that someone who claims to love you has intentionally and selfishly inflicted this pain on you.

People say marriages can be salvaged and even improved in the healing process. However, I know for a fact that it will never happen without remorse on the part of the adulterer. In my case, there is none. My husband boasted, "I'm not sorry I did it. I'm glad. I had a great time."

After much soul-searching, I had to face the truth: I married a loser. I'm a kind and decent person who never expected or deserved to be treated so poorly. But I'm also strong, and although I'm deeply wounded, I'll be fine because I've been able to see why he had the affair. It had nothing to do with me. You see, with her he could pretend to be someone other than who he really is. He could pretend to be a successful businesseman when, in fact, nothing could be further from the truth. He could brag about his children like a devoted family man. In truth, he is a workaholic and not at all involved in their lives or upbringing.

For years I begged him to go for counseling. It was easier for him to find a sympathetic lover who was willing to hear how his wife didn't understand him. I understand him, all right — too well. He is a charmer. However, he can also be mean-spirited and vengeful, a side he would never let her see.

He is in denial and takes no responsibility for his actions. When I told him he had to leave, he didn't go to her. Maybe it's because he's married, although that didn't seem to bother them before. Or maybe he knew eventually she would see through his charade. The reason doesn't matter. It's over for us.

I have some advice I'd like to give to your readers who might be considering having an affair: If you are unhappy in your marriage, get counseling or get out of the house. But do not get a lover. Affairs cause only trouble and very deep pain.

SLOWLY HEALING IN
FREEPORT, MAINE

DEAR SLOWLY HEALING: That's sage advice — given by someone who obviously has not yet put the pain behind her.

I agree that adultery is not the solution to an ailing marriage. Only by having the courage to confront problems head-on can they be resolved. And it is that process, in addition to building love and respect, that creates successful partnerships.

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DEAR ABBY: I read your letter from Luke, the teen-aged skateboarder who feels skateboarders get a bad rap from adults. I'm a television news anchor and thought you and Luke would appreciate the following story. It led our evening newscast recently.

Several teen-agers were skateboarding in downtown Abilene when they heard screaming. They found an elderly woman who had been attacked. A thief had knocked her down and stolen her purse.

The skaters split up. Some took off after the thief. Some stayed to help the woman, and others skateboarded off to summon the police. When the teens found the thief hiding in a parking garage, he took off again — and they chased him on their boards until police arrived and arrested him. The elderly woman got her purse back, along with the contents.

These teens are members of a skateboarding stunt team that is part of a local church youth group. They spend their summers on the road, putting on great shows, then talking to other teens about leading moral lives.

Let's hear it for today's teens. With or without skateboards, most of them are on the right track.

LOREN HALIFAX, KTAB-TV,
ABILENE, TEXAS

DEAR LOREN: Thanks for an upper of a letter. It's the first time I've heard that the wheels of justice were attached to a skateboard.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Nichols' mother says death penalty would have been better

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Terry Nichols' mother thinks her son is innocent of any wrongdoing but she'd rather see him executed than spend his life in prison for his conviction in the Oklahoma City bombing.

"My gosh, with him suffering and going through this agony and everybody, you know, what's his life going to be? Nothing. He has no future," Joyce Wilt told The Daily Oklahoman in a story published today.

"Death would have been easier than him being put in there. He's being tortured for something he did not do."

The jury last week convicted Nichols of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter, but couldn't agree on the extent of his involvement or on a sentence. U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch will sentence Nichols, but no date has been set.

Mrs. Wilt said she expects Matsch will sentence her son to life in prison. Without a unanimous jury verdict, Nichols cannot be sentenced to death.

"He's going to give him a tough sentence, I'm sure. He's a tough judge," she said.

Mrs. Wilt told the Oklahoman she would rather have seen her son executed than have to face a long life in prison for something she believes he did not do.

Several jurors said they believed the government failed to prove its case against Nichols. Jury forewoman Niki Deutchman went a step further, saying she believed there were others involved who have not been indicted. Nichols' former Army buddy, Timothy McVeigh, has been sentenced to die for his role in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

She said several bombing victims told her while visiting Denver that they, too, doubted the government's case.

"Not all the people in Oklahoma are bitter and hateful and think that Terry did it," Mrs. Wilt said. "I'm glad they had enough nerve to come back and say this to me."

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These facts are suggestive. If we unite in reflecting the rays of him who is the Sun of Righteousness, stirring scenes will follow, and the more flames there are joined together, the more intense will be the effect.

Pain may be eliminated for millions

(SPECIAL) -- A drug that is exciting researchers in the treatment of pain has been formulated into a new product known as **"Arthur Itis,"** and is being called a *"Medical Miracle"* by some, in the treatment of debilitating conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, painful muscle aches, joint aches, simple backache, bruises, and more. Although the mechanism of action is unclear, experiments indicate that **Arthur Itis,** relieves pain by first selectively attracting, and then destroying the messenger chemical which carries pain sensations to the brain, thus eliminating pain in the affected area. **Arthur Itis,** is available immediately without a prescription in an odorless, greaseless, non-staining cream or new roll-on lotion form. **Arthur Itis,** is guaranteed to work or your money back.

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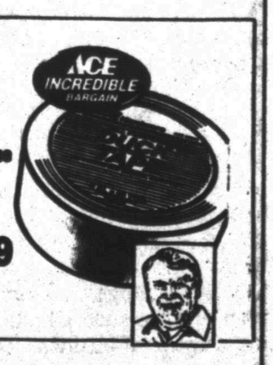

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Prize-winning beef pizza...

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Ideal for a fast family dinner, snack or party appetizer, Southwest Beef and Chile Pizza is a tasty and economical choice that was recognized as the second place winner at the 1997 National Beef Cook-Off.

Southwest Beef and Chile Pizza captures the versatility of ground beef and America's interest in experimenting with ethnic flavors.

The recipe combines a premade Italian bread shell with browned ground beef, prepared salsa, diced green chilies, plum tomatoes, red onion strips, cilantro and Mexican cheese blend to create a quick and tasty meal the whole family will like. The recipe can be on the table in 35 minutes, which includes baking time.

"Beef will always be a favorite among American families, and Southwest Beef and Chile Pizza is a great way to prepare it," said Holly Sheppard, food editor of *Woman's Day* magazine and head of the 1997 National Beef Cook-Off's judging panel.

The National Beef Cook-Off is a biennial, non-professional cooking contest that focuses on finding great recipes for today's time-pressed cooks. The next National Beef Cook-Off will take place in 1999 in Omaha, Neb. For rules and entry information, send a business-sized, self-addressed stamped envelope to National Beef Cook-Off Rules, Dept. 99, 444 N. Michigan Ave., 18th Floor, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

Southwest Beef and Chile Pizza

Total preparation and cooking time: 35 minutes

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 thick prebaked Italian bread shell (12-inch diameter; 16 ounces)
- 1-1/4 cups prepared mild thick and chunky salsa
- 1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded Mexican cheese blend or Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 can (4 ounces) diced green chilies, drained well
- 2 medium plum tomatoes, seeded, coarsely chopped
- 1/3 cup thin red onion slivers
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

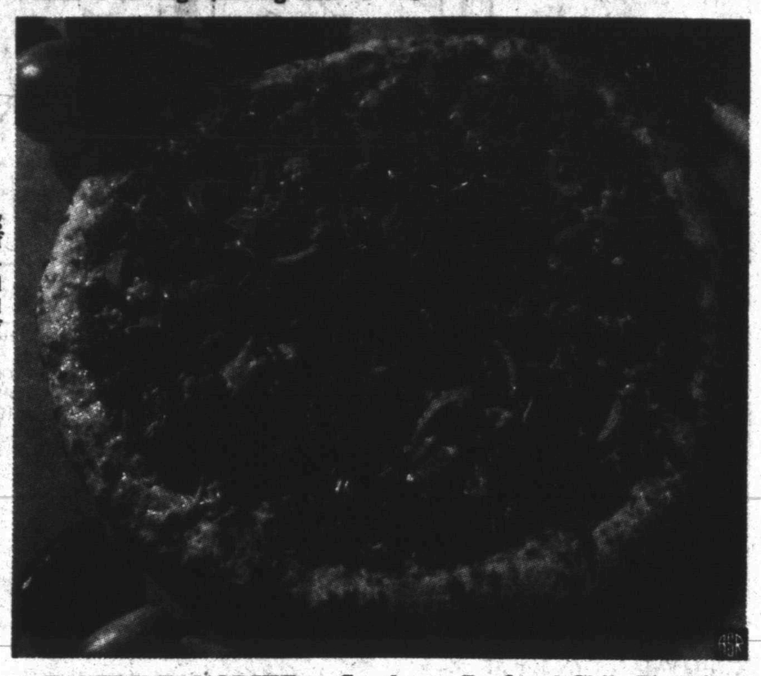
1. Heat oven to 450°F. In large nonstick skillet, brown ground beef over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is no longer pink, breaking up into 3/4-inch crumbles. Season with salt; remove from skillet with slotted spoon.

2. Place bread shell on ungreased pizza pan or large baking sheet. Spread salsa over shell; sprinkle with 1/2 of cheese. Top evenly with beef, chilies, tomatoes, red onion and remaining cheese.

3. Bake in 450°F oven for 11 to 13 minutes or until topping is hot and cheese is melted. Sprinkle with cilantro; cut into 8 wedges. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings (serving size: 2 wedges).

To receive a free copy of a brochure featuring the 15 winning recipes of the 1997 National Beef Cook-Off, please call 1-800-848-9088 or send a business-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope to National Beef Cook-Off Recipes, Dept. NBCO-1997, 444 N. Michigan Avenue, 18th Floor, Chicago, Ill., 60611.



A FAMILY FAVORITE — Southwest Beef and Chile Pizza is a quick, appealing and convenient meal that is sure to be a family favorite.

Houston PD asks for teddy bears; help for children in crisis

HOUSTON (AP) — Wanted: Teddy. Description: About 1 foot tall with a furry, soft exterior and a friendly face.

The Houston Police Department is asking for donations of teddy bears to use to console children at crime scenes and after traffic accidents. The department hopes to collect about 4,000 teddy bears.

"Oftentimes, children are on the scene and they witness some of these serious offenses, and they become quite distressed," Chief C.O. "Brad" Bradford said. "This will allow officers on the scene to have one more tool to calm children at crime scenes."

Some officers have bought toys out of their own pockets and used them in all sorts of situations.

"Sometimes a toy or a small, cozy, cuddly thing, such as a teddy bear, can make a difference," Bradford said.

The Hug-a-Teddy program officially began Saturday and will run through Feb. 1.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Dealer: South

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Elevation counts

By Phillip Alder

After shaking the snow off his overcoat and hanging it up, the Senior Life Master was ready to start his monthly class.

"Half the time we defend, yet we spend almost 100 percent of our time discussing bidding with partner. That isn't right. You and your partner should give more time to leads and signals.

"You will find a simple example on the first sheet I have handed out."

The students studied the North and East hands from today's diagram.

"South opens a 15-17 no-trump. How would you defend against (a) two no-trump and (b) three no-trump? In both cases, your partner leads the heart five. Declarer wins with the queen, plays a diamond to dummy's queen, and calls for the diamond nine. What do you discard?"

He let them think for a minute or two. Then the SLM continued.

"First, which heart did you play at trick one? You know partner has somewhere between two and four high-card points. So, his hearts cannot be that strong. You want a spade switch, not a heart continuation. Therefore, drop the *two*. No third hand high here."

The SLM asked them to look at the full deal on the next sheet.

"On the second diamond, your discard depends on the contract. Against three no-trump, throw the spade king. This tells partner about your sequence. But against two no-trump, you need that extra spade trick. You must discard the discouraging club two. After seeing the heart two and club two, partner, if in midseason form, should work out that you would like a spade switch."

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; "Wills, Living Wills, Etc.," by Mark Hargrove, attorney; Sharon Bruns, hostess; 4:15 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 or 573-7668 for place; 6 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; Brenda Hedges' office; "Traveling with Beth," by Beth Bowen; Wanda Early and Marie Boone, hostesses; 7 p.m.

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

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

AARP continental breakfast meeting in the home of Marie Armstrong, 3209 Houston; 9 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

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

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

'Cure for the Cold' coat drive collected nearly 500 coats locally

The St. Mary "Cure for the Cold" coat and outerwear drive, which ran from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15, collected nearly 500 coats and garments.

All of the coats have been distributed through the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance's Food Cupboard, a non-profit organization dedicated to feeding the needy in Scurry County.

St. Mary Family Healthcare Center, located at 5009 College Avenue, expresses appreciation to the Snyder community for supporting the drive. "We saw such an outpouring of generosity. It really brings the holiday season into focus when you see people wanting to help out those who need it," said Christy Thompson, patient representative at St. Mary Family Healthcare Center.

Lone Star Cleaners contributed over $3,000 in labor and supplies for this year's coat drive. "We are very glad to have helped out with the "Cure for the Cold." It was a positive event for our business and for all of the people in the community that we were able to help," said Nila Harrell, owner of Lone Star Cleaners.

St. Mary also received help from the people at KSNY Radio who gave freely of air time and production costs to spread the word about the coat drive. Their efforts encouraged many to reach into their coat closets.

The Snyder Daily News was also instrumental in community awareness.

St. Mary Family Healthcare Center in Snyder is part of a primary care network in 22 communities that St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock is developing throughout West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. The centers are part of a system that provides comprehensive primary and preventive care at the local level.

St. Mary was established in 1939 by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, as a not-for-profit hospital dedicated to providing the South Plains region with quality care, said St. Mary representative Karen Walker of Lubbock, coordinator of the project.

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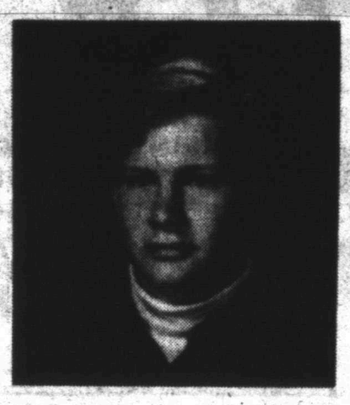
Rudy's Senior of the Week



Senior Todd Hall is involved in band, tennis, FCA, the National Honor Society and the Student Council at Snyder High School. After graduation, he hopes to attend Texas A&M and become a mechanical engineer.

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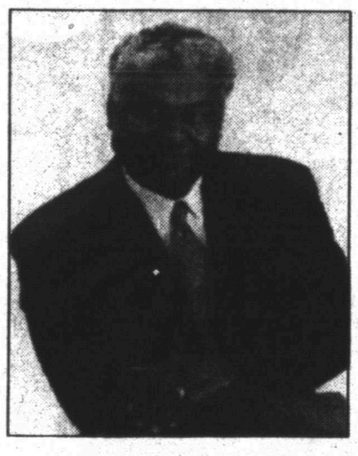

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OPEN HOUSE
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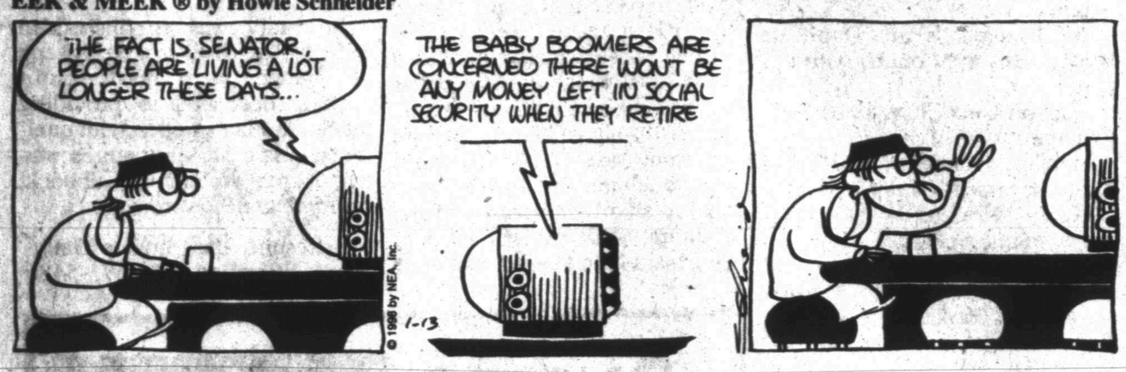

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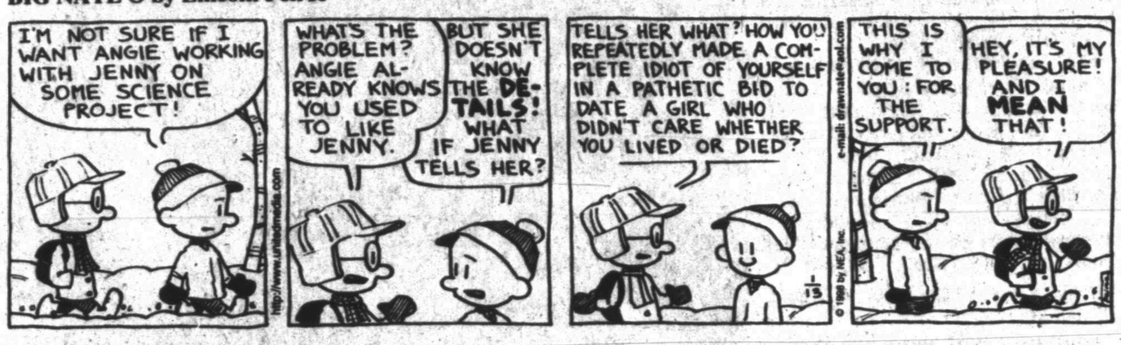

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ACROSS

1 Nana's creator
5 Accra's country
10 Woolly
12 Freed
13 Prehistoric creature
14 New York ballplayer
15 Work of art
16 Singer Haggard
18 Tree fluid
19 Harvard's rival
20 — St. Laurent
24 Home in Madrid
25 Soap plant
26 Tags
29 Complain
30 Act like a pilot
31 Made a cowhand's loop
32 Latin dance music
33 Popular street name
34 Actress Sommer
35 Heavy string
36 Seinfeld's network
39 Fragile
41 Natal native
42 Frillier, in a way
45 Draw out
47 Cast a sidelong glance
48 Character on Frasier
49 Engender
50 Author Dinesen

DOWN

1 Singer Frank —
2 Do better than
3 Flees (sl.)
4 — — standstill
5 Ultimate end
6 Wedding trip
7 Inquire
8 Society-page word
9 Fruity drink
10 Thailand's neighbor
11 All together (2 wds.)
12 Stringed instrument
17 Guido's high note
19 Conference site, 1945
21 Part of RSVP
22 Or — (threat)
23 Future plant
24 Temporary truce
25 Like an arum
26 Emit coherent light
27 Of grandparents
28 Swindle
29 Twisted
33 Miss Piggy's pronoun
35 Hallmark purchase
36 Nape of the neck
37 Eye movement
38 Adorable
40 Coarse grass
41 Speeds
42 Atty.'s deg.
43 — Lingus (airline)
44 Fair grade
46 Medieval poem

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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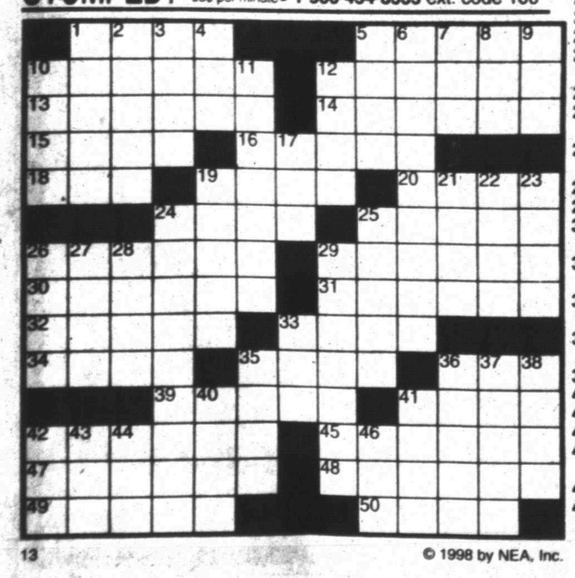

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SPORTS

NMJC 77, WTC 71...

New Mexico holds off Lady Westerner rally

The Lady Westerners learned something about themselves Monday night.

They'll get another lesson Thursday.

Carrying only five victories into the conference opener, Western Texas College rallied from a 14-point deficit, before falling to New Mexico, 77-71, at Scurry County Coliseum.

In fighting back against New Mexico, the Lady Westerners learned they can play sound basketball at times.

Coming off a heartbreaking loss — its 12th of the season and fourth in a row — and visting seventh-ranked Howard on Thursday, WTC will learn how well it can respond to the rigors of conference play.

"I think we probably surprised almost everybody but ourselves," Lady Westerner coach Valery Jackson said. "But the girls really wanted to win. They played their tails off."

Freshman point guard Christy Wells, who finished with a game-high 28 points, said she thinks this might send a message to other teams in the conference.

"We kind of snuck up on New Mexico," Wells remarked. "Maybe they weren't taking us that serious, but I think this tells everybody that you can't take anyone for granted in this conference."

The Lady Thunderbirds had reason to relax in the first half.

New Mexico opened with the first 12 points of the contest and led by as many as 14 points.

But WTC, which shot 40 percent from the field and turned the ball over 24 times in the first twenty minutes, settled down in the second half.

Trailing, 50-41, with 13:15 showing on the clock, the Lady Westerners began their rally.

Wells drained a three-pointer and four free throws during a 12-2 WTC run, which catapulted the Lady Westerners into their first lead of the night with nine minutes remaining.

Three WTC turnovers, however, led to eight Lady Thunderbird points and a 60-56 deficit for WTC.

Following a technical foul on Jackson and a New Mexico bucket, the Lady Westerners were down by five.

With just 5½ minutes, WTC made its final run.

Wells connected on her third long-range basket and three more free throws, while Pamela Odhuoug'o chipped in four points to knot the score at 68-68 with 3:07 left.

That would be as close as the Lady Westerners would get.

New Mexico forced four WTC turnovers down the stretch, preserving the 77-71 victory.

Despite the loss, Jackson remained optimistic.

"We've come a long way," the first-year coach remarked. "We're a totally different team then we used to be.

"Our freshmen are really stepping up and if we keep improving like this, then we'll be another totally different in two more weeks."

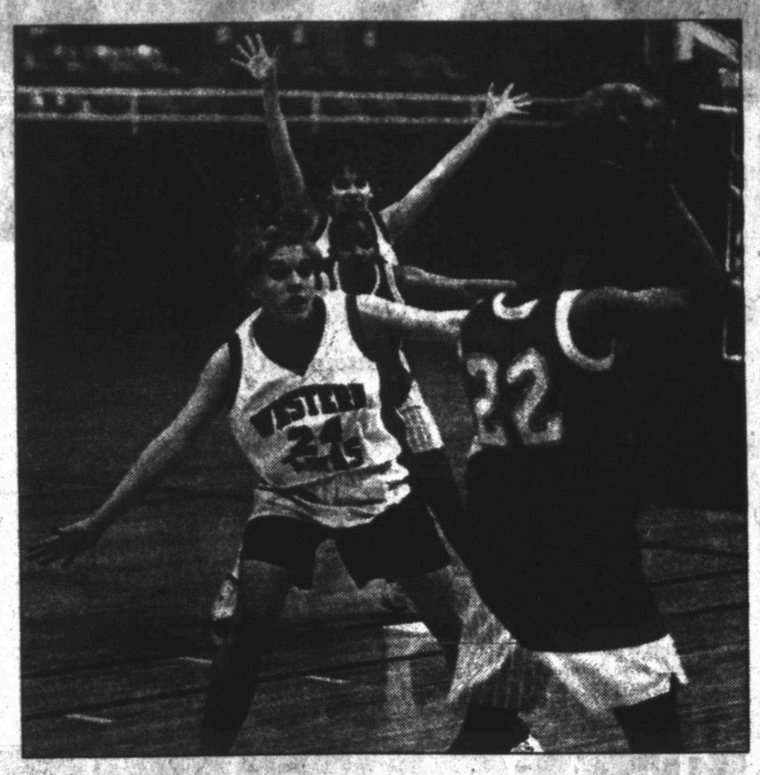
The loss puts the Lady Westerners at 0-1 in WJCAC play.

WTC will travel to Big Spring for a 5:50 tipoff Thursday with the Howard, before hosting Clarendon at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

New Mexico (77)
North 3 2-5 8, Fleming 1 1-1 3, Clay 7 4-4 22, Grayson 3 5-8 12, Asberry 1 0-0 2, Homer 2 2-2 6, Dunn 8 0-0 16, Ross 0 0-1 0, Swedor 4 0-1 8. Totals 29 14-22 77.

WTC (71)
Vizcorrondo 2 5-8 9, Wells 8 9-12 28, Otuoro 4 1-4 9, Odhuoug'o 4 5-9 13, Miller 1 3-6 6, Hanna 1 2-2 4, Kilibwa 0 2-2 2. Totals 20 27-43 71.

Halftime score: New Mexico 37, WTC 28. Three-point goals: New Mexico 5 (Clay 4, Grayson 1); WTC 4 (Wells 3, Miller 1). Rebounds: New Mexico 34 (Swedor 7), WTC 47 (Odhuoug'o 16). Total fouls: New Mexico 29, WTC 24. Fouled out: New Mexico — Fleming; WTC — Wells.



COVERED UP — WTC's Christy Wells (24) defends New Mexico's Shannon Fleming, while teammate Jennifer Shuttlesworth guards a Lady Thunderbird under the basket during the conference opener Monday night at Scurry County Coliseum. Despite a game-high 28 points from Wells, the Lady Westerners fell to New Mexico, 77-71. (SDN Staff Photo)

WJCAC Glance

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Howard	1	0	1.000	-
Clarendon	1	0	1.000	-
New Mexico	1	0	1.000	-
Midland	1	0	1.000	-
WTC	0	1	.000	1
Frank Phillips	0	1	.000	1
Odessa	0	1	.000	1
South Plains	0	1	.000	1

Monday's Results: New Mexico 77, WTC 71; Howard 91, Odessa 37; Clarendon 74, Frank Phillips 53; Midland 81, South Plains 71.

Thursday's Games: WTC at Howard; Midland at New Mexico; Odessa at Clarendon; Frank Phillips at South Plains.

Snyder visits Frenship for hoop battles

It's time to start playing for real.

After finishing off their non-district schedule last week, the Snyder Tigers open 2-4A play at 8 o'clock tonight at Frenship.

The Tigers enter this evening's contest sporting an 11-10 mark.

The last few outings have been a roller-coaster ride for Snyder.

The Tigers notched convincing victories over Dimmitt, Lubbock Coronado and San Angelo Central, but fell to Andrews in their final district tune-up.

In order for Snyder to chalk up a district-opening win, it will need to control Frenship's Brandon Jones.

Jones has poured in 63 points, with seven long-range buckets, in his last five performances.

On the offensive end for the Tigers, it has been the inside game of Jimmy Taylor and the outside shooting of Justin McNair that have proved to be effective.

Also in action tonight will be the Snyder girls.

For the Lady Tigers, it's a matter of getting things turned around.

Snyder (10-9) will be looking for its first 2-4A victory, after falling to Lamesa and Levelland.

Frenship, 1-1 in district, is coming off an 87-76 triple-overtime loss to Plainview.

Doing the most damage for FHS has been Holly Potts.

The sharp-shooting senior guard has drained 13 three-pointers in the last six games.

Snyder has been led by its play in the paint, as well as from the perimeter.

Against Lamesa, junior post Alicia Peoples accounted for 24 points.

But when Levelland came to town, Mandy Hess poured in nine points from the outside, while freshman Ashley Delce did the work down low with 12 points.

Before the varsity squads hit the court, Snyder's JV boys and girls will square off with Frenship. Both junior varsity contests are scheduled for 5 p.m.

In other 2-4A action tonight, Lamesa travels to Levelland, while Estacado hosts Plainview.

NFL inking TV deals

NEW YORK (AP) — When the NFL's version of musical chairs ends, either NBC or ABC will be left without a seat in the broadcast booth.

CBS made sure it wouldn't be the odd network out again, buying its way back into the NFL on Monday night with a stunning $4 billion, eight-year deal to televise the AFC package formerly held by NBC, a source told The Associated Press. The CBS deal more than doubles the rate per season that NBC paid in 1997.

Earlier Monday, Fox and the NFL settled on a $4.4 billion, eight-year contract that allows the network to keep the Sunday afternoon NFC deal.

TNT and ESPN are expected to retain their Sunday night cable packages, but at close to double the price. ESPN paid $524 million and TNT paid $496 million in the previous deal.

That leaves "Monday Night Football," which ABC has held since its inception in 1970. But NBC, which also has been broadcasting NFL games for 28 years, has made a bid to challenge ABC for the Monday night package, said a source familiar with the negotiations

In 1993, ABC paid $920 million over four years for "Monday Night Football," a 2 percent increase over the previous four-year deal. It will cost much more to keep it this time, maybe more than double the previous price. A contract could be reached as early as today.

ABC and NBC each have one game left in the current contract — the Super Bowl on NBC on Jan. 25 and ABC's Pro Bowl coverage on Feb. 1. The network that loses out on "Monday Night Football" will be out of the NFL for at least five years.

Vegas favors Packers

LAS VEGAS (AP) — If Green Bay was at home playing Denver during the regular season, the Packers might be a 10-point favorite at best.

So why are the Broncos a 13-point underdog in the Super Bowl? Because bettors know the NFC team wins Super Bowls, and usually wins big.

"This line is always out of whack for the Super Bowl," Bally's sports book manager John Avello said.

In what has become a January ritual for sports books on the Las Vegas Strip, the NFC entry in the Super Bowl is once again a huge favorite.

Bettors are so confident of the chances of the defending Super Bowl champions that they are willing to give away nearly two touchdowns on the point spread to bet their team.

The 12½-point line posted at most books following Sunday's conference title games wasn't enough to stop bettors from putting money on the Packers, who quickly went to 13½-point favorites around the city.

The line settled to 13 points on Monday, and is not expected to fluctuate much before a kickoff on Jan. 25.

It's the fifth year in a row that the NFC's Super Bowl representative has been a double digit favorite, and the second year in a row that the line has been in the two-touchdown range.

In last year's game, the Packers were a 14-point favorite over the New England Patriots. That's exactly where the game ended, with Green Bay winning 35-21, and most bettors simply getting their money back.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	23	11	.676	-
NewYork	20	15	.571	3½
NewJersey	19	16	.543	4½
Orlando	19	17	.528	5
Washington	19	19	.500	6
Boston	16	18	.471	7
Philadelphia	9	23	.281	13
Central Division				
Chicago	25	11	.694	-
Indiana	23	11	.676	1
Atlanta	22	12	.647	2
Charlotte	22	13	.629	2½
Cleveland	20	14	.588	4
Detroit	17	18	.486	7½
Milwaukee	17	19	.472	8
Toronto	5	31	.139	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	24	11	.686	-
SanAntonio	23	12	.657	1
Minnesota	19	16	.543	5
Houston	17	15	.531	5½
Vancouver	10	27	.270	15
Dallas	6	29	.171	18
Denver	2	31	.061	21
Pacific Division				
Seattle	29	7	.806	-
L.A.Lakers	27	9	.750	2
Phoenix	22	11	.667	5½
Portland	19	15	.559	9
Sacramento	16	21	.432	13½
L.A.Clippers	9	28	.243	20½
GoldenState	7	26	.212	20½

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 107, Washington 102, OT
Detroit 113, L.A. Clippers 85
New York 92, Seattle 91
Miami 96, Vancouver 90
Charlotte 98, L.A. Lakers 93

Monday's Games
New Jersey 108, Toronto 100
Minnesota 103, Golden State 87
Milwaukee 110, L.A. Clippers 95
Utah 106, Cleveland 99
Sacramento 96, Phoenix 90

Tuesday's Games
San Antonio at Boston, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Denver, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Miami at Portland, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Washington, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

SDN Sports Week

Today

Snyder varsity girls and boys at Frenship, 6:30, 8 p.m.

Snyder JV boys and girls at Frenship, 5 p.m.

Hermleigh varsity girls and boys at Ira, 6:30, 8 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	28	14	3	59	133	93
Philadelphia	25	11	8	58	134	97
Washington	21	17	8	50	128	122
N.Y.Rangers	15	19	12	42	117	125
Florida	15	22	10	40	118	134
N.Y.Islanders	15	25	6	36	113	133
TampaBay	9	28	8	26	81	141
Northeast Division						
Montreal	25	16	6	56	142	112
Pittsburgh	24	14	8	56	129	105
Boston	20	16	9	49	112	107
Ottawa	19	20	7	45	111	111
Carolina	17	24	6	40	117	133
Buffalo	15	20	8	38	101	114
Chicago	17	19	9	43	105	104
Toronto	14	23	7	35	105	132

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	29	11	8	66	147	98
Detroit	27	11	10	64	154	111
St.Louis	26	16	6	58	142	117
Phoenix	20	18	8	48	128	123
Pacific Division						
Colorado	23	9	15	61	142	114
LosAngeles	18	19	8	44	125	127
Edmonton	15	22	9	39	111	134
Anaheim	15	24	8	38	109	141
SanJose	16	23	5	37	105	122
Calgary	12	25	10	34	117	142
Vancouver	12	26	8	32	124	159

Monday's Games
New Jersey 1, Boston 1, tie
Pittsburgh 4, Carolina 1
Detroit 1, N.Y. Islanders 1, tie
N.Y. Rangers 3, Toronto 2
Montreal 6, Tampa Bay 3
Chicago 3, Vancouver 2
Colorado 3, Florida 1
Edmonton 2, St. Louis 1
Dallas 3, San Jose 1
Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 2, OT

Tuesday's Game
Ottawa at Washington, 6 p.m.

SNYDER TIGERS BASKETBALL

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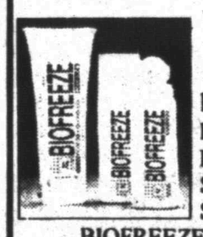

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Defense hopes for new trial after jury gives split verdict

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — Prosecutors still want the death penalty for a 28-year-old man who was charged with the worst mass killing in Albuquerque history but was convicted of only two of the five deaths.

After nearly five days of deliberations, jurors on Monday convicted Shane Harrison of murdering an elderly couple in 1996 but deadlocked on charges that he killed the couple's grandson and two other clerks in a video store the same night.

"Frankly, this is the strangest verdict I've ever seen in all my 21 years of practicing law," defense attorney Gary Mitchell said.

Mitchell said he would concentrate on saving Harrison's life but believed that "with all the problems we've had in this case, we have a good chance of getting a new trial."

Prosecutors said during the monthlong trial that Harrison shot Mylinh Daothi, 30, Jowanda Castillo, 18, and Zachary Blacklock, 19, in a back room of a Hollywood Video Store before kidnapping Blacklock's grandparents in their car and shooing them to death in the mountains east of Albuquerque.

Harrison's former co-defendant, Esther Beckley, 43, who was sentenced to 95½ years in prison for scouting the video store and being present during the killings, testified that Harrison shot all five.

The defense said Harrison wasn't even present during the killings.

Jurors convicted Harrison of first-degree murder for killing the grandparents, George and Pauline McDougall, but they did not find that it was willful murder. Instead, the jury opted for a lesser alternative — that either he pulled the trigger or aided and abetted the killing.

That verdict suggests that jurors believe that Harrison played a partial role in the deaths of the elderly couple, although neither prosecutors nor the defense made that argument.

"That's the confusing part," Mitchell said. "It seems the jury followed their own theory that didn't match either of ours."

Prosecutor Julie Altwies would not comment when asked whether the state would retry Harrison for killing the three clerks.

State District Judge Frank Allen Jr. set the trial's penalty phase to begin Wednesday. Jurors must decide whether Harrison should be sentenced to death by lethal injection or life in prison, which in New Mexico generally allows parole after 30 years.

Some of the victim's relatives were visibly upset by the verdict and were escorted from court by guards.

Christal Kennerson, an aunt of Castillo, said she was satisfied, even though jurors didn't decide Harrison killed her niece.

"He won't be on the street. He won't be out," she said. "I was worried it might be a hung jury, that he might get off."

Mitchell contended in closing arguments that Harrison was framed and that authorities, rushing to solve the case, were duped by the real killers.

Man jailed on warrant to revoke his probation

A 21-year-old Snyder man was arrested Monday morning in the 3100 block of College Avenue on a felony warrant to revoke his probation.

Daniel Eric Fish, of 4100 Brick Plant Road, was taken into custody at 6:52 a.m. His original charge was for a sexual assault on Nov. 11, 1995.

A report of a seven-year-old boy being struck by an automobile was made at 6:19 p.m. Daniel Fisk of 4400 Ave. U was taken to Cogdell Hospital's emergency room where he was treated and released. An accident report for a one-vehicle and a pedicyclist was filed. The incident is still under investigation as the vehicle left the scene.

Officers investigated a possible burglary in the 200 block of 36th Street around 11 p.m. Monday. Entry was apparently gained through a back door, but no items were missing, according to the owners.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a possible fire at 6:43 a.m. at 2403 Ave. N. Martha Arrelano said she had smoke coming from an outlet. Firemen discovered that the family dog and dragged a foam bag against a heat lamp on the outside of the residence. Damage was limited to the pad, although smoke did get into the house.

The department responded to a vehicle fire shortly after 5 p.m. on County Road 146. The vanity mirror light in the sun visor of a 1991 Lincoln had shorted, causing damage to the visor and a portion of the inside of the roof. The vehicle is owned by Steve Botts.

A three-vehicle accident was investigated by deputies Friday morning around 9 a.m. Involved were a 1983 Ford pickup driven by Rudolph Trujillo of 3736 Gary Brewer Rd., a 1984 Oldsmobile driven by Ross Guiterrez of 2711 Ave. O and a parked, unoccupied 1990 Chevrolet pickup owned by Tim Burton of 3108 Gary Brewer Rd.

A one-vehicle accident occurred at 3:45 p.m. at the East Traffic Circle. Involved was a 1970 Ford van driven by Hubert Matthews of 1900 Roby Highway, #134, which struck a Texas Department of Transportation traffic sign.

In other activity, a report of a possible prowler was made at 6:44 a.m. in the 2200 block of 41st Street. Investigating officers found no one in the residence.

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AndarkPtr			57⅞	55⅝ 57⅞+ 4⅝
ArmcoInc	4	11-16	4 9-16	4 9-16+ 1-16
AtlRichfld s			73⅝	72⅝ 73 5-16+11-16
ATMOS Egy			28⅛	27⅝ 28⅛— ⅛
Aviall			14	13 13-16 14 + ⅛
BakerHughes	37	3-16	36 1-16	37 +1 1-16
BellAtl	88⅛	87 1-16	87 11-16	— 7-16
BellSouth	56	15-16	56 5-16	56 13-16+ ⅜
BethSteel	8	15-16	8⅜	8⅜— 1-16
BritPet s			77⅞	77⅞ 77⅞+1 7-16
BurlNoSFe	87	15-16	87	87 9-16— 9-16
CBS Corp	28	7-16	27⅝	28 7-16+15-16
Caterpillar s	46⅝	45 11-16	46	— 7-16
CenSoWst			27⅞	27 27 — ⅛
Chevron	74	72⅝	73	15-16+ ⅜
Chrysler			32⅝	32⅛ 32⅝+ ⅛
Coastal	55	3-16	54 9-16	54 15-16+ ⅛
CocaCola	66	3-16	65 1-16	65 1-16— 1
ColgatePalm s			68⅛	67⅛ 68⅛+ ⅜
ComclMetals			31⅛	30⅝ 30⅝— ⅜
CooperIn			49	48⅛ 48⅛+ ⅛
CyprusAmax			15	3-16 14⅝ 15 + ⅜
DallSemicn			37⅛	37⅛ 37⅛+ ⅜
DeltaAird			119	118 118 1-16— ⅛
DigitalEq	36⅝	35 15-16	36⅛+1 1-16	
Dillards Inc	35⅛	34⅛	34 13-16— ⅛	
DowChem			94⅝	92⅝ 92⅝— 1⅛
DresserInd			36⅛	35⅛ 36⅛+ 1⅛
DuPont s	54⅞	53 11-16	54⅜— ⅛	
EastmanChem	58⅝	57 7-16	57½— 1⅛	
EstKodak			63⅛	61⅞ 62⅛— 9-16
EDS Corp			42⅞	42⅛ 42⅝— 7-16
Entergy			28⅞	27 13-16 28 — 9-16
Exxon s			59⅝	59 59⅝+ ⅜
FstBksAm	23⅛	23 1-16	23 1-16+ 1-16	
Flowers s	21	5-16	20 13-16	21⅛+ 5-16
FordMotor			45 15-16	45⅛ 45⅛+ ⅛
GTE Cp	50	1-16	49 9-16	49⅝+ ⅛
GenDynam			87	86⅛ 87 +13-16
GenElecs	74⅝	73 11-16	74	— 7-16
GenMills			71⅛	70⅞ 71⅛
GenMotors	57	7-16	56 15-16	57 1-16+ 5-16
GaPacGP s	53	13-16	53	53 11-16+11-16
GlobalMar	20	7-16	19 15-16	20⅛+15-16
Goodrich	40⅛	39 7-16	39⅝— 5-16	
Goodyear s			59⅛	59 59⅝+ ⅜
GtAtlPac			28⅝	28 1-16 28⅝+ ⅛
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Hanson ADS			22⅝	22 3-16 22 3-16+ 3-16
HarteHanks	35⅞	35 13-16	35 13-16— 1-16	
HomeDepot s			59	58⅝ 58 9-16+ 7-16
HoustonInds	26	5-16	25 13-16	26 — 5-16
IBM s			102	100⅝ 100 13-16+11-16
IntlPaper			42 7-16	41⅛ 41⅜— 9-16
JohnsonJn			66 11-16	66 66 5-16+ ⅜
K mart			11 5-16	11 1-16 11⅛+ ⅛
Kroger s			35⅞	34⅞ 34 11-16— ⅜
Litton	56	11-16	56 9-16	56⅝+ ⅛
LockhdMart			100⅛	99⅞ 100 — ⅛
Lowes Cos			44⅛	43⅝ 44 3-16+ 3-16
Lubys	16	13-16	16 11-16	16⅝— ⅛
LucentTech			77⅞	77 1-16 77 5-16+ ⅜
MayDeptStrs	52	25-32	52 3-16	52 9-16+ ⅛
Medtronic s			47 3-16	46⅝ 46⅝+ 3-16
Mobils	66	15-16	66 5-16	66 15-16+11-16
Monsanto			39⅝	39 1-16 39⅝+ ⅛
MorganJP	104	11-16	103⅛	104 3-16+ 1
Motorola			56 5-16	55 55⅞+ 1⅜
NCR Corp			26⅝	26⅛ 26⅝+ ⅛
NationsBk s			60 3-16	58⅝ 58 3-16+ ⅜
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SwstAirl s	25	3-16	24⅝	24 15-16— 1-16
Sprint			57⅛	56⅝ 57⅛+ ⅛
SunCo			40⅛	39 9-16 40 + 7-16
TNP Ent			33	32 13-16 32⅞— ⅛
Tandy s			31 15-16	31⅛ 31⅞+ ⅜
TempleInland			51⅛	51 51⅛+ ⅛
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Texaco s			51⅝	51 1-16 51⅝+ 1⅛
TexInd s			45 5-16	45 45 5-16+ ⅛
TexasInst s			44⅝	43⅛ 44⅝+ 2⅛
TexUtil			42	41 11-16 41⅝— 3-16
Textron s			58 13-16	58 58⅝— 9-16
Travelers s			49 5-16	48 13-16 49⅛+ 1⅜
TriconGlbR n			26⅛	25 13-16 25⅞— ⅛
TrinityInds			45⅛	44 7-16 45⅜+1 3-16
TritonEngy			26 7-16	25⅝ 26⅛+ 5-16
Tyler			5 9-16	5⅛ 5⅛+ 1-16
US WestCm			46⅞	46⅝ 46 7-16— 3-16
USWstMda			28 7-16	27 15-16 28 — 5-16
USX Delhi			20⅛	20⅛ 20⅛— 1-16
USX-Marathn			31 11-16	31⅛ 31⅛— ⅛
USX-USS	30	7-16	29 9-16	29 9-16—13-16
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UnitedTech			70 7-16	69⅝ 70 1-16+ ⅜
Unocal	34	15-16	34⅛	34 11-16+11-16
WalMart			39⅝	39 1-16 39 1-16— 7-16
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WinnDixie			44⅞	44⅛ 44⅛— 7-16
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Xerox Corp			70	69 5-16 69⅝+ 1⅜
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DISCHARGES: Robyn Thompson, Francisco Martinez.

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Births

Christi Haltom of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter at 11:15 a.m. Jan. 12 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces.

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"Ya know the pill that regrows hair ... ?"

'Shockumentaries' provide violence in TV

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Violence that is declining in network television series has found a new outlet in gory "shockumentaries" containing footage of accidents, death and crime, a study released today says.

Fox's "World's Scariest Police Shootouts" and CBS' "The World's Most Dangerous Animals" were among the programs cited for their intense and graphic content in the third annual UCLA Television Violence Report.

"While the majority of programming deals responsibly with violence issues, reality-based specials do not," said Jeffrey Cole, the report's author and director of the UCLA Center for Communication Policy.

The "shockumentary" genre was virtually unseen on TV in 1994-95, the first season examined by UCLA. But it was represented by five programs the next year and then by 16 in the 1996-97 season, the industry-funded study found.

A call for comment to Fox, home to many of the reality shows, was not returned Monday. A CBS spokesman said the report had yet to be reviewed.

Criticism already has been leveled at such shows.

"They're reprehensible," said George Gerbner, a Temple University professor who studies violence on television. "They exploit the worst fears and nightmares of people."

Fox aired animal attack footage in 1996 that a rival network executive called "one step short of a snuff film."

The UCLA study also found that problems remain in four of the most popular children's shows. "Sinister combat violence" was cited in "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and "Project G.e.e.K.e.R." on CBS, and in "Power Rangers Turbo" and "X-Men" on Fox.

As in past years, theatrical movies contain some of the most intense violence on television, with "Under Siege" and "Tombstone" among the examples offered by the study.

Overall, however, network TV has improved in the amount of violence it depicts and in the context in which it's shown, according to the study, which was initiated by former Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois and financed by ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC.

Of the 107 series that aired on the four networks in 1996-97, only two programs ("Walker, Texas Ranger" on CBS and the canceled "Dark Skies" on NBC) raised "frequent concerns" about violence, the study found.

That's compared to five series in 1995-96 and nine in 1994-95.

Occasional concerns were recorded about six series in the latest season studied, including the Fox programs "Millennium," "X-Files," "Sliders" and "America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back," as well as ABC's "High Incident" and CBS' "Nash Bridges."

Researchers did more than count episodes of violence; they viewed each incident in context, according to the report. Programs found to use violence appropriately and to show its consequences were not cited as problems.

The biggest improvement has come in the category of on-air promotions and teasers for upcoming TV series and movies. Few emphasized scenes of violence; those with violent scenes weren't shown during periods that attract more young viewers.

Does that mean parents can feel easier about letting children watch TV?

"I don't think they would necessarily let their children have free reign through television," Cole said. "It's not a situation where they cannot pay attention."

Navy brass says...

Female combat pilots doing well; standards not lowered

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Top naval training officials, responding to growing criticism, have denied that standards have been lowered for female combat pilots and say the new pilots are performing well in their mission.

Critics cite a crash that killed Lt. Kara Hultgreen, one of the first women assigned to fly a combat aircraft, in 1994, and they contend unqualified females are being pushed through flight training in response to political pressure.

But the deputy chief of naval education and training told the Pensacola News Journal for a story published Sunday that women have done a remarkable job in the cockpit since Congress ordered them into combat roles in 1993.

Rear Adm. Skip Dirren, who's based in Pensacola, also denied that women combat pilots are getting breaks to meet any kind of quota.

"The success we've had is that we made a cultural change, a generational change in less than a generation," Dirren said. "I think the results show we've done well."

Dirren and three top naval aviation training leaders met last week with the newspaper's editorial board in response to recent media reports critical of the Navy's efforts to integrate women into combat flying.

The issue will get further scrutiny later this year, when Congress holds hearings to determine whether military training should be toughened and whether or not gender integration is affecting military readiness.

Capt. Gene Smith, commander of Training Air Wing 1 at Meridian Naval Air Station in Mississippi, said standards are high — and the same — for all naval aviators because the fighter jet knows no gender.

"It's this high for females, whites, blacks, Asians, whatever," said Smith, who has five women among 160 pilots in his wing that trains in high performance jets. "The reason the bar has to be this high for everybody is because of the nature of this business."

Rear Adm. Mike Bucchi, now chief of naval air training and based at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station in Texas, was commander of the first combat air wing to receive women in 1993.

Some top men pilots were adamantly against having women in the cockpit and some of his best friends criticized him for volunteering his unit to be the first to train women as combat pilots, Bucchi said.

"They've done such a good job in the squadrons I don't see it going back the other way," he said.

Capt. Chris Hale, commander of Training Air Wing 1, a primary flight training unit at Whiting Field near Pensacola, said he has been under no pressure from superiors to modify standards for women, and that he makes the final decision on attrition in every case.

But Hale said instructors are in a difficult position because some students may perceive any second chance ever given female trainees as special treatment.

Questions about Hultgreen's qualifications and training are still being raised. She died when her F-14 Tomcat fighter lost an engine and crashed into the Pacific Ocean as she tried to land aboard an aircraft carrier.

Inspectors could be withdrawn for not controlling bacteria

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department could effectively close meat and poultry plants that do not properly test for E. coli bacteria and fail to adequately reduce salmonella microbes under new proposed rules.

The plan would allow federal inspectors to be withdrawn from slaughterhouses and processing plants if those food safety goals are not met. Withdrawal of the USDA stamp of approval essentially prevents a company from marketing any meat or poultry.

Inspectors can be withdrawn under current rules for several reasons, including unsanitary conditions and inhumane slaughtering of livestock, but never before has failure to address bacterial contamination been specifically among them.

Thomas J. Billy, administrator of the department's Food Safety and Inspection Service, said the updated rules are part of a new meat and poultry inspection system aimed at preventing contamination by requiring companies to test for E. coli and reduce the presence of salmonella.

"The existing rules obviously didn't address those," Billy said in an interview Monday.

One virulent strain of E. coli and many types of salmonella can cause illness and even death in humans who eat contaminated food. The Agriculture Department has aimed its new system at controlling those two pathogens, but there are others that cause foodborne illness.

Although the rules would grant new authority to withdraw inspectors, industry officials said at first glance they did not appear to expand the department's enforcement powers beyond what was expected when the new inspection system was first proposed.

"We will be looking to see that there is not an expansion of enforcement power or a taking away of basic industry rights," said Tim Willard, spokesman for the National Food Processors Association. "There have been no problems identified with industry compliance."

Indeed, Billy said that inspectors have been withdrawn from the 6,400 plants regulated by the Agriculture Department on only two occasions in just over a year's time.

"It really is the exception," he said.

The industry has complained, however, that the new rules might not afford plants adequate notice of a possible shutdown in cases when public health is not in imminent danger. Billy said in a letter Monday to several industry groups that the rules will include "detailed notice" and methods of appeal.

"We are mindful of the need to protect the rights of regulated businesses and individuals," he said.

The department will take public comment on the rules through March 13.

Several Rock and Roll groups are inducted into Hall of Fame

NEW YORK (AP) — Upon his induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Eagles guitarist Glenn Frey offered fans a music lesson: Ignore the gossip and listen to the songs.

The hall added the Eagles, the Mamas and the Papas, Fleetwood Mac and Santana on Monday night in a ceremony that had a definite California flavor and the usual blend of irreverent humor, respectful praise and hot music.

Seven Eagles were inducted, eight members of Fleetwood Mac and six members of Santana, recognizing that personnel changed through the years.

Frey, perhaps referring to the highly publicized squabbles that led to the break-ups of the Eagles and Fleetwood Mac, said rock fans should listen to the music instead of concentrating on peccadilloes, personality clashes and marital breakups.

"Get over it," he said, quoting the title of a 1994 — that is, post-reunion — Eagles single.

Bandmate Don Henley started his speech jocularly, calling it "a suspicious occasion." Then he mused that, while the hall couldn't be called the Hall of Accomplishment, "I like to think this award is for accomplishment — not for being famous, but for doing the work."

Inducting the Eagles, Jimmy Buffett said, "They're as popular today as they were in 1972." The Eagles were together from 1971 to 1980 and reunited in 1994.

The band played two of its best-known songs to end the evening: "Take It Easy" and "Hotel California."

Other inductees included Gene Vincent, who died at 36 in 1971, and Lloyd Price, 64, who gave the liveliest musical performance of the evening at the Waldorf Astoria ballroom, singing "Stagger Lee" while prancing and clapping in front of Paul Shaffer's CBS Orchestra.

John Fogerty began the induction of Vincent by singing his biggest hit, "Be-Bop-a-Lula," calling it "one of the greatest records ever made."

"Gene Vincent gave me an image perfect for rock 'n' roll — loud, self-assured and greasy," Fogerty said.

Denny Doherty, John Phillips and Michelle Phillips of the Mamas and the Papas sang "California Dreamin'," with the late "Mama" Cass Elliot replaced in the lineup by her 30-year-old daughter, Owen.

Santana performed "Black Magic Woman" from its 1970 "Abraxas" album.

Stevie Nicks and Lindsey Buckingham performed "Landslide" and "Big Love" before Fleetwood Mac was inducted, and Christine McVie sang "Say You Love Me" with the group afterward.

Sheryl Crow, inducting the group, said hearing Fleetwood Mac was the reason she went into music, saying Ms. Nicks and Ms. McVie "in my estimation are the first ladies of rock 'n' roll."

Jazz pianist and composer Jelly Roll Morton was inducted as an early rock 'n' roll influence, while record producer, arranger and composer Allen Toussaint was inducted as a non-performer.

Artists become eligible for the hall 25 years after the release of their first recordings.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Unprotected sex is risky

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a virgin who had a successful vasectomy. If I meet a woman who tests negative for venereal disease, can I safely have unprotected sex?

DEAR READER: By having a vasectomy, you have virtually eliminated pregnancy, which used to be one of the most feared consequences of intercourse — at least when I was growing up in the 1950s. Today, however, sexually active people have far more to fear than pregnancy. At last count, there were more than 30 sexually transmitted diseases, ranging in severity from AIDS (fatal) to herpes (uncomfortable). Fortunately, most STDs are curable but it's practically impossible to test for all of them — in part because some, such as chlamydia, produce few, if any, symptoms. A potential partner could be checked for AIDS, gonorrhea, syphilis, hepatitis, herpes, and the other common STDs, but — depending on her sexual history — she could still harbor an infection that could be passed to you during unprotected sex. There are no guarantees in life; any sexual activity carries potential risk.

Nonetheless, you probably don't want to go to your grave a virgin. Therefore, I advise you to be cautiously selective. By doing so, you won't completely eliminate the risk of infection, but you'll certainly reduce it substantially.

Here's an analogy. The risk of being struck by an automobile while crossing a quiet street in your community is statistically quite small. It can happen, but such an event would be very unusual. However, if you run out into the street without looking both ways, you substantially increase the chance of injury. Conversely, if you are prudent, look both ways, and take other precautions, your risk of being run over is markedly reduced.

Same with sex. Pick your street. Keep your wits about you. And, by all means, look both ways.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: You're wrong to condone masturbation.

My brother did it a lot, became lazy and wouldn't work. When he was 30, he developed nervous spells. Then he required special treatment. Later, he had a fatal stroke. His death was a blessing.

DEAR READER: Although I am sorry that your brother died, I'd have a hard time blaming it on masturbation. Despite traditional "wisdom," there are no scientific studies linking masturbation to laziness, nervous disorders or stroke. True, like any other human activity, self-pleasuring can be carried to extremes. However, centuries of adolescents (and adults) have masturbated. In moderation, it is a natural function and I believe that more harm has resulted from the guilt of its prohibition than from the act itself.

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National health care spending tops $1 trillion

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. spending for health care is growing at the slowest pace in nearly four decades but private insurance costs may be about to pick up steam again, the government says.

Although the nation's medical costs topped $1 trillion in 1996 for the first time, total spending was up just 4.4 percent from 1995. That was the smallest increase since the Health and Human Services Department started keeping track of public and private spending on everything from aspirin to open-heart surgery in 1960.

American spending on health care averaged $3,759 per person in 1996, and held a steady 13.6 percent share of the nation's booming economy, the department said in an annual report released Monday.

Low inflation, more people in managed care, and new government spending curbs all have contributed to slower expansion of the nation's health care bills after average yearly growth of 11 percent throughout the '80s, the report said.

But will the good news last?

Double-digit increases aren't expected back any time soon, said Katharine R. Levit, director of HHS's National Health Statistics Group.

But "the private side of things should be reaccelerating and at the same time the public side ... should be decelerating," said Levit.

Private-sector spending accounts for 53.3 percent of all American health care dollars, and in 1996, about two-thirds of it, or $337.3 billion went to pay health insurance premiums.

Insurance companies paid $292.3 billion in medical bills, up 3.4 percent. Health insurance premiums grew by 3.2 percent, to $337.3 billion. And other out-of-pocket costs paid by consumers — including insurance deductibles and co-payments — grew by only 2.7 percent to $171.2 billion.

"That is largely due to employers who sought out plans that promised to slow the rate of health care cost increases" through managed care, said Levit.

Many insurers who made the promises are now in an awkward position. "Their profits have been squeezed," said Levit — a trend many analysts agree must lead to higher premiums if it continues.

Meanwhile, low inflation and spending restraints enacted by Congress — most recently in the balanced budget act — are expected to moderate the growth of government health care bills over the next few years.

Medicare's budget for senior citizens' health care increased 8.1 percent to $203.1 billion in 1996, compared to a 10.6 percent increase in 1995.

The strong economy also has helped reduce the numbers of low-income Americans eligible for Medicaid. Federal and state expenditures for the program grew by just 5.3 percent in 1996, the smallest percentage jump ever, to $147.7 billion.

Overall, almost 88 percent of America's health care dollars bought personal health care services and supplies in 1996.

Doctors and hospitals are getting a smaller share of the pie, however — 54.1 percent in 1996 compared to 57.6 percent in 1990. Instead, more money is going to nursing homes, home health aides and other alternative caregivers, such as optometrists and community health clinics.

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Lottery revenue estimate conservative

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans have pulled back on buying lottery tickets, but it's too soon to be extremely concerned about the impact that could have on the state's budget, the head of state revenue estimating says.

Mike Reissig, of the Texas comptroller's office, is in charge of estimating the amount of money the state will make from its various resources, including fees, taxes, investments and the lottery. Lawmakers use that estimate to help write the state's two-year budget.

Lottery officials have argued since last year that the amount of money the games are expected to make for the state in the current fiscal year — $1.4 billion — is too high. The fiscal year runs from Sept. 1, 1997 to Aug. 31, 1998.

Lottery sales currently are below sales for the same time during the last fiscal year. The state's share of those sales are millions of dollars behind the estimate, which represents the state's cut of lottery income from Sept. 1, 1997 to Aug. 31, 1998.

"I would stand by the estimate," Reissig said in an interview with The Associated Press on Monday. "It is a conservative estimate. The fiscal year is only four months old, it's too early to draw a conclusion about what's going to happen."

Reissig said the lottery consistently has made more than estimated, partly because of tremendous sales and partly because administrative costs have been lower than expected.

The current estimate is about 20 percent higher than the income estimated in last fiscal year, when the lottery was expected to generate $1.1 billion for the state and actually earned $1.2 billion.

Linda Cloud, executive director of the lottery, said the current revenue estimate is aggressive, not conservative.

"We disagreed with it from the beginning," she said. "I don't feel like we'll make that estimate. We'll go forward and try to close that gap as much as possible."

Ms. Cloud and other lottery officials have blamed a host of factors for the downturn in sales, including news reports about the slump in sales.

Such reports have made some people believe the lottery is losing money, lottery Commissioner John Hill said this month.

Lottery officials have said other factors affecting sales include:

— Lower prizes ordered by the Legislature (from 57 cents per $1 in sales to 53 cents per $1).

— A decreased marketing and advertising budget.

— Criticism of the lottery's "Scratchman" ad campaign that led to its end and a months-long dry spell of lottery advertising.

— Continuing controversy between the lottery and its main contractor, GTECH Corp.

GTECH is suing the lottery to keep the agency from considering new bids for the work GTECH does. The lottery says rebidding the contract could save the state money.

Reissig would not guess at what has caused lottery sales to go south, but he said it would take a huge downturn before the lottery's revenue drop could cause a shortfall in the state budget.

"I wouldn't say it doesn't concern us," Reissig said. "But given that most of the other large revenue sources are up, particularly the sales tax, it would take a very, very large drop to effect the overall (budget) estimate.

"Right now, there's nothing there that would indicate any large alarm bells," he said.

Current Texas Lottery sales

AUSTIN (AP) — Here's a look at current lottery sales as reported Monday by the Texas Lottery:

— In the last 19 weeks, the lottery has recorded $1.2 billion in total sales.

— During the same period last year, the agency sold $1.4 billion in tickets.

— Sales for instant tickets and most lotto-style games are down from the same time last year.

— Sales for the agency's Pick 3 game are higher than sales during the same time last year.

— To make the amount of money expected in the current fiscal year — $1.4 billion — the lottery must sell $77.4 million in tickets each week.

— In the last 19 weeks, the agency has averaged $63.7 million in weekly sales. The highest week's sales was $74.6 million early last month. The lowest was last week, at $54.1 million.

— As of Friday, the lottery was $270.5 million behind in its effort to meet the state revenue estimate for the current fiscal year, which ends Aug. 31.

Jury rejects 'Forrest Gump' defense in gas explosion trial

FORT WORTH (AP) — A man who admitted stealing a gas stove was convicted of arson despite his "Forrest Gump" defense that he was too stupid to know the theft could cause an explosion.

William Lee Monroe, 28, was found guilty Monday on a federal charge of malicious damage and destruction by means of fire and an explosive. He could receive 40 years in prison without parole when he is sentenced on April 17.

From his opening statement Monday, defense attorney Peter Fleury acknowledged Monroe was responsible for the Sept. 12 blast at a Fort Worth apartment complex.

Fleury said Monroe was moving out of the apartment and decided to take the gas stove, leaving the gas line open. The ensuing explosion critically injured a newlywed couple; three other people had lesser injuries.

Fleury argued that Monroe, who flunked kindergarten and was abused and institutionalized for much of his childhood, lacked the intelligence to know that an open gas line could cause an explosion.

"Stupid is as stupid does," Fleury said, comparing his client to fictional character Forrest Gump, who was mentally retarded.

Because Monroe acknowledged his responsibility for the blast, the trial hinged on his mental state.

Fleury asked U.S. District Judge John McBryde to instruct the jury that a guilty verdict would require finding that Monroe intentionally caused the explosion. But McBryde said the jury need only find that Monroe acted intentionally or with willful disregard of the likelihood that damage would result from his act.

Prosecutor Terri Moore asserted that Monroe must have realized the danger he created, partly because his 17-year-old alleged accomplice became lightheaded when they lingered in the apartment to steal light bulbs.

She said that, by stealing the stove and refrigerator in the dead of night and lying to authorities who found them at his new residence the next day, Moore demonstrated he was a cunning criminal.

"That's someone that's got some street smarts," she said.

With few exceptions, birds do not sing while on the ground, they sing during flight or while sitting on an object off the ground.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1998

Based upon past experiences, you will emerge a stronger person in the year ahead. You will fend for yourself where you previously relied upon others and do a better job in the process.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An arrangement might transpire today in which you'll feel you're the giver and another is the taker. The accused might feel the opposite, and you both could be right. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Usually you're cooperative, but today, if others don't play by your rules, you might cancel the ballgame. You will be happier if you stay in character.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) After you paint yourself into a corner today, you might seek a scapegoat. Do not point the blame at another while holding a dripping paint brush.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In competitions involving pals, don't let the activity take precedence over the relationship. Silly games can't be measured against friendships.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Properly applied, drive and ambition are admirable traits. Conversely, selfish motives won't be worth the penalties it cost to gratify them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try not to behave like a know-it-all today, because you might encounter someone who will challenge your smarts. This could be a humbling experience.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Actions that are materially motivated could produce a lack of fulfillment today. Your happiness is not guaranteed by money or possessions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Being free to make your own choices will be of utmost importance to you today, yet you might try to deny this same privilege to a close friend or loved one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may have to contend with additional duties today. If your mind-set is resentful, it'll make what you have to do harder than it actually is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today, you may have to deal with someone who is a forceful personality. Each might feel challenged by the other and engage in unproductive one-upmanship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) People who throw their weight around today will be intolerable to you, yet you could be guilty of the same offense when dealing with inferiors.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You may use your anger as a cover-up for a weak defense in a debate today. If you keep your ego out of the picture, there will be no need for facades.

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Datebook

Jan. 13, 1998

Today is the 13th day of 1998 and the 24th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1957, the Wham-O company developed the first frisbee.

On this day in 1979, the YMCA filed a libel suit against the Village People for their "YMCA" single.

On this day in 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into the 14th Street bridge in Washington, D.C., killing 78 people.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Salmon P. Chase (1808-1873), Supreme Court chief justice; Sophie Tucker (1884-1966), singer; Robert Stack (1919-), actor, is 79; Gwen Verdon (1925-), dancer-actress, is 73; Charles Nelson Reilly (1931-), actor-director, is 67; Frank Gallo (1933-), artist, is 65; Jay McInerny (1955-), writer, is 43; Julia Louis Dreyfus (1960-), actress, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Hank Aaron was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Look for a tough wedge for a tough log." — Publilius Syrus

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1993, lightning struck a yard and broke a water main in Enyon, Pa.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon.

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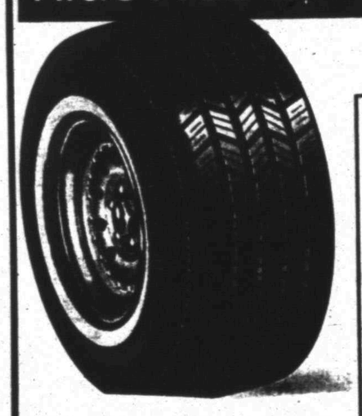

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Power being restored in Northeast

GRAND ISLE, Vt. (AP) — It's a long way from the Hawaiian island of Kauai to Grand Isle in Lake Champlain. But seven employees of Citizens Utilities made the trip in a hurry to help victims of the Northeast ice storm.

"It's something new for me," said Chris Acoba of Kaumakani, who's been working in the icy cold for 14 hours a day since Friday. "I'm thinking of the blue ocean and the sandy beaches."

Repair crews toiling in the wake of the huge ice storm that paralyzed the Northeast were making headway, but more than 400,000 people were still in the dark today, six days after the storm began.

More than 300,000 people in Maine and more than 100,000 in northern New York were without utilities. Outages affected 13,000 homes in New Hampshire and 6,000 customers in Vermont.

After causing deadly floods across the South, the storm spread thick, clinging ice across the Northeast and the eastern third of Canada. Fifteen deaths in Canada were blamed on the storm, seven in New York and four in Maine. Flooding killed 11, including seven in Tennessee.

In Maine alone, Gov. Angus King said the storm has cost nearly $6.2 million, not including damage to private homes or business.

"I don't think I've seen an ice storm this devastating," Federal Emergency Management Agency Director James Lee Witt said Monday while touring upstate New York.

More precipitation moved in today, with scattered light snow or rain falling this morning across parts of the region including a trace of snow in hard-hit Watertown and Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Utilities have been getting help from all over to turn the power back on.

Citizens Utilities has called in workers in other territories it serves — like Hawaii and Arizona — and it also is hiring employees.

Utilities routinely help each other out to repair storm damage. But it is rare to have so much devastation over such a broad area, and that has forced utilities to spread the net ever further to find more crews. A New Hampshire utility, for example, is using crews from Massachusetts and Connecticut, and has hired tree trimmers from as far away as Delaware.

Still, thousands were stuck in shelters — or in their dark, cold homes.

For 76-year-old Floyd Wendt, home was St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brasher Falls, N.Y., near the Canadian border.

"We had to get out," Wendt said as he sat on his cot holding his cat, Chloe, on a leash. "Either that or lay there and freeze."

In the southern Maine town of Richmond, the power went out Thursday but Scott Croteau never considered leaving his Civil War-era house. Instead, he stuffed deer meat into a snow-packed cooler, traded his shotgun for a couple of cords of wood and sat out the storm.

Obituaries

Service Wednesday...

Rosson served 25 years in Austin

Renal Rosson

1919-1998

Renal B. Rosson, a Scurry County lawyer and rancher who spent 16 years in the Texas House of Representatives, died Monday, Jan. 12, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Rosson, 78, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, will officiate. Graveside service is set for 4 p.m. Thursday in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 24, 1919 in Stephens County, Mr. Rosson moved to Scurry County at the age of 8. He attended Bethel, White Bluff, Woodard and Crowder rural schools.

After graduating from Snyder High School, his education at Texas Tech was interrupted by World War II when he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942.

He served in the Panama Canal and was based for nine months in Italy flying B-24 bombers. He was wounded on his 46th mission and returned to the states. Capt. Rosson was awarded the Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, European Theatre Medal and Purple Heart.

After returning from overseas, he married Dorothy Murphree on July 11, 1945 in Snyder.

He earned his B.S. degree from Texas Tech in 1946 and then his LLB degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1949. He returned to Snyder to practice law and served two terms as district attorney for Scurry and Borden counties.

Mr. Rosson, a Democrat, was first elected to the Texas House in 1959 and he served eight consecutive terms. In 1975, he went to work as legislative counsel for Gov. Dolph Briscoe. In 1975 Gov. Briscoe appointed him as a commissioner to the Texas Health Facilities Commission, serving until 1983.

After several unsuccessful community attempts to establish a college in Snyder, Mr. Rosson was instrumental in achieving legislative approval in 1969 for the creation of Western Texas College.

Mr. Rosson returned to Snyder permanently in 1983 to live at 2510 31st Street, a home which the Rossons built in 1951. He continued to pursue his ranching interests on his ranch south of Snyder.

Mr. Rosson was a member of the First Baptist Church where he had served as a deacon and trustee. He was a member of the CITA Bible Class and also attended the Men's Early Bible Class at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

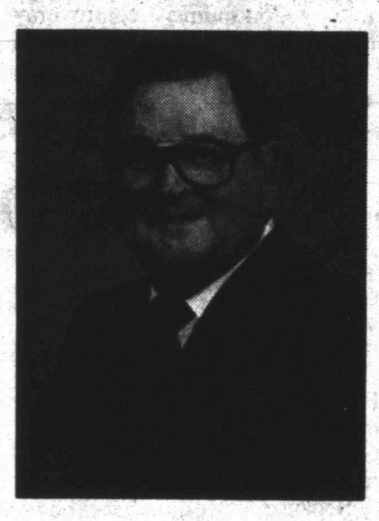
He was a member of the President's Club at Hardin-Simmons University and served on the Board of Development. Also, he was a long-standing member of the Texas Tech Century Club.

Mr. Rosson was an active member of the chamber of commerce, Historic Scurry County, Scurry County Museum, Snyder Lions Club and Ritz Community Theatre.

He was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, and was a longtime member of the American Legion, VFW, Farm Bureau and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Mr. Rosson was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Rosson.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Rosson of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Kyle and Donna Rosson of Odessa; a sister, Allie Beth Beauchamp of Snyder; three brothers, Arlin Rosson of Sweetwater, Eldon Rosson of Hillsboro and R.J. Rosson of Snyder; and two grandchildren, Kristin and Hilary Rosson, both of Odessa.



Renal Rosson

The family suggests memorials to the Parkinson Foundation, St. Mary Hospital, 4102 24th St., Suite 501, Lubbock, 79401; Snyder First Baptist Church, 1701 27th; Cogdell Hospital Foundation, 1700 Cogdell Blvd; or West Texas Rehab Cattlemen's Roundup, 4601 Hartford, Abilene.

Mrs. Livingston

1913-1998

COLEMAN — Erlena Livingston, the sister of H.L. Davis of Snyder, died Sunday, Jan. 11, in a Coleman nursing center.

Graveside service for Mrs. Livingston, 84, was held Monday in the City of Coleman Cemetery with Dr. Charles Sheffield officiating.

Born in Stephenville, she had lived in Coleman most of her life. She attended Coleman schools and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She married Joe Henry Livingston Jr. in 1933 in Coleman, and he preceded her in death.

Mrs. Livingston had managed a Ben Franklin store in Fort Stockton and later worked for Perry's and Woolworth's in Coleman.

Survivors also include a daughter, Peggy Burdick of Coleman; two sisters, Delores Tankersley of Eastland and Jessie Henry of Wichita Falls; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mark Applin

1920-1998

LAMESA — Mark Applin of Whitesboro, father of Marvin B. Applin of Snyder, died Sunday, Jan. 11, in the Wilson N. Jones Regional Health System in Sherman. He was 78.

A service for Mr. Applin is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the First Assembly of God Church in Gainesville, and second service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Assembly of God Church in Lamesa. Burial will follow in the Lamesa Memorial Park, under the direction of Huff Funeral Home of Whitesboro.

The Rev. James Jackson will officiate at the Gainesville service and the Rev. Clifton Igo will officiate in Lamesa.

Born on Jan. 6, 1920 in Elwood to the late Alvin and Effie Pritchett Applin, he married Elaine Jackson on Jan. 29, 1938 in Lovington, N.M. Mr. Applin, a self-employed truck driver, was a World War II veteran. He attended the Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine Applin of Whitesboro; another son, Carl Dean Applin of Ruidoso; three daughters, Barbara Ann Russell of Cimarron, N.M., Betty Sue Cavin, of Whitesboro and Marie Laverne Thatcher of Sherman; two brothers, Melvin Carl Applin of Hobbs, N.M., and Leon Huff Applin of Colorado City; one sister, Dorothy Nell Kidd of Lamesa; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Jeffery Cannell, Jimmy Cannell, Roby Russell, Mark Russell, Rusty Russell, Timothy Russell, Charlie Applin and Josh Applin.

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Team can't do Iraq job

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq today made good on its threat and prevented an American-led weapons inspection team from doing its work, defying the United Nations once again.

Iraqi authorities said Monday they would bar access to the team led by Scott Ritter, saying it included too many Americans and Britons and was prolonging the U.N. arms inspection program.

Three carloads of other inspectors left the headquarters of the U.N. Special Commission to visit sites. Afterwards, U.N. spokesman Allan Dacey told The Associated Press those inspections went smoothly.

The Iraqis did not provide Ritter and his team with escorts, which are needed to get past security guards at suspected weapons sites.

"We will report this to the executive chairman in New York," Ritter said, referring to commission chief Richard Butler, who is due in Baghdad next week.

Ritter said the refusal to provide escorts amounted to "a failure of Iraq to comply with its obligation to carry out the provisions of Security Council resolutions."

The inspectors are trying to verify that Iraq has destroyed its weapons of mass destruction, a condition that must be met before the United Nations will lift trade sanctions imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

The Iraqi action set the stage for a repeat of last October's confrontation, when the government prevented Americans from taking part in inspections.

College

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offered this spring at Ballinger, Crosbyton, Hamlin, Hawley, Patton Springs, Post, Snyder, Spur, Stamford and Colorado City.

—Heard information concerning a mascot for the fall semester.

—Set board planning sessions for the evenings of Jan. 26 and Jan. 29.

—Recognized retiring Senior Center employees Nadine Heard and Nellie Rios.

—Approved the financial report.

All trustees were in attendance, to include Carolyn Barbee, R.C. Patton, Eddie Peterson, Drew Bullard, Jackie Greene, Lee Presswood and president Dr. Jay Kidd.

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Financial aid workshop

A financial aid workshop will be held at 7 tonight in the Snyder High School student center. Kathy Hall of Western Texas College will be the speaker. The workshop is open to all juniors and seniors and their parents.

York Rite Masons

York Rite Masons will meet at 7 this evening in Snyder Masonic Lodge 706.

4-H Horse Club

Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will meet at 7 this evening in the East Elementary cafeteria. Everyone is welcome.

AARP board meeting

The AARP board will meet at the Marie Armstrong residence, 3209 Houston, at 9 a.m. Wednesday for a Continental breakfast.

Women and Heart Health

A program, "Women and Heart Health" will air at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday on cable TV Channel 2.

Historical Commission luncheon

Scurry County Historical Commission will meet for a pizza luncheon at noon Thursday in the Dermott School. The meal will be provided. Business to be discussed will include a Texas Independence Day observance in the county museum on March 1 and the "Historical Markers in Scurry County" book being printed.

Rotary District Governor

J.B. Roberts of Big Spring, Governor for District 5730, will address the Snyder Rotary Club at noon Thursday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

GED test slated Thursday

The next GED test will be administered at 8 a.m. Thursday at Western Texas College. Peggy Kennedy will administer the test. To register, call 573-8511, ext. 322. Those taking the test must bring their driver's license and Social Security number. In the future, a more flexible testing schedule will be adopted, rather than once a month. The upcoming test is expected to alleviate the backlog for those needing to take it.

Spring registration

Spring registration at Western Texas College begins Monday. Classes toward an associate's degree in a variety of liberal arts and pre-professional fields are offered, along with vocational programs in electronic office technology, welding, criminal justice, golf and landscape technology and licensed vocational nursing. Students may also take a class for fun, such as ceramics, accounting, diet and weight control, desktop publishing, aqua aerobics, creative writing or beginning Spanish. To obtain a school schedule, call 1-888 GO TO WTC (468-6982).

Windbreak trees

The deadline for ordering windbreak trees is Jan. 31. A variety of evergreens and hardwoods is available. The district is also offering evergreens in one-gallon yearling size for fill-ins. For more information, contact the Upper Colorado SWCD at 573-6317 or go by 5309 Big Spring Highway.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Tiger banners for sale

Snyder Girls Hoops Club is selling Tiger banners for $25. Call 573-1769 or 573-4283. They will deliver.

Support group ministry

Three support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Please enter on the east side, which faces the Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome; child care will be provided. For more information, call 573-2631.

High school choir boosters

High school choir boosters will meet at 7 p.m. next Tuesday in the choir room.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery:
8, 14, 19, 21, 35

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-4-1

She is a mother of three and hangs around Central Elementary:

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