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Ice storm or no, lawmakers say they'll convene

Legislature hopes to get down to work

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Constitution says the Legislature "shall meet every two years." It doesn't say anything about ice storms.

Bad weather notwithstanding, lawmakers planned to open their 1997 session on schedule today.

"There's no cancellation," Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock's press secretary, Mike Hailey, said Monday.

"They do plan to convene at noon," added Janet Warren, spokeswoman for House Speaker Pete Laney.

Ice turned most of Austin into a skating rink Monday. Some roads were closed, as were many government offices, schools and businesses. Buses didn't run. Police urged motorists to stay home.

Many legislators had arrived in Austin early for the 140-day session.

Hailey and Ms. Warren said Senate and House officials were calling out-of-town lawmakers to see if they would be able to make it to the Capitol on opening day.

"We're checking with senators who aren't already in Austin on whether they can get here," Hailey said.

Ms. Warren said 100 of the 150 House members are required to convene.

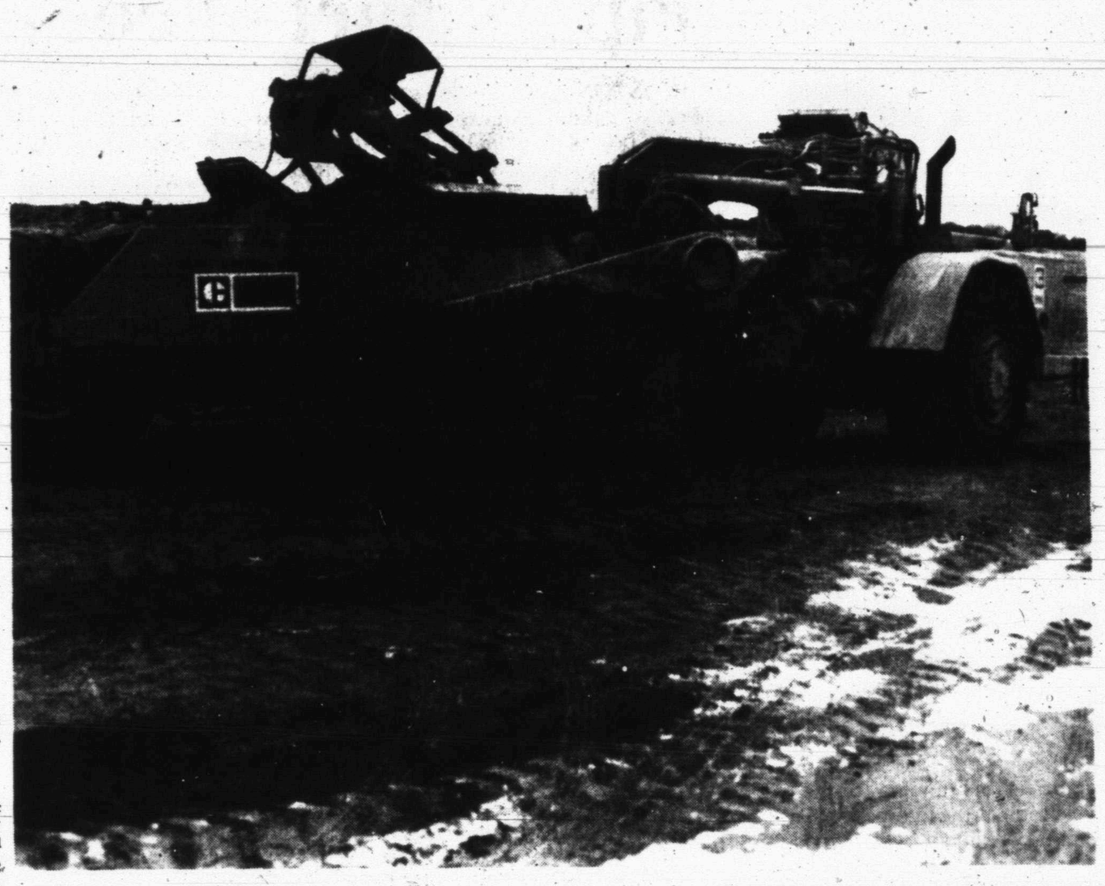
The winter storm was just one more in a long list of problems facing lawmakers during their five-month stay — a session that made history even before it began.

For the first time in 125 years, the Republican Party controls one of the two legislative chambers.

The GOP won 16-14 control of the Senate in last year's elections. One more seat remains up for grabs in a Jan. 28 special election, but the outcome will make no difference in who has the majority. Democrats still control the House.

Heading the agenda of issues is Gov. George W. Bush's call for property tax relief.

Bush wants to replace some of the $10 billion a year collected in local school property taxes. He has called on lawmakers to start with a "down payment" of $1 billion from the cash surplus forecast for the end of the current state budget year.



FULL STEAM AHEAD — A little snow and ice did not prevent Grimmett Bros. from beginning site preparation work Monday at SnTx Park I for a textile plant for Lorber Industries. Company officials are working on a time-line for construction, hoping that actual textile production can begin in the fourth quarter of this year. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Get the facts first, before you distort 'em."

Police work is stressful. Fortunately things happen in the line of duty that provide comic relief. The Rotary Club magazine recently published some of the not-so-serious police encounters:

--A man in St. Paul called to complain about criminal trespass. It seems that someone had thrown 40 pairs of false teeth onto his lawn. It was a clear case of a litter law with no teeth in it.

--In Miami, a homeowner reported that someone had stolen his entire front lawn. An investigation revealed that a landscaping crew had been hired to remove a sick lawn, but had gone to the wrong address.

--A woman in Cleveland reported a serious theft — six cupcakes from her dining room table.

--In Des Moines, a woman complained that someone had pried her back door open and had stolen a hard-boiled egg from the kitchen table. But what really ticked her off was that someone had disturbed the throw pillows on the sofa.

--Police in Denver were called to quell an uprising. It wasn't at a prison, but rather at an elementary school where kids were on strike in the cafeteria because, "The milk's too warm and the pizza's too small."

--A man was ticketed in Chicago for allowing his dog to drive his car. The man argued that the mutt was a doggone better driver than most people. But he still didn't have a driver's license and had to pay.

--Crime can happen anywhere. In Newark, N.J., police found 32 squad cars vandalized in the city parking lot. In New York City, thieves stole all the chairs from the captain's office of a precinct headquarters. And In Chicago, someone planted marijuana in flower pots outside police headquarters.

--In San Diego, a motorist was ticketed for driving his van alone in an express lane reserved for high-occupancy vehicles.

The driver proved he wasn't by himself and revealed three filled coffins in the rear of his vehicle. The judge ruled that bodies are cargo, not passengers.

Picky! Picky!

County still in icy grasp

From local, wire reports

A frigid Arctic air mass remained in place over Texas today, and light snow mixed with freezing drizzle fell across a wide expanse of West Texas.

A thin but deceptive sheet of ice covered many roads in Scurry County, prompting public schools to delay classes until 10 this morning. Spring registration was being held as scheduled at Western Texas College.

As of noon today, tonight's varsity basketball games with Plainview were still scheduled.

Department of Public Safety troopers were responding to several one-vehicle accidents this morning. Reports were not available, but none of the mishaps appeared to have resulted in injury.

Troopers were reporting icy conditions all along U.S. Highway 84 between Hermleigh and Justiceburg.

Overnight, temperatures were in the teens and 20s in the Panhandle and in the 30s and 40s in other parts of West Texas.

The National Weather Service said a slight warming trend should start this afternoon and continue through Wednesday, when highs in the 40s and 50s are anticipated.

Across North Texas, temperatures were generally in the 20s, ranging as high as 28 at Nacogdoches and Lufkin. Temperatures across South Texas and Southeast Texas were in the 20s and 30s under cloudy skies.

Winds were 5 to 15 mph statewide.

Professor Emeritus award approved

New pro shop, physical plant directors named at Western Texas College

Western Texas College trustees on Monday gave the go-ahead to establish a Professor Emeritus award, recognizing instructors who have made "significant contributions" to the college.

Approval of the award came at the request of the faculty association, which also recommended that Ray Robbins, recently retired professor of criminal justice, be the first to be accepted as Professor Emeritus.

Robbins was an original faculty member and author of a textbook which is used in more than 90 percent of police academies in the country. In 1986, he received the prestigious Piper Award.

In other business, the board named a new pro shop director, adopted a school calendar, named an individual as director of the physical plant and agreed to purchase steers for the rodeo department.

Following an executive session, trustees approved a motion to reassign Ricky Kahlich as director of the pro shop, effectively immediately. Kahlich has been assistant director for about five years.

The change will allow athletic director Milton Ham to focus on other aspects of his job, which include coaching the golf team and teaching. One aspect of his position will be to investigate the feasibility of adding new sports — specifically a men's baseball program and either women's softball or volleyball.

"We hope to make our athletic program more effective and also improve the golf course operations," said Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president.

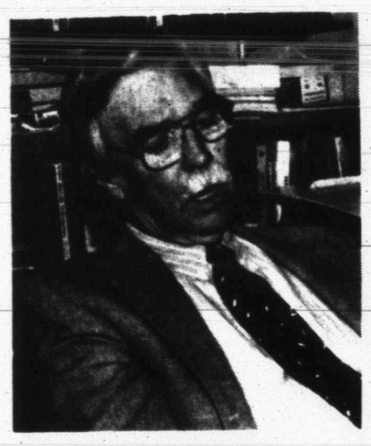
Kahlich's contract includes some incentives related to projected revenues within the pro shop.

Albert Conde was named director of the physical plant. Conde has been been serving as interim director since the resignation of former director Leeon Pettitt several months ago.

The 1997-98 school calender represents a return to previous years, particularly in the holiday schedule. It calls for classes to begin Aug. 27, with a holiday break for students from Dec. 12 through Jan. 21. Final exams will be May 4-6 with the semester to end on May 8.

After learning that the college received no bids on its request to purchase 25 Corriente steers for the rodeo department, trustees authorized administrators to purchase the animals directly.

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Ray Robbins

Western Texas serves 1,600 students during fall

Scurry County residents may be surprised to learn that Western Texas College served more than 1,600 students last fall.

"That's pretty impressive, I think," said Mike Thornton, college dean of continuing education. "What is that, equivalent to about 10 percent of the county's population?"

It's close. Thornton presented the information Monday evening to the college board of trustees. He stressed that the count does not include workshops or a number of other college-sponsored programs, such as hosting more than 200 Windham School faculty and staff for in-service.

The numbers break down like this:

Workforce education	269
Community Services	152
GED/ESL	133
Academic Vocational Credit	794
Prison-Academic Vocational	238
Extension Centers	43

The total comes to 1,629.

Administrators said they expect to see some of those numbers grow, particularly in the area of workforce education and in the college's concurrent enrollment program, which allows high school juniors and seniors to take a course for both high school and college credit.

Developer still pursuing assisted-living idea here

Despite being thwarted in his efforts at least three times to get public and city approval to build an assisted-living apartment in Snyder, Lubbock developer Bob Berryman still feels such a project would be beneficial to Snyder and the surrounding area.

"We are still very much interested in building such a facility in Snyder and we are diligently pursuing the project," Berryman said this morning.

Berryman said he is in Snyder at least once a week working on the project and making contact with landowners.

His diligence is apparently paying off.

"The project is really looking better than before," said Berryman, noting he had located some property just outside the city limits that he feels would not draw oppostion as three other locations have.

He declined to identify the specific property at this time.

Previously, he had submitted proposals for two locations adjacent to the Cedar Creek area and one in an area between Towle Park and Houston Avenue, but all had drawn public opposition.

The project would cost an estimated $600,000 initially, with plans ready for additions to the facility as needed.

ASK US

Q—Has the cold weather contributed to an increase in reports of flu in Scurry County?

A—A check with the hospital and school districts did not indicate the number of flu reports are on the increase.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 17 degrees; low, 11; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 11; precipitation; .02 of an inch; total for 1997, .42 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low, lower 20s. S-SW wind 10-20 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny, windy, warmer. High, mid 40s. W wind 20-30 mph, gusty.



Merissa Pierson
Sunny
Wednesday

Sunset: 6:03 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:43 a.m.
Of 13 days in 1997, the sun has shone 11 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

So live that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.

- Will Rogers

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THRC director's travel records examined

AUSTIN (AP) — When the director of the Texas Human Rights Commission takes a state-paid trip, it might be to give a deposition in Beaumont in a case involving the Ku Klux Klan.

Then again, it might be to San Francisco, Hilton Head, S.C., Canada or Monterrey for conferences; to Miami Beach for conference planning; or to New York to give a workshop, according to travel records reviewed by The Associated Press.

Most of those out-of-state trips taken by Executive Director Bill Hale in 1996 were related to his post as president of the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies, a position he says benefits Texas by giving it greater influence on federal policy and funding decisions.

IAOHRA-related travel by Hale and others at the agency totaled about $19,000 for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, according to agency records and Hale's figures. That's nearly 19 percent of all agency travel expenditures.

Hale said it's "sound public policy" for his agency to participate in a national organization, something he says other agencies do also.

"Given the role that we play with IAOHRA, we are able to substantially influence federal policy as it relates to civil rights affecting Texas," he said.

The agency's six-member oversight commission, which meets this week, will review travel expenditures after Chairwoman Laura Keith of El Paso raised questions about international travel at a Dec. 5 meeting.

"I have a hard time explaining the backlog of our cases and saying we can't afford to have any more investigators" when the agency pays for international travel and for flying out-of-state people to an IAOHRA conference hosted in Texas, Ms. Keith said at that meeting.

In an interview, Ms. Keith said her questions shouldn't be taken as criticism. She called Hale a "very effective" executive director and said she didn't think any policy had been violated. She said she hasn't decided whether travel changes are needed.

The agency handles employment and housing discrimination cases. Of 1,367 active employment discrimination cases, 829 were more than six months old and two were more than two years old as of Dec. 16, Hale said. Steps have been taken to speed up processing complaints, he said.

Hale said the commission approved his running for the two-year term as the international association president, which ends this year. The agency's travel procedures, he said, are even stricter than required by state rules.

Ms. Keith, who was appointed last February and went with Hale to the Canada human rights conference, said she raised the issue in part because she's new to the commission.

She said participation in the group is good for Texas, citing its work at the national level with federal officials and other U.S. human rights organization.

"His (Hale's) involvement I think benefits the state of Texas in many ways, but I don't know if the international portion of it is as important to us at this point. Maybe it is, because of our proximity to the border," Ms. Keith said.

"My whole point in raising the question was whether or not the money is well-utilized ... If it is not, then there are other areas of the commission where it can be utilized."

Travel made up less than 4 percent of the agency's $2.1 million budget in 1996, Hale said. Its travel expenditures were $102,015, or 4.8 percent of the total budget, Hale said, but reimbursements from various sources brought that to $81,976, or 3.8 percent.

The state wasn't reimbursed for travel expenses related to the international human rights group, he said.

The state footed the bill for more than $9,000 for 12 in- or out-of-state 1996 trips by Hale that were related to IAOHRA.

That's 9 percent of the agency's travel budget. Among them were trips to San Francisco, Canada, Hilton Head, Monterrey and Miami.

IAOHRA-related travel by other staff members or commissioners, plus travel costs for out-of-state people to participate in an IAOHRA conference in Fort Worth, amounted to nearly another $10,000, according to travel records and figures from Hale. Among those flown in were four human rights leaders from Mexico.

That's nearly 10 percent of the agency's travel budget. Besides travel expenditures, the state also paid $4,900 in registration fees for the Fort Worth conference.

"It was a great opportunity" for training, technical assistance and networking, Hale said. He added that the city of Fort Worth and private donations covered another combined $37,000 of the conference cost.

Hale said the influence the IAOHRA position gives him in federal funding decisions resulted in $100,000 more for Texas this year from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and $345,350 last year from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Spokesmen for those agencies couldn't confirm the figures. HUD spokesman Victor Lambert, however, said Hale has worked actively and helpfully with HUD and agencies around the country.

Besides the IAOHRA travel, records show the Texas agency paid a total of more than $2,000 for out-of-state trips by Hale to New York, where he stayed in a $280-per-night hotel, Indiana and Nashville.

Hale said he gave a workshop on sexual harassment for a New York conference of the Association for Theatre and Higher Education at the request of an official from East Texas State University, now called Texas A&M-Commerce.

"I would never have gone to New York if I hadn't been asked to do so by folk we deal with in Texas," he said.

The Indiana trip was for a speech, while Hale went to Nashville to provide technical assistance for its human rights commission. The agency may have been reimbursed for the $473 cost of the Nashville trip, Hale said.

2 on honor roll

BIG SPRING — Annie D. Ragland, of Snyder, and Shery J. Wilkes, of Ira, were named to the honor roll at Howard College and SWCID for the fall 1996 semester. The honor roll consists of students who are enrolled for a minimum of 12 college-level semester hours and whose grade point average is 3.25 or above.

Judge admits missing sealed papers part of court record

HOUSTON (AP) — A state judge is acknowledging that a missing box of financial files for slain Tejano star Selena was indeed admitted into the court record during the trial of Yolanda Saldivar.

Beyond that, state District Judge Mike Westergren had little to say Monday about the sealed box whose disappearance could undo the state's successful prosecution of Ms. Saldivar, convicted in Selena Quintanilla's 1995 killing.

"The fact is there was a box. I had the box in my possession," Westergren said during an evidentiary hearing requested by the 14th Court of Appeals, which is reviewing Ms. Saldivar's conviction and life sentence.

"There was a Quintanilla record. It was in a box. The court directed the clerk or court personnel to put it in the record and that's all I have to say on the subject."

The files, which belonged to Selena's father, Abraham Quintanilla Jr., were ordered withheld from evidence by Westergren before the October 1995 trial. Westergren also ordered the documents sealed as part of the court record.

The files were brought to Houston when Westergren granted a change of venue for the murder trial, moving it from Selena's hometown of Corpus Christi to Harris County because of pretrial publicity.

That, apparently, is the last anyone has seen of the box.

Attorneys for Ms. Saldivar, who is not eligible for parole until 2025, contend the records are critical to her appeal because trial witnesses should not have been allowed to testify about their belief that Ms. Saldivar embezzled money from Selena.

The appeals court, in a Dec. 12 order, instructed Westergren to determine if evidence entered into the court record was missing.

"If records are lost or destroyed without appellant's fault, appellant is entitled to a new trial," the court said.

Westergren instructed both sides in the matter to submit further written briefs. The appeals court has given him a Jan. 30 deadline to make a recommendation regarding the missing files.

Despite Westergren's recollection Monday that he instructed a clerk in 1995 to enter the box into the court record, a parade of court clerks from Houston and Corpus Christi testified that they never received such an order.

Ms. Saldivar's attorneys said Westergren's acknowledgement boosts their client's chances for a new trial.

"I think we have a significant number of points that are going to give the court of appeals something to chew on," said Patrick McGuire, who is handling Ms. Saldivar's appeal.

Nueces County prosecutors disagreed.

"In order for it to be part of the record, it's got to be marked, identified and offered into evidence," said Nueces County District Attorney Carlos Valdez, who contends that the judge's recollection of events isn't enough.

"He would have had to do that on the record. I don't think there's anything on the record showing that," Valdez said. "If he did something like that it was either in chambers or off the record."

There also is the issue of just where the box is now and whether copies of the same sealed documents — provided Monday by an attorney for Selena's father — could be substituted for those that are missing.

Jo Ellen Hewins, a lawyer for Selena's family, testified that all original financial records have been returned to all those who contributed: her accountant and her father.

However, she provided a copy of the documents that she had made before the trial.

Whether or not the court can accept those substituted documents from Abraham Quintanilla Jr. also must be determined.

Patrick McGuire said he wouldn't accept copies of the lost documents because there's no way to verify that the substituted pages duplicate the 1,800 pages sealed by Westergren.

Haynes ends six-month deployment

FHTNC — Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Haynes of Ira, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the dock landing ship USS Gunston Hall.

Haynes, along with more than 700 Sailors and Marines aboard the ship, traveled more than 23,000 miles before returning to his home port of Norfolk, Va., as part of the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group (ARG). The ARB also included the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan, the amphibious transport dock ship USS Austin, and the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Haynes participated in one of NATO's largest exercises in Southern Europe. Approximately 7,500 allied Sailors and Marines from Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom participated in a combined air, land and sea exercise that may be required to support amphibious operations in the region.

Haynes' ship supports amphibious operations using Landing Craft Air Cushions (LCACs), conventional landing craft and helicopters to transport Marines onto hostile shores. The combat troops Haynes moves ashore are then able to seize control of port and air base facilities, and prepare for follow-on invasion forces.

Berry's World



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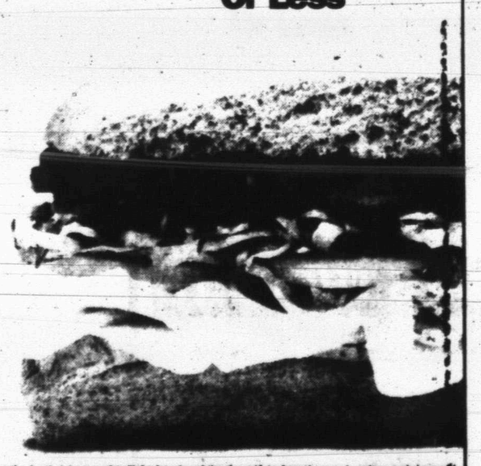
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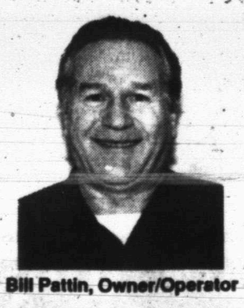
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*A pregnant woman counts as 2 family members.

(These income guidelines are effective April 1, 1996 and will increase in June 1997.)

Scurry County WIC
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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Families of prisoners need a little help from friends

DEAR ABBY: Please continue to tell your readers how important it is to inquire about family members who are in prison.

Three years ago, my son went to prison. My sister and I visit him every other Sunday. It's a 450-mile round trip, so families have not only the guilt to deal with, but the financial burden also.

The first year I don't know if I would have survived without friends. Even people I barely knew took a few minutes of their time to say a kind word and ask how my son is adjusting.

On the other hand, people I have supported during periods of crisis in their lives I no longer consider friends because they haven't even called to ask how I am doing.

Abby, the woman who was mentioned in the letter may break down and cry when asked about her husband, but she will always remember the kindness.

STRUGGLING IN ARKANSAS

DEAR STRUGGLING: Thank you for a letter that will ease the pain of those who are dealing with a similar problem. And particularly for assuring them that it is an act of kindness to inquire about a dear friend or family member who is incarcerated. I received a mountain of mail echoing your sentiments. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My husband is in prison. When old friends and acquaintances ask me how he's doing, it tells me they still care and acknowledge him as a person.

When a man goes to prison, much is stripped away from him along with his street clothes — his dignity, his pride, his possessions and, all too often, his family. When an old friend or acquaintance acknowledges my husband, it's like giving him back a bit of himself. He appreciates being told that someone asked about him.

What bothers me more than anything are those who whisper behind my back, won't look me in the eye and act uncomfortable around me, as if they would like to ask but don't know how. It would be much more polite to just ask.

WIFE OF AN INMATE

DEAR ABBY: My close friends saved my life with their friendship when my husband went to jail and I was left with three children in grade school.

There are many things a well-wisher can do: invite the spouse and children to an outing; any simple meal will do — a coffee shop, fast food, potluck or picnic. Ask them to go with you to the library, a museum, a party, a movie or for a walk. Call just to say "Hi." Send a "thinking of you" greeting card or a note.

There is a big hole in the lives of families of prisoners. In addition, the families are shamed and embarrassed. If there are children, there are inevitably cruel words from schoolmates.

I beg this friend not to let self-consciousness stop her from extending a much-needed helping hand.

ANYWHERE, U.S.A.

DEAR ABBY: I have worked with inmates and their families in many capacities for 16 years. I am the public relations director of Turning Point Bridges, a 150-bed treatment center for convicted felons. It is usually appreciated when someone asks about their loved one (an inmate). However, it is best to do so in private or by telephone, especially if speaking to a wife regarding her husband. Keeping her husband's incarceration quiet may be necessary for many reasons.

Many wives of inmates have tremendous financial problems due to the husband's absence. Though it is not legal, many women are "released" from their jobs when their husband goes to prison. Wives of inmates are lonely, embarrassed or humiliated, and need good friends. The wife and children did not commit the crime. They need friendship, understanding and support.

SHARON BURTON, POMPANO BEACH, FLA.

DEAR READERS: I regret that space limitations prevent printing more heartwarming responses I received on this subject. The overwhelming majority were in favor of speaking up and asking about the relative in prison. Only a few readers felt that mentioning the subject would be unkind.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; "Staying Power," by Nan Swanson, minister of First Presbyterian Church; hostess, Janet Brown.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 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; for more information call Gene Bowlin at 573-2323; 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.

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; program on update of the DCOS, Roy Baze; hostesses, Geleska Baze and Claudine Atwood; 11:30 a.m.

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.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; Country Club; noon.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

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

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Recipe Box

VANISHING CARMEL CORN

Preparation time: 15 min.
Cooking time: 8 min.
Baking time: 45 min.
Cooling time: 15 min.

24 cups popped corn
2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
1 cup butter
½ cup light corn syrup
½ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons molasses
¾ teaspoon baking soda
1½ teaspoons vanilla
1 to 2 cups salted cashews or your favorite nuts

Heat oven to 250 degrees. In large roasting pan place popcorn; set aside.

In 3-quart saucepan combine brown sugar, butter, corn syrup, salt and molasses. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until candy thermometer reaches 238 degrees or small amount of mixture dropped into ice water forms a soft ball (2 to 6 minutes). Remove from heat; stir in baking soda and vanilla. Pour over popcorn; sprinkle cashews over caramel mixture. Stir until all popcorn is coated. Bake 20 minutes; stir. Continue baking for 25 minutes. Remove from oven. Immediatley place caramel corn on waxed paper; cool completely. Break into pieces. Store in tightly covered container.

May cause shortness, obesity...

Drinking fruit juice under study

CHICAGO (AP) — Drinking more than a cup and a half of fruit juice a day may make preschoolers fat or stunt their growth, a study suggests.

No single juice was implicated in the study of 168 healthy youngsters, but the ones who drank more than 12 ounces a day tended to be shorter or fatter than other preschoolers.

The findings, published Monday in the January issue of the journal Pediatrics, suggested that preschoolers who fill up on juice may be getting too much sugar or missing out on more nutritious foods.

"Until other studies prove otherwise, it seems prudent for parents and caretakers to limit young children's consumption of fruit juice to less than 12 fluid ounces a day," the researchers said in the journal, published by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The researchers looked at 94 2-year-olds and 74 5-year-olds in Schoharie County in rural upstate New York.

Thirty-nine percent of the youngsters drank mixed juice, mostly a vitamin-fortified brand called Juicy Juice. Thirty percent drank apple juice, 23 percent orange juice and 7 percent grape juice.

"Children's diets, like adults', should be balanced," said the study's lead author, Dr. Barbara A. Dennison, a pediatrician at the Mary Imogene Bassett Research Institute in Cooperstown. "Just like you can get too much fat, you can get too much juice."

Federal guidelines for preschoolers suggest two servings of fruit every day, Dennison said. "One can be juice, but one should probably be a fruit that you actually eat," she said. A serving of fruit juice is 6 ounces.

The study did not track children beyond age 5 to see what their height and weight would be as adults.

The weight differences were not as easy to compare, since researchers measured heaviness in terms of body mass — weight relative to height.

But Dennison said children who drank more than 12 ounces of juice a day were more than three times as likely to be overweight, defined as having a greater body mass than that of 90 percent of youngsters in their age group.

A spokeswoman for an organization of food processors noted the study does not establish cause and effect, which even the authors acknowledge.

"There are other factors and other considerations that need to be addressed — for example, the activity level of the child," said Rhona Applebaum, executive vice president for scientific and regulatory affairs at the National Food Processors Association in Washington.

She said that the study should not be used to limit children's juice intake and that that parents should consult their pediatrician.

"The universal recommendation that we endorse is balance, variety and moderation," Applebaum said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 01-14-97
♠ J 5 4
♥ 10
♦ K 4 3
♣ A 9 8 6 5 4

West
♠ Q 10 3
♥ K 8 7 2
♦ 9 5
♣ Q J 10 3

East
♠ A
♥ A Q J 6 3
♦ Q J 10 8 6
♣ 7 2

South
♠ K 9 8 7 6 2
♥ 9 5 4
♦ A 7 2
♣ K

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♣	3 ♥
Pass	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 2

The polite way

Occasionally a writer will call a bridge bid or play mysterious. That's a polite way of saying someone blundered. What "mysterious actions" were there in today's deal?

Against four spades, West led the heart two, East switching to the diamond queen after winning with the ace. Declarer won in hand with the ace, unblocked the club king, ruffed a heart in the dummy, and discarded a diamond on the club ace. He ruffed a diamond in hand, but West overruffed with the 10. And when East got in with the spade ace, another diamond promoted West's spade queen: one down.

First, the bidding. Aggressive tournament players will bid a pre-emptive three hearts with that West hand. It isn't clear that North should bid three clubs rather than raise spades. However, if the auction does continue, it is comforting to have shown your long suit. The real mystery, though, is East's bid of three hearts. Why not three diamonds? It was possible that East-West could either make game or have a good sacrifice over four spades. Always strain to show your second suit. Finally, South was ambitious in bidding four spades.

Now to the play.

There was no hurry to take the discard on dummy's club ace. Better, after winning with the diamond ace, is to ruff a heart in the dummy, return to hand with a club and ruff the last heart. Then lead dummy's remaining trump. East wins with the ace and returns a diamond, but declarer wins in the dummy, discards his last diamond on the club ace, and loses just one more trump trick to West.

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Sinatra improving and may get to go home later this week

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Frank Sinatra has improved constantly since suffering a heart attack and will go home from the hospital this week, a hospital spokesman said Monday.

"Frank is doing well and I'm waiting for them to tell me when he's going to be released, sometime later this week," said Ron Wise, spokesman for Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Sinatra, 81, was hospitalized Thursday for what Dr. Rex Kennamer called an apparent "uncomplicated heart attack." An uncomplicated heart attack means it didn't cause serious damage.

"He's getting stronger. The doctor says the prognosis is good," said Susan Reynolds, Sinatra's spokeswoman.

It was Sinatra's third hospitalization in less than two months.

He was hospitalized eight days at Cedars-Sinai in November for a pinched nerve and slight pneumonia. He was hospitalized one day a week ago for an undisclosed procedure.

The entertainer's wife, Barbara, has been a nearly constant visitor. She left briefly to attend the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic Gala in Palm Desert on Sunday, where she was honored for her work on behalf of abused children.

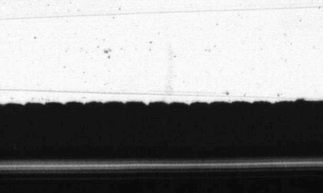
"Frank is getting stronger and hopes to be home sometime this week," she told the black-tie audience.

In 1986, the Sinatras founded the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center in Rancho Mirage to treat abused children.

The basic monetary unit of Denmark, Sweden and Norway, is the krone, and its chief fractional unit is the ore.

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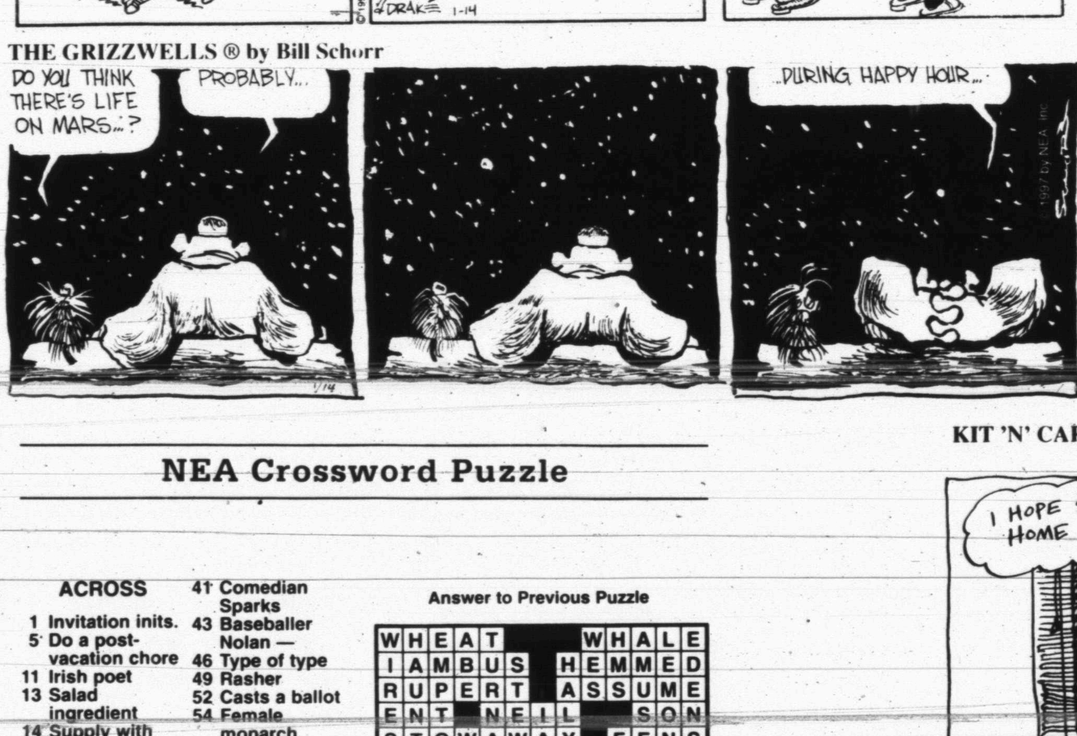
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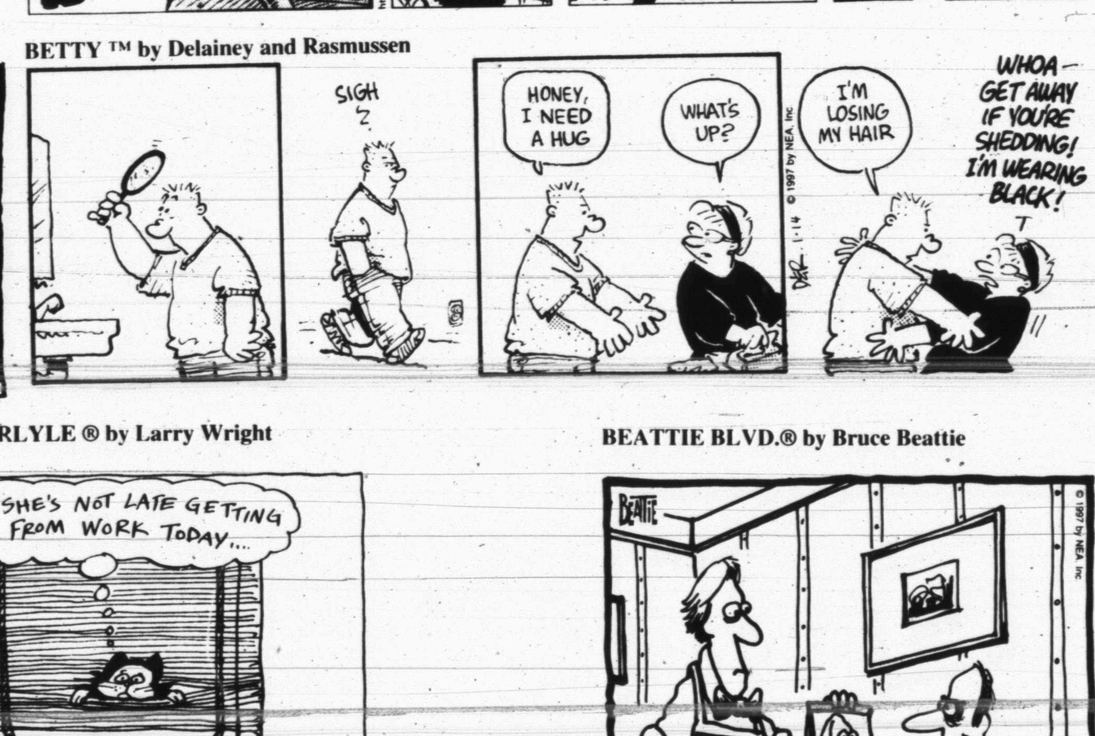


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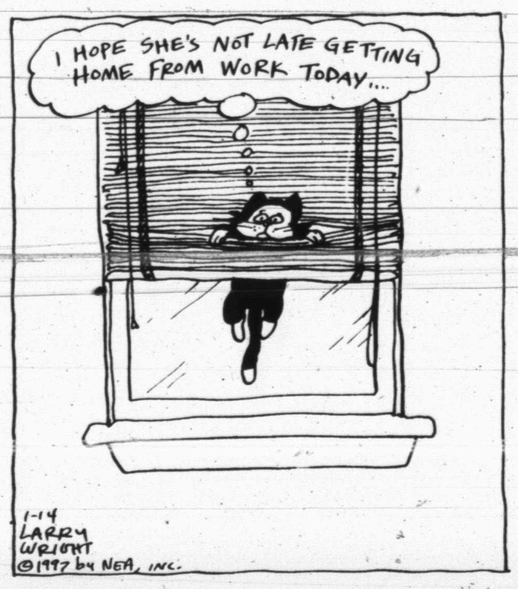


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ACROSS

1 Invitation inits.
5 Do a post-vacation chore
11 Irish poet
13 Salad ingredient
14 Supply with funds
15 Dress part
16 Affectedly shy
18 Gush forth
19 Soul (Fr.)
20 Busy one
22 Roman 2,001
24 — noire
26 Sgt., e.g.
29 Like a baby
31 Window part
33 Avidly
35 Conference site, 1945
36 Non-profit TV
37 Staff officer
39 Born
40 Ending for social
41 Comedian Sparks
43 Baseballer Nolan —
46 Type of type
49 Rasher
52 Casts a ballot
54 Female monarch
55 Eat away
56 Classify
57 Pulled

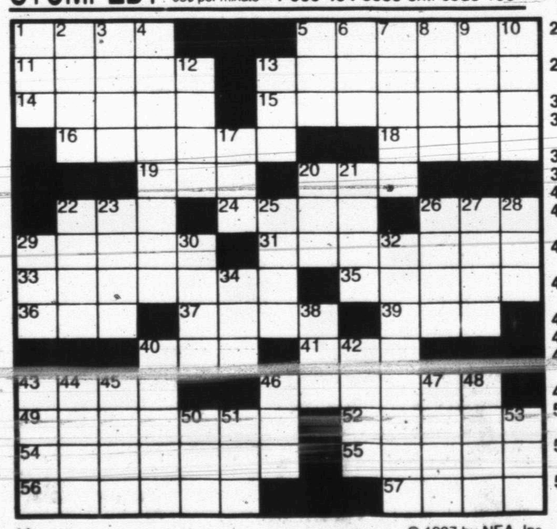
DOWN

1 Deli bread
2 Post
3 — mecum (handbook)
4 — poisoning
5 Yorkshire river
6 — de plume
7 Heartbeat
8 At an angle
9 Ice-cream holder
10 Was cognizant of
12 Moved in water
13 — Guevara
17 Confederate soldier
20 Energy unit (abbr.)
21 Slippery
22 Biblical land
23 Cups
25 Freshwater tortoise
26 Cairo's river
27 Sheep shelter
28 —, — Clear Day
29 Slangy affirmative
30 Mardi —
32 Building owner
34 Illuminated
38 Noun suffix
40 Preface
42 Roof overhang
43 She played Carla
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45 Snakes
46 Tax agcy.
47 Believe — — not
48 Yield
50 Comparative suffix
51 Superlative suffix
53 Make a garment

Answer to Previous Puzzle

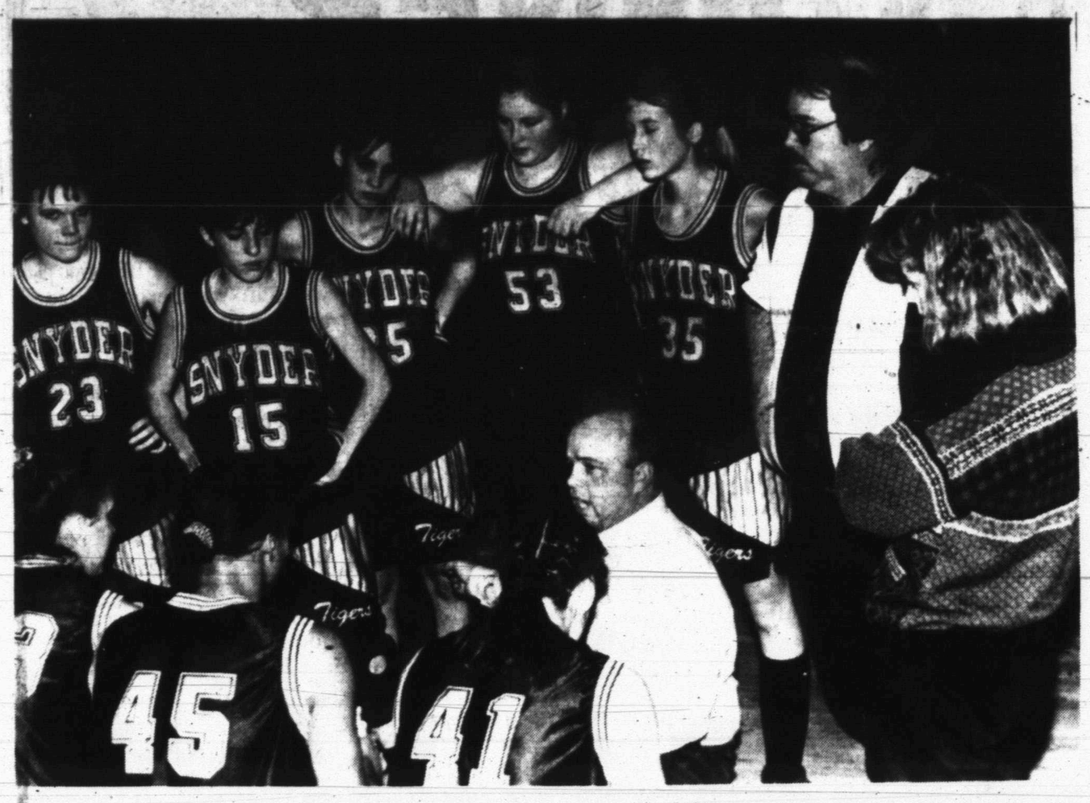
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SPORTS



LISTEN UP — The SHS Lady Tigers huddle up around Coach Rick Archer during their district win over Estacado. The win improves the Lady Tigers district record to 2-2. The Tigers are in action at 5:30 p.m., when they take on the Lady Bulldogs of Plainview in loop play. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers to face Plainview

Snyder High School varsity basketball teams are set for district action tonight as they entertain the Plainview Bulldogs.

The boys will be looking to rebound from a 65-53 loss to Estacado on Friday.

With the loss, their district record fell to 1-2, and their season tally to 15-9. Plainview comes in at 15-9 on the season, 1-1 in loop play. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

The Lady Tigers go into tonight's game following a convincing, 83-64 win over Estacado. The win bumped their district mark to 2-2, and their season record to 14-10. The Lady Bulldogs are 3-1 in loop play, 18-6 for the season. Tip-off is set for 5:30 p.m.

Plainview boys defeated Lamesa last Friday, 69-58 in overtime. The Lady Bulldogs also won over Lamesa, 89-62

The JV boy's and g games scheduled tonight have been cancelled due to weather.

Midland spanks WTC, 72-40

MIDLAND — Western Texas College's Lady Westerners fell to conference favorite Midland College, 72-40 Monday night.

The Westeners were down by only 13 at the half, but the Chaparrals' strong rebounding game, coupled with cold shooting from WTC, made the difference.

Western Texas hit just 25 percent from the field, including 19 percent from three-point range. The Lady Westerners' put the ball up from behind the circle 26 times, hitting just five.

Meanwhile, the Westerners had only nine offensive boards all night — and just 29 rebounds for the game — compared to Midland's 48.

The Westerners were led by Angelica Brooks with 12 points. She was backed up by Freda McKnight, who knocked down 9, and Caitlin Behrens, who added 8. Celestine Otouro got in the act with 5, and Shawna McKee contributed 4. Kelley Wilson rounded up the night with 2.

Midland put three players in double figures. Ndiaye Ndiasse scored 16, Cisse' Fatou had 12 and Ndoye Mamie had 11. Fatou and Ndiasse also pulled down nine rebounds each.

WTC falls to 1-5 in conference play and 4-11 for the season. The Lady Westerners will try to rebound next Monday when they travel to Levelland to take on South Plains. Midland improves to 6-0 in conference play, 16-2 for the season. The Lady Chaps travel to Howard Thursday.

In other conference action last night, South Plains ripped Odessa 72-51 and Howard tripped up New Mexico JC, 74-65. Clarendon was scheduled to meet Frank Phillips, but weather interyened and the game was cancelled.

In other games this week, New Mexico travels to Frank Phillips on Thursday.

Snyder lifters finish fourth

PLAINVIEW — The SHS powerlifting team dominated action Saturday in Plainview, taking the top spots in two weight classes.

Out of 12 teams, Snyder placed fourth.

In the 198-pound class, David Wagner placed first with a total of 1,185 pounds. Bryan Fisher captured second with a total of 1,150 pounds. Sean Duncan took third with 1,115 pounds.

In the 220- pound class, Kyle Beck placed fourth with a total of 1,085 pounds.

148-pound class: Jerry Burton, 775 pounds; 165-pound class: John Border, 965; 165-pound class: Mark Cave, 940; 181-pound class: Mack McGraw, 850 pounds; 220-pound class, Chris Fuentes, 870; 220-pound class: Tommy Morris, 1055; 242-pound class: Chad Collum, 905 pounds.

The SHS powerlifting team will resume its season on Saturday, when they travel to Merkel.

Packers look to McMahon and Beebe for guidance

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Brett Favre doesn't plan on mooning any helicopters and his NFL-imposed alcohol ban means he won't be tearing up Bourbon Street like Jim McMahon did a decade ago.

But Favre and the rest of the NFC champion Green Bay Packers will get some advice this week from McMahon, their backup quarterback who owns what the rest of them so dearly desire: a Super Bowl ring.

Coach Mike Holmgren is turning to McMahon and receiver Don Beebe, his only other player with Super Bowl experience, to help prepare the Packers (15-3) for the Super Bowl against New England (13-5) on Jan. 26 at the Louisiana Superdome.

McMahon was the starter for Chicago in the 1986 Super Bowl, when he took New Orleans by storm, mooning a helicopter, saying unsavory things about the local populace, parading through the French Quarter in the wee hours, feuding with Bears management over his use of an acupuncturist, and finally leading his team to a 46-10 rout of the Patriots.

"He's kind of filled me in on how to moon helicopters, talk about the women down there and all that stuff," Favre said. "I know exactly what not to do by talking to him."

McMahon, 37, who might retire after the Super Bowl, has brought up the similarities between Favre's big moment and his own 10 years ago.

"He's said how it's Jan. 26, at New Orleans, playing New England, everything he went through, the year after he lost the championship game, all these coincidences," Favre said.

Like McMahon, Beebe is a part of Super Bowl lore. The Packers' third wide receiver was with the Buffalo Bills teams that lost four straight Super Bowls from 1990-93.

His big moment came late in the Bills' 52-17 loss to Dallas after the 1992 season, when he chased down Leon Lett and punched the ball out of his hands at the goal line to prevent another Cowboys score.

Beebe has been waiting all year to serve as a Super Bowl consultant, and he's already talking to his teammates about dealing with all the distractions.

"It's good we have two weeks. This week, you get all the garbage taken care of. Then we go down there to play a football game," Beebe said. "We don't go down there to have fun. You can enjoy yourself, but keep it to a limit because you're down there to play a football game.

"And after the football game, you can spend as much time as you want enjoying yourself."

Holmgren loves listening to the articulate Beebe, and he doesn't mind hearing out the irreverent McMahon, either.

"It's like the little bad angel, and the little good one," Holmgren said, patting each shoulder. "I've got Beebe on one side and McMahon on the other. That should cover most things now."

Beebe said he's happy to help out, but he's going to have to leave some things to McMahon.

"Jim knows how to go to the Super Bowl and win. I don't," Beebe said.

Holmgren won two Super Bowls as a San Francisco 49ers assistant. His offensive coordinator, Sherm Lewis, owns three title rings, one of which he wore Sunday when the Packers routed Carolina 30-13.

Holmgren said he wanted to get things like securing tickets for friends to lining up travel arrangements for family done by Wednesday so the players and coaches could get back down to business.

Each player gets two tickets and can buy up to 28 more at $275 a pop.

"I'm sure some new relatives will be calling and some old friends from back when I was a nobody," Favre said. "They'll be calling and saying we were best friends."

Favre and his teammates were still rejoicing 24 hours after the Packers secured their first Super Bowl trip since Vince Lombardi won the last of his five NFL titles and two Super Bowls in 1968.

Favre sang the entire "Star Spangled Banner" while in the training room — and not a bad rendition, either — and later he gave the same progress report on his contract situation that's he's been giving all season: "We're getting close, we really are."

His lawyer, James "Bus" Cook, is seeking a seven-year deal for about $50 million. The two-time MVP quarterback just finished the third season of a five-year, $19 million deal.

"With every win, Bus goes up more money," Favre said. "And I tell Bus, 'C'mon, Bus, let's be realistic. They're not going to pay us $150 million for three years.'"

NFL playoffs

Wild Cards
Saturday, Dec. 28
Jacksonville 30, Buffalo 27
Dallas 40, Minnesota 15
Sunday, Dec. 29
Pittsburgh 42, Indianapolis 14
San Francisco 14, Philadelphia 0
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday's Games
Green Bay 35, San Francisco 14
Jacksonville 30, Denver 27
Sunday's Games
New England 28, Pittsburgh 3
Carolina 26, Dallas 17
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 12
Green Bay 30, Carolina 13
New England 20, Jacksonville 6
Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At New Orleans
Green Bay vs. New England, 5:18 p.m. (FOX)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 7 p.m. (ABC)

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
NewYork	26	9	.743	—
Miami	26	10	.722	½
Washington	19	16	.543	7
Orlando	14	18	.438	10½
NewJersey	9	24	.273	16
Boston	8	25	.242	17
Philadelphia	8	27	.229	18

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	31	4	.886	—
Detroit	26	8	.765	4½
Atlanta	22	11	.667	8
Cleveland	21	14	.600	10
Charlotte	20	16	.556	11½
Milwaukee	18	17	.514	13
Indiana	16	17	.485	14
Toronto	12	23	.343	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	27	9	.750	—
Utah	24	12	.667	3
Minnesota	16	19	.457	10½
Dallas	12	21	.364	13½
SanAntonio	9	25	.265	17
Denver	9	27	.250	18
Vancouver	7	29	.194	20

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A.Lakers	27	10	.730	—
Seattle	26	11	.703	1
Portland	19	16	.543	7
Sacramento	15	22	.405	12
L.A.Clippers	14	21	.400	12
GoldenState	13	21	.382	12½
Phoenix	12	24	.333	14½

Sunday's Games
Orlando 88, Toronto 85
Milwaukee 111, Golden State 93
Charlotte 97, Sacramento 93
Monday's Games
Orlando 114, New Jersey 111
Utah 97, Philadelphia 96, OT
Miami 98, Washington 95
Atlanta 93, Cleveland 79
Phoenix 105, Dallas 98
Charlotte 102, Denver 100, OT
Tuesday's Games
Golden State at Boston, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Houston, 8 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Portland, 10 p.m.
Vancouver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Indiana at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Golden State at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Dallas, 8 p.m.
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Jury deliberating punitive damages in Food Lion suit

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — The best way to stop deceitful, hidden-camera reporting is to force ABC to pay hefty damages, a lawyer for Food Lion said.

The jury that found ABC committed fraud to tape the alleged selling of rotten meat at Food Lion stores began deliberating today on how much the network should pay in punitive damages.

Under North Carolina and South Carolina laws, it is legal for a person to record or tape events or conversations in which he or she is involved, without the knowledge of the other party.

"That conduct is not to be considered in punitive damages," U.S. District Court Judge Carlton Tilley said in his instructions to jurors this morning.

In court Monday, Food Lion lawyer Tim Barber suggested ABC pay from $52.5 million to $1.9 billion for lying on supermarket applications to get reporters inside the stores with hidden cameras.

"If you decide you want this kind of conduct to stop, it takes numbers in this range with Cap Cities/ABC," Barber said. "If you decide it's not appropriate and you don't want them to do it again, then hurt them."

Barber suggested that jurors order ABC to pay the profit it made during the 15 days its undercover reporters worked for Food Lion, and 10 percent of ABC's net worth in 1995.

Last month, the jury ruled ABC and the reporters committed fraud, trespass and breach of loyalty in its Nov. 5, 1992, "PrimeTime Live" expose.

It awarded Food Lion only $1,402 in compensatory damages for training and employing the reporters.

"The price tag so far has been cheap," said Andrew Copenhaver, another Food Lion lawyer.

"If you're not careful, the amount you award may be pocket change to the executives in New York City, the cost of doing business," he said. "You twelve are being, in effect, policemen on the media highway."

ABC lawyer Bill Jeffress said the verdict showed it was wrong for reporters to lie about their identities to get jobs.

While Food Lion was deceived, the viewing public saw the truth about unsanitary practices at its markets, he said.

"They want to punish them for being journalists. They want to punish them for what they found. Food Lion was extremely embarrassed," Jeffress said.

The "PrimeTime Live" report alleged that Food Lion sold rat-gnawed cheese, expired meat and old chicken that had been washed in bleach to kill its smell.

Food Lion denied the allegations, but the lawsuit challenged only the network's undercover methods, in which two producers got jobs with the chain and took hidden cameras inside three stores.

Injury to child reported locally

The Snyder police department is investigating an assault which resulted in an offense report for injury to a child being filed at 4:49 p.m. Monday.

The offense, which is a third degree felony, involved injuries to a five-year-old female, said Sgt. Jerry Parker.

Other activity remained relatively quiet for local law enforcement agencies and despite the icy weather, only two accidents were reported.

Local DPS units responded to a one vehicle roll-over at 3:47 p.m. on CR 412 in Mitchell County some 10 miles southeast of Dunn. Involved was a 1992 Chevrolet pickup driven by Mary Garcia of Rt. 1, Box 109, Hermleigh. There were no injuries reported.

City officers investigated a one-vehicle accident at 8:35 p.m. in the 300 block of East Coliseum Drive. Involved was a 1977 Chevrolet pickup driven by Marshall Bryant of 1203 Harlan, Hermleigh. He was taken to Cogdell Hospital by Snyder EMS for treatment to a cut on his forehead. The patient asked the hospital to release no other information about his condition.

In other activity Monday, Ronald Porter requested to speak to an officer at 3:15 p.m. in reference to the theft of a bicycle from the Eastridge Apartments. An offense report for theft was submitted.

The fire department responded to a reported dumpster fire at 4:16 p.m. at 4502 Garwood. The department extinguished the minor blaze in the dumpster.

An offense report for assault/family violence was submitted at 6:30 p.m.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	84⅛	83¼	84	+ ⅛
AT&T Corps	39½	38⅛	38⅛+	¼
AirTouch	24 9-16	24¼	24½+	⅜
Albertsons	36¼	36¼	36⅜+	⅛
AlldSignal	71⅛	70⅝	70⅞+	½
Alltel	31⅛	31	31⅛+	⅛
AmerOnline	39¾	38¼	39⅜+	1⅛
AmStores	41⅜	41⅛	41½+	⅛
Ameritech	59⅛	58½	59⅛+	1
Amoco	84¼	84	84⅛—	⅛
AndarkPtr	70⅞	70½	70⅝—	⅛
ArmcoInc	4⅛	4⅜	4⅛+	⅛
AtlRichfld	138	137⅛	137⅝+	⅜
ATMOS Egy		23⅜	23⅜	23⅜
Aviall	9⅜	9⅛	9⅛+	⅛
BakerHughes	39	37⅞	38⅛—	⅜
BellAtl	65¾	64¾	65½+	1
BellSouth	40¾	40	40⅜+	1⅛
BethSteel	9¼	8⅞	9	+ ⅛
BritPet	142¼	142¼	142⅜—	½
BurlNoSFe	87⅛	86⅞	87	+ ⅛
Caterpillar	79¾	79	79	— ⅜
CenSoWst		25⅛	25¼	25⅛
Chevron	68⅜	67⅞	68⅜+	⅛
Chrysler s	35⅜	35⅛	35⅛+	⅛
Coastal	50⅜	49⅞	49⅞—	⅛
CocaColas	55⅛	54½	54¾+	⅜
ColgatePalm		92	91⅞	91½
ComclMetals	29½	29⅜	29⅜+	⅛
CooperIn	42⅛	42	42⅛+	⅜
CyprusAmax	23⅛	23	23	+ ⅛
DallSemicn		24¾	24¾	24⅜
DeltaAirl	71¼	71⅛	71⅛+	½
DigitalEq	35¼	34⅜	34⅞+	⅜
Dillard	30⅜	30⅜	30⅜—	⅛
DowChem	83¾	83¼	83⅜+	⅛
DresserInd	35⅛	34⅜	34⅛—	¼
DuPont	105⅜	104⅜	105	+ ⅜
EastmanChem	56¼	55⅞	56	+ ⅛
EstKodak	83	82⅜	82½+	¼
EDS Corp	47⅞	46½	47⅝—	⅛
EljerInd		23¼	23¾	23¾
Enserch	24	23¾	23⅞—	⅛
Entergy	28	27⅞	28	+ ⅛
Exxon	104⅜	103⅜	104½+	1⅛
Flowers	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛+	⅛
FordMotor	33⅜	33⅛	33⅜+	⅛
GTE Cp	45⅛	44⅝	44¾+	⅛
GenDynam	70	69⅝	69¾+	⅛
GenElec	104⅞	104⅜	104¾+	⅞
GenMills	65	64⅝	64¾+	⅛
GenMotors	60⅞	60½	60¾+	⅛
GaPacif	77⅞	77⅛	77⅜+	½
GlobalMar	24⅛	23¾	23⅝—	½
Goodrichs		38½	38⅜	38⅜
Goodyear s	54⅛	53⅞	53¾—	⅛
GtAtlPac	31⅞	31⅛	31⅜+	⅛
Haliburtn	70⅜	69⅜	69⅝—	⅛
Hanson ADSs		7¼	7	7⅛
HartleHanks	26⅛	26	26	+ ⅛
HoustonInds	23	22⅞	22⅞—	⅛
IBM	165⅞	164½	165⅛+	1⅜
IntlPaper	43	42⅛	42⅜—	⅛
JohnsnJn s	51	50⅝	50⅝+	⅛
K mart	11⅛	10⅞	10⅞—	⅛
Kroger		46⅜	46	46
Litton	46⅜	45⅛	45⅛—	⅛
LockhdMart	89⅛	88⅛	89⅛+	⅛
Lowes Cos	35⅞	35⅛	35⅝+	⅛
Lubys	20⅜	20⅛	20⅜—	⅛
LucentTech n	51	50⅜	50⅝—	⅛
MayDeptStrs		45⅜	45⅛	45⅛
Medtronic	70⅛	69⅛	69⅝—	1
Mobil	128⅜	127⅞	128⅜+	⅜
Monsanto s	39¼	39	39¼+	⅛
Motorola	66⅛	65⅞	66⅛+	⅜
Nationsbk	104⅛	103⅜	104⅛+	1⅛
Navistar	10⅜	10	10⅛+	⅛
NoramEngy	15⅜	15⅛	15⅜—	⅜
Norwest	46	45¼	45⅞+	⅜
Nynex	49⅛	48⅜	49⅛+	⅜
OryxEngy	25⅜	25⅛	25⅜+	⅜
PacTelesis	36⅜	36⅛	36⅛+	⅜
PanEnergy	44⅞	44⅛	44⅜+	⅛
Penney JC	48⅜	48⅛	48⅛+	⅜
Pennzoil	61⅛	60⅝	60⅝+	⅜
PepBoys		29⅜	28⅞	29
PepsiCo s	29⅜	29⅛	29⅛+	⅛
PhelpDodge	71⅜	70⅝	70⅝—	⅛
PhilipPet	45⅜	45⅛	45⅛+	⅛
PilgrmPrd	9⅜	9⅛	9⅜—	⅛
Polaroid	46⅜	45⅝	46⅜+	1
Praxair	46½	45¾	46	— ⅛
ProctGamble	109⅛	108⅜	109	+ ⅝
PubSNwMx	18⅜	18	11-16	18⅜+ ⅛
RoyalDutch	173⅛	173	173⅜—	⅛
SBC Comm	51⅛	50⅛	51	+ ⅜
SaraLee	38	37⅜	37⅝—	⅛
SearsRoeb	48⅜	47⅞	48⅛+	⅜
SherwinW	55⅜	54⅜	54⅝—	⅛
SmthBchADS	66⅛	65⅛	66	+ ⅛
SouthernCo		22⅛	22⅛	22⅛
SwstAirlines	22⅛	22	22⅛+	⅛
Sprint	39⅝	39⅛	39⅝—	⅛
SunCo	24⅞	24⅜	24⅛+	⅛
TNP Ent	26⅜	26⅛	26⅜—	⅛
Tandy	41⅞	40⅝	41⅜+	⅜
TemplInl	56⅜	55⅜	55⅝—	⅛
Tenneco	45⅛	45	45⅛—	⅜
Texaco		106⅛	105⅛	105⅛
TexasInd	50⅜	49⅞	50⅛+	⅜
TexasInst	68¼	67⅛	68¼+	⅛
TexUtil		41⅜	41⅛	41⅛
Textron	94⅜	93⅛	94⅜+	⅛
Travelers s	48	47⅞	47½+	⅛
TrinityInds	35⅜	35⅛	35⅜—	⅛
TritonEngy		49¼	49	49⅛
Tyler		1⅛	1⅛	1⅛
US WestCm	33⅜	33¼	33⅜+	½
USWstMda	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛+	⅛
USX Delhi	16⅛	16⅛	16½—	⅛
USX-Marathn	26⅛	26⅛	26⅝—	⅛
USX-USS	33	32¾	33	+ ⅛
UnCarbde	44	43¾	43⅞+	⅛
UnPac s	63⅛	62⅝	63	+ ⅛
UnitedTech s	69⅝	68⅝	68¾+	½
Unocal		44	43¾	43¾
WalMart	23⅞	23⅜	23⅝+	⅛
WstnGasRs	20⅜	20⅛	20⅜+	⅜
WestghEl	19⅜	19⅛	19⅛+	⅛
WinnDixie		32	31⅞	31⅞
Woolworth	21⅜	21	21⅛+	⅛
XeroxCp s		56	55⅛	55⅝
ZenithE	12		11⅞	11⅞+ ⅛

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Icy weather keeping state of Texas in its grip

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Frigid, moist weather that hovered over Texas on Monday slickened roadways with ice and snow, forcing school shutdowns, knocking out power to tens of thousands and contributing to at least eight deaths.

"If you don't have to go out, people should stay home if at all possible," warned Police Chief Al Phillipus of San Antonio, where portions of interstate highways were closed because of icy conditions.

More than 500 people, mostly stranded travelers, found warmth Sunday night and Monday at shelters set up by the American Red Cross in and around the Alamo City, said spokeswoman Debi Pfitzenmaier.

A winter storm whipped into the state over the weekend, dipping as far as deep South Texas. Snow, sleet and freezing rain fell across much of Texas and could last until Tuesday, the National Weather Service said.

Six people were killed in traffic accidents Sunday on icy roads across the southern part of the state, and one other person was killed Friday night in West Texas, police said. An unidentified homeless man was found dead Saturday in Fort Worth.

In the Houston area, ice knocked out electricity to as many as 180,000 customers. Houston Lighting & Power Co. said about 125,000 were still without power Monday afternoon after trees and tree limbs heavy with ice fell on power lines.

Grant Woodard feared he might have to take his frail wife to the hospital if her emergency air supply ran low.

"My wife has to have oxygen around the clock to breathe," he said.

Debbie Reed's family huddled around the fireplace to keep warm.

"It's been cold, but we've been reading and playing games — doing all those things you do without television," she said.

The icy weather left many residents stocking up on firewood, canned soup and bottled water.

"People are in pretty good spirits. They're not complaining about it. They're pretty excited about the cold weather," said Leonard Elizondo, a service manager for the grocery store H-E-B Marketplace in San Antonio.

Kerrie Hiltzman, an employee at Autozone in Austin, said conditions have increased traffic at her business, too.

"We've been getting a lot of (purchases of) batteries and a lot of people looking for ice scrapers," Mrs. Hiltzman said.

Citrus farmers in the Rio Grande Valley closely guarded their crops but expected to make it through the freeze unscathed.

"So far, so good," said Jud Flowers, general manager of Healds Valley Farms Inc. in Edinburg, explaining that lows of around 30 degrees aren't cold enough to damage the fruit.

Businesses and school districts were closed in Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, Austin and elsewhere. Some children in North Texas made the most of the day off and went sledding on snow-covered streets.

Amber Olson, a receptionist at a Mass Mutual life insurance office in Dallas, managed to make it to work despite the slick roads. She said she is from Oklahoma and is used to snow and cold.

"Here it's like it snows not even an inch and people freak out," Ms. Olson said.

The state's largest universities — Texas A&M in College Station and the University of Texas at Austin — closed their doors because of the weather.

But Texas Tech in Lubbock began its spring semester despite the chill. Winter conditions have prevailed in West Texas for a full week, and most residents slogged their way to work and school Monday.

At a Papa John's pizza delivery outlet, there was no sign of a slowdown. In fact, sales have more than doubled because of the cold weather and the return of Texas Tech students, said general manager Roger Barrientez.

FDA may withdraw OK for Seldane

WASHINGTON (AP) — Allergy sufferers who have depended on Seldane to fight off sneezing, watery eyes and runny nose will have to turn to another medicine soon if the government succeeds in pulling the drug off the market.

The Food and Drug Administration proposed withdrawing approval for the second most popular allergy drug because it has potentially deadly side effects.

Seldane's maker plans to fight the action but is urging doctors to switch patients to a safer version of the drug. Hoechst Marion Roussel, which makes Seldane, also manufactures Allegra, which has Seldane's benefits without the side effects.

The company has 30 days in which to request a hearing on why terfenadine, the generic name of Seldane, should not be taken off the market. Some 40 million Americans suffer from allergies.

When it was introduced in 1985, Seldane was the first drug to relieve the effects of seasonal allergies without drowsiness. But in 1992, doctors discovered that people with liver disease or who took ketoconazole, an antifungal agent, or erythromycin, an antibiotic, could suffer heart rhythm problems by taking Seldane.

Last July, the FDA approved Allegra, known generically as fexofenadine.

Earlier this month, the FDA approved a generic version of Seldane made by IVAX Corp. of Miami. The FDA said that product would be subject to the same withdrawal order if it becomes final. IVAX spokesman Joe Jones, said the company plans to challenge the withdrawal.

"This is not a common event or a common series of events," said David Saks, a health care industry analyst with Gruntal & Co. in New York. "The FDA says that the drug is no longer safe. It puts HMR in an awkward position. What do you do with the inventory outside of the United States?"

He said that in the United States, however, the withdrawal would be a plus for sales of Allegra.

Dr. Sidney Wolfe of the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen said the company should withdraw all supplies from warehouses, wholesale distributors and drug stores "instead of choosing to sell as much of the drug as it can until the curtain drops."

Nonetheless, Hoechst Marion Roussel stands behind the safety of Seldane, said Charles Rouse, spokesman for the Kansas City, Mo., company.

"We will go through whatever steps are necessary to defend the fact that Seldane should remain on the market, as long as it is taken as labeled," he said.

Seldane long ago yielded the market lead to Claritin, made by Schering Plough Corp. Schering-Plough shares closed at 69⅞, up 1 on the New York Stock Exchange. Hoechst Marion Roussel doesn't trade publicly.

The FDA said that when the cardiac risks became known, Hoechst Marion Roussel and the FDA launched educational campaigns to warn physicians, pharmacists and the public about the dangers.

"Although these efforts have reduced inappropriate prescribing and dispensing of terfenadine with other drugs, such events have not been, and almost certainly cannot be, eliminated," the FDA said.

Texans to dance in inaugural parade

WASHINGTON (AP) — On what's likely to be a chilly afternoon, a Texas country-western dance team will two-step down Pennsylvania Avenue, taking part in the quadrennial rite that is the presidential inaugural parade.

The Lake Highlands High School Wildcat Wrangler Dance Team is the Lone Star state's envoy to the 1997 procession, which will boast everything from the famous Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales to Delaware's Citizens' Hose Company.

All 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories will be represented. Participants were selected by the Presidential Inaugural Committee.

For the Dallas teens, the Jan. 20 inaugural will be the latest in a string of high-profile appearances.

"It's going to be an awesome experience," said Wrangler Tiffany Littlefield.

The dance team, comprised of 16 pairs of juniors and seniors, has performed at Dallas Cowboys and Dallas Mavericks half-time shows.

The Wranglers also danced in 1995 at Gov. George W. Bush's inaugural ball.

It was someone who worked on the Bush festivities who suggested that Wranglers director Katha Black submit the team's name for the presidential inaugural — proving that country-western dance is less about partisan politics than a joyous kicking up of heels.

Ms. Black learned in December that her group was selected. The fly in the ointment, however, was that the Wranglers needed thousands of dollars for hotel accommodations, transportation and meals.

After informing her students on Jan. 6 that they'd been chosen as Texas' parade entry, Ms. Black lowered the boom, saying they'd be unable to go because of the difficulty of raising $20,000 in two weeks.

"I didn't see a way that we could do it," she said.

But several determined Wranglers, led by Tiffany Littlefield, begged the teacher to give them a shot at raising the money.

"I'm not one of those people who takes no for an answer," Miss Littlefield said.

The teacher relented.

And ever since, the Wranglers have been dialing for dollars. As of Monday, things were looking up, with Southwest Airlines agreeing to provide free airfare.

"As a teacher of 25 years, I think the one thing this says is we've just got to trust that kids can do it — and they'll rise to the occasion," said Ms. Black.

The Wranglers aren't the only Texas flair during the upcoming festivities.

The Texas State Society, comprised of more than 3,000 Texans living in the Washington area, once again is hosting its Black Tie & Boots Inaugural Ball. Of the numerous balls linked to the Inauguration, the Lone Star State's is renowned as one of the livelier.

More than 5,500 guests — of all political persuasions — are expected at the event, said publicist Jill Collins.

"It's really a bipartisan party," said Ms. Collins, a self-described George Bush Republican. "There will be plenty of us who go because it's a Texas event."

Date Book

Jan. 14, 1997

Today is the 14th day of 1997 and the 25th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1784, the Continental Congress ratified the Treaty of Paris, officially ending the American Revolution.

On this day in 1878, England's Queen Victoria made the first telephone call in Europe.

On this day in 1990, "The Simpsons" premiered on television.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benedict Arnold (1741-1801), American Revolutionary general-turncoat; Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), missionary; Andy Rooney (1919-), writer-commentator, is 78; Yukio Mishima (1925-1970), writer; Julian Bond (1940-), U.S. politician, is 57; Faye Dunaway (1941-), actress, is 56; Lawrence Kasdan (1949-), director-screenwriter, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1954, New York Yankees star Joe DiMaggio married movie star Marilyn Monroe.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "My solitude grew more and more obese, like a pig." — Yukio Mishima

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1932, 10 people were killed when a tornado ripped through Gibson County, Tenn.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Ex-smoker is hooked on violence

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm just like the woman who wrote you complaining that, once her husband stopped smoking, he was impossible to live with, even though he used nicotine gum and patches. My husband behaves this way off cigarettes. He has an uncontrollable temper and has abused me, despite his nicotine patches. Would an anti-depressant help him?

DEAR READER: Most people can stop smoking cigarettes — albeit with some difficulty — using techniques such as nicotine gum or patches, in conjunction with a support group (Smoke Enders and others). No one ever claimed that giving up tobacco products is easy; even with help, it may be an unpleasant experience.

Nonetheless, the process is no excuse for abuse.

I'm sorry that your husband is having such a hard time dealing with his nicotine addiction. (Nicotine does have a calming effect on some people.) However, I suspect that there is more going on here than simple nicotine withdrawal. Does he, in a convoluted fashion, somehow "blame" you for "making" him stop?

Recovering addicts, regardless of substance, often place the responsibility for their discomfort on the very people who care most for them. This is not only unfair but it defeats the purpose of recovery.

I believe that you have to move beyond the cigarette issue. Your husband needs professional help, in my opinion. This help could be as straightforward as temporary counseling or your husband may require psychiatric intervention, with or without anti-depressant medication.

It seems to me that the most important consideration is your safety. I urge you to contact your local Women's Emergency Services organization or spousal-abuse network. Don't delay. You need both support and the guarantee that your health is not in danger while your husband works through his problem. Do not — repeat, do not — take responsibility for your husband's abuse, try to handle this alone or allow yourself to become a victim.

If the degree of violence escalates, don't hesitate to call 911, or other emergency telephone numbers.

To give you more information on his habit, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." 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: I'm a 66-year-old man with polycythemia vera and uncontrollable itching that has stumped my doctor. He has been unable to find a cause or prescribe effective therapy. I have no rash, and the itching is most troublesome at night.

DEAR READER: I'm surprised your physician didn't tell you that itching is a major consequence of polycythemia. This disorder, which is marked by an over-abundance of red blood cells, is ordinarily treated with periodic removal of blood (phlebotomy).

However, even this therapy may not affect the itching, which — in some cases — can be extreme, especially at night. The reason for this is not known.

Assuming that you are receiving adequate treatment for your blood condition, I suggest that you consider using anti-itch pills (Temaril, Atarax and others). These are available by prescription. Ask your doctor about this.

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Tax Update

By The Associated Press

Who should file income tax?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before figuring out your taxes, you will want to tackle an almost-as-daunting task: figuring out whether or not you must file.

The rules are complex and depend on the interaction of such factors as income, age, marital status, whether you have children and whether you're someone else's dependent.

Even if you're not required to file, you may want to anyway, if you can claim the earned income credit or are owed a refund.

Publication 501 and your tax package have details, but these are the basic filing thresholds:

— SINGLE: $6,550 in gross income if younger than 65 on Jan. 1, 1997, and $7,550 if 65 or older. This includes divorced, legally separated and many widowed people.

— HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: $8,450 if younger than 65 and $9,450 if 65 or older. This status, which carries a lower tax rate than single status, is for unmarried people who provide a home for an unmarried child or grandchild or a dependent married child or grandchild, parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew and most in-laws. Their parent need not live with them but any other relative must. Some married people who lived apart from their spouse during the last six months of 1996 also are eligible.

— MARRIED, FILING JOINTLY: $11,800 if both spouses are younger than 65, $12,600 if one spouse is 65 or older, and $13,400 if both spouses are 65 or older. If you file jointly but lived apart at the end of the year, the threshhold is $2,550.

— MARRIED, FILING SEPARATELY: $2,550, any age.

— QUALIFYING WIDOW or widower with dependent child: $9,250 if younger than 65, $10,050 if 65 or older. To qualify, your spouse must have died in 1994 or 1995, you must not have remarried in 1996 and you must have paid over half the cost of keeping up a home for yourself and a dependent child who lived with you all year.

— DEPENDENTS: The thresholds are lower for dependents and vary depending on marital status, whether or not the dependent is blind or 65 or older and on the type of income involved, earned or unearned.

Children younger than 14 on Jan. 1, 1997, don't have to file separately if their parents include their income in their own by using Form 8814.

The child's income must have come entirely from interest and dividends, the income must be less than $6,500, and the child must have had no tax withheld from income and made no estimated tax payments.

This could be an expensive option, though, because with a few exceptions the child's earnings will be taxed at the parents' top rate. That could be as high as 39.6 percent; the child's rate could be as low as 15 percent.

If you've determined you must file, then you must choose a form. Everyone can use Form 1040. But there are two simpler forms, 1040A and 1040EZ, for people who don't itemize deductions and whose income was less than $50,000 after subtracting their exemption and standard deduction.

To use the 1040EZ, you must have no dependents and your filing status must be single or married filing jointly. Also, you must be younger than 65 and not blind, you must have had no more than $400 of interest income, and the rest of your income must come entirely from wages, salaries, tips, scholarships and unemployment compensation.

You can use the 1040EZ to claim the earned income credit if you did not have a qualifying child. You can't use it if you received advance earned income credit payments through your employer.

The 1040A allows more income sources than the 1040EZ, adding to the list: pensions, annuities, Social Security benefits, Individual Retirement Account withdrawals, interest in excess of $400 and dividends.

Unlike the 1040EZ, the 1040A allows you to deduct IRA contributions, claim the credit for child care expenses and the credit for the elderly and disabled. You can also use it to claim the earned income credit.

Austin does not want to be Legislature's negative target

AUSTIN (AP) — Officials in Austin are hoping the 1997 Legislature treats the city a little more kindly than lawmakers have in years' past.

Conservatives over the past two legislative sessions have successfully portrayed Austin as a liberal bastion with extreme, pro-environmental views that negatively impact development.

The result was legislation in 1993 and 1995 labeled "Austin bashing" bills that circumvented the City Council and helped developers.

"The City Council and the citizens of Austin have had a reputation of being out front on environmental issues while the Legislature remains very conservative in those views," said Ed Howard, who lobbied for the city in 1991 and 1993.

"The Legislature would come to town and see and hear what they consider to be environmentalist nuts, some of whom were on the City Council, and that just played into the Legislature's overall attitude."

FM Properties, the land development arm of Freeport-McMoRan, played on those nuances in 1995, producing a video to help it win passage of a bill that aided the company's development plans along Barton Creek.

In the video, bearded guys wearing T-shirts and headbands danced wildly to a drumbeat. A woman testifying to the Austin City Council closed her eyes and swayed her head after ringing Tibetan chimes. A protester shook algae in the face of the camera.

When Austin sought help from the Texas Municipal League in opposing a bill like the one sponsored by FM Properties, the association balked.

In 1997, however, the group has vowed to oppose any bill that singles out a city.

The change in stance comes on the eve of a legislative session destined to be marked by attacks against Houston for annexing neighboring communities against the will of residents.

Houston's plight could help Austin, officials say.

"I think it shows to people that we are not just doing things ourselves in a vacuum, and it stops the perception that Austin is outside the mainstream of what's going on," said Austin city lobbyist Angelo Zottarelli.

Chairwoman's law firm had lottery contractor as client

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Lottery Commission chairwoman Harriet Miers confirms that a major lottery contractor, Austin advertising firm GSD&M, is a client of her law firm, but she says the arrangement is legal.

However, an attorney for lottery director Nora Linares, fired by the commission last week amid similar ethical questions, said the arrangement between GSD&M and Ms. Miers' firm is a conflict of interest.

Ms. Miers is "clearly violating the law," said attorney Buck Wood.

Ms. Miers told The Dallas Morning News and Austin American-Statesman for today's editions that her law firm, Locke Purnell Rain Harrell, billed GSD&M about $38,500 during the past two years.

That is a fraction of the law firm's $112 million in billings during that period.

However, Wood said it is enough to demonstrate that Ms. Miers has been serving on the commission in violation of state law.

The commission voted 3-0 to fire Ms. Linares last week, less than two months after disclosure that GTECH Holdings Corp., the prime contractor for the Texas Lottery, paid a close Linares friend $30,000 to do work in New Mexico four years ago.

The commissioners stated no reasons for firing Ms. Linares, other than to say it was in the best interests of the state.

Ms. Linares sued the commission in December, alleging that the lottery commission's investigation of the matter had defamed her and kept her from performing her duties.

After the firing, Wood attacked Ms. Miers, saying her law firm's work for GSD&M meant that Ms. Linares was fired by a commission whose chairwoman was serving illegally.

Weaker air bags save kids; adults at risk

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — New government figures suggest less powerful air bags might save the lives of dozens of children a year, but could cost the lives of 1,200 adults, USA Today reported today.

The paper said documents from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show:

—Air bags could kill 128 children a year around 2004 when most cars are to have air bags if nothing is done to make them safer for children. The statistical analysis says less powerful air bags could save 83 of those 128 projected deaths.

—But making air bags less powerful could result in the deaths of between 133 and 1,203 adults not wearing seat belts who would survive accidents if air bags are left alone.

The federal agency is considering proposals to depower air bags temporarily until safer, more sophisticated models are available.

"The priority ... is to reduce the risk to children," the paper quotes NHTSA deputy chief Phil Recht as saying. "To the extent that eliminates protection for some unbelted people, that's a trade-off we're very willing to make."

Automakers estimate that no more than 47 unbelted motorists would die each year if bags are depowered and Recht told the paper his agency has "reason to believe the real-world performance may be better" than the NHTSA's own analysis suggests.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



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Generally, conditions will improve in the year ahead. However, it will be up to you to make the most of the opportunities that will be presented to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It could prove to be an exercise in futility today if you try to influence associates with flattery or perks. 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. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to evaluate each situation realistically today. Use logic instead of depending on wishful thinking and hunches.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) From time to time you tend to be too generous with people who do not deserve your attention. This might be the case today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will only hurt yourself if you are lethargic today. Do not let something beneficial slip past you just because you are not motivated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you behave like a know-it-all today, you won't score any points with your pals. It will be better to understate your views.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You should be extremely careful when handling other people's property today. For example, don't lend something to another person if it is not yours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your judgment might be questionable today when evaluating an important development. Remain optimistic, but try to be realistic as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You should not attempt a difficult endeavor today if your co-workers are as inexperienced as you are. Wait for competent help.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Manage your resources with prudence today. Do not dip into your cash reserves in order to gratify an extravagant whim. Leave your nest egg intact.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Neither you nor your mate should try to pressure the other to comply with your wishes today. You must strive for consensus.

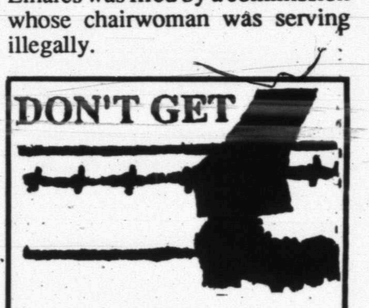
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You might start slowly today and you will do more talking than producing. This could be compounded by lazy companions who might slow you down even more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try to conserve your resources today. Your chart indicates that you might deplete your supply in each area.

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Four guards hurt in prison uprising

HINTON, Okla. (AP) — Inmates angry that their dinners were served 90 minutes late injured four guards, one seriously, at a medium-security private prison as the guards tried to quell a rebellion that began late Monday.

Most of the inmates involved were from North Carolina, said Patty McQuillan, spokeswoman for the North Carolina Department of Correction.

Les Harmon, assistant warden for security at the Great Plains Correctional Center, said early today that a corrections officer who went into the unit to order the inmates into their cells was struck with a mop handle as he turned to leave to go for help.

"Other inmates joined in. Other officers responded to the emergency. We ended up with four officers being injured," Harmon said.

The assistant warden said that in addition to mop and broom sticks, some of the inmates apparently also used combination locks stuffed into socks as weapons against the officers.

"I don't have that confirmed but they use combination locks on their lockers and they have been known to use them," Harmon said. "That is a typical inmate weapon."

He said a large number of inmates from two 36-man units were involved in the disturbance. "We don't believe all were involved," he said.

Nine out of 10 inmates involved in the disturbance are from North Carolina, Ms. McQuillan said. Nine North Carolina inmates and two others from Oklahoma have been locked up in administrative segregation because of the incident, she said.

Emergency response units went into the area and secured it. Harmon said the inmates offered no resistance to the officers at that point and no force was used to get the inmates into their cells.

"We were late on the evening meal," Harmon said. "It was not as much a problem with staffing as it was we had a problem with the population count."

Harmon said the prison was at full staff when the trouble developed.

The disturbance began about 11 p.m. after the inmates refused the announced order to return to their cells and the guard went in to the unit to repeat the order. Hinton Police Officer G.W. Hintzhel said he got the call that the disturbance was under control about 1:30 a.m. today.

The Great Plains Correctional Center holds 768 inmates from prisons in Oklahoma and North Carolina.

Obituaries

Verna Ashley

1917-1997

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Verna Viola Ashley, 79, who died today of natural causes at her Snyder residence.

Born on Nov. 3, 1917 in Horatio, Ark., she married Reed Ashley on Sept. 16, 1934. He preceded her in death.

She was a former employee of Cogdell Memorial Hospital, and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Kenneth Ashley of Kingsland, Tommy Ashley of Schertz and Charles Ashley of Andrews; four daughters, Midge Clement of Abilene, Reeda Thomas and Debra Vantine, both of Snyder, and Brenda Bridges of Highland.

Jean Bagwell

1925-1996

COLORADO CITY — Funeral service is set for 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Jean Bagwell, 71. The Rev. Mike Foster will officiate and burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

A native of Scurry County, Mrs. Bagwell died Sunday, Jan. 12, at her home.

Born in Ira, she married O.C. Bagwell in 1947 in Snyder. He preceded her in death.

She was a long-time resident of Colorado City and worked as an LVN at Mitchell County Hospital and at Loraine Nursing Center.

Survivors include two daughters, Seleana Farmer and Rejeana Bagwell, both of Colorado City; a sister, Vera Kruse of Colorado City; two brothers, Glen House and Bud House, both of Snyder; and two granddaughters.

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Clinton plans to propose reining in Medicaid, Medicare spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — In moves certain to trigger a hot political debate, President Clinton plans to propose reining in Medicaid and Medicare spending, two huge government health care programs that cater to the poor and elderly.

Administration and congressional officials say his new budget will propose reduced payments to health maintenance organizations, doctors and hospitals to save about $100 billion from the giant Medicare program over the next five years.

Officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the administration intends to trim payments to health care providers while avoiding cuts in services or higher insurance premiums on the 37 million older Americans covered by Medicare.

Officials said Clinton's budget will call for firm limits on the growth of Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor.

The plan, first disclosed by the New York Times, calls for per capita Medicaid spending to grow no faster than the nation's per capita economic output before adjusting for inflation.

Clinton made a similar proposal during the 1995 budget debate. Indeed, he had proposed reductions in both health care programs, but senior Democrats have expressed concern with the proposals, arguing that there was no need to impose arbitrary limits on growth in Medicaid since costs of the program are slowing on their own.

On Medicare, sources told The Associated Press that about $20 billion of the $100 billion in savings would come from reducing payments to HMOs. The administration argues that the current fee schedule overcompensates HMOs when compared to doctors paid under Medicare's traditional fee-for-service structure.

Sources said that Clinton's budget will ask Congress for $1 billion to pay off most of America's debt to the United Nations.

Only $100 million of that amount would actually be paid in the 1998 budget year. The remaining $900 million would be held back until 1999, giving the administration and Congress time to evaluate U.N. reform efforts.

The money to pay America's back U.N. dues would be part of an overall increase of $1.2 billion in foreign aid spending, moving it to $19.5 billion in 1998, up from a projected $18.3 billion this year.

Sources said that Clinton's budget will also call for increased spending for AIDS prevention and for a program to enforce a new regulation that curbs the sale of tobacco products to young people.

Additionally, the president will propose a boost in spending for Head Start to allow it to serve 836,000 children next year, up from 800,000 this year. The Head Start budget would rise to $4.3 billion and top $5 billion in 2002.

Justices skeptical about drug tests for candidates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court justices expressed skepticism today that a Georgia law requiring candidates for state and local office to submit to drug tests can pass the constitutional prohibition against unreasonable searches.

In defending the law, Georgia Assistant Attorney General Patricia Guilday acknowledged there is no evidence of a drug problem among elected officials in Georgia, either when the law was enacted in 1992 or today.

"This court looks a little more closely at totally suspicionless searches, doesn't it?" asked Justice Antonin Scalia.

Guilday conceded as much, but argued that the courts have given states wide latitude to set qualifications of its candidates. She said the required urine tests, which detect the presence of five different drugs, have symbolic value in addition to keeping habitual drug users off the ballot.

Justice Ruth Ginsburg suggested that whatever symbolic value such tests might have in deterring drug use may be negated if the tests violate the Constitution's prohibition against unreasonable searches.

"Doesn't the Constitution come first?" she asked.

The law is being challenged by three former Libertarian Party candidates for state office in 1994. One of the three, Walter Chandler, personally argued the case today, contending that the Georgia Legislature, "for pure symbolism," acted to take away the constitutional rights of candidates.

Chandler said Georgia already has adequate protections against candidates who use drugs, from law enforcement, the political debate of a campaign and the scrutiny of a free press.

"Candidates should be judged by the things that they say and things that they do and not by the products of their bodies," he said.

The justices questioned Chandler at length about whether he even had the legal standing to bring the appeal, since he took the test in 1994 and is no longer a candidate for public office in Georgia.

Western Texas trustees meet

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Cost is estimated to be just over $10,000. Local board policy requires that expenditures in excess of $10,000 be brought before the board.

Western Texas is preparing for a visit from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, in relation to reaffirmation of accreditation, which occurs every 10 years. John Gibson, who is heading up the college's self-study, gave a progress report.

"We're very serious about this process and I think we are on track right now," said Gibson, college director of workforce education.

Western Texas implemented the self-study process last August. When completed, the information will be forwarded to the Southern Association, which will conduct a site visit in the fall.

Trustees received information concerning the appropriations bill that the Legislative Budget Board has prepared and the news for community colleges in general — and Western Texas in particular — was not encouraging.

State funds for the current year total $2,554,365 while the total allocated in the appropriations bill would be only $2,124,406 — a difference of $429,959.

Dr. Krenek said the loss of funds can be traced to three factors: losing the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in-service training contract, loss of the academic program at the Robertson Unit and less than adequate funding for community colleges.

"Four hundred and thirty thousand dollars would be quite an amount to make up," said Dr. Krenek. "We're looking at a shortfall anyway due to the loss of these programs...and even if appropriations go up, we may still be looking at a loss of $200,000 to $300,000."

Present were board members Carolyn Barbee, Eddie Peterson, R.C. Patterson, Lee Presswood, Drew Bullard and Jay Kidd. Jackie Greene was absent.

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What's Up?

Stanfield Parent Council

Tonight's Stanfield Parent Council meeting has been postponed due to the weather. The council will meet next Tuesday at 7 p.m. instead.

Victory Baptist revival

Evangelist J.C. House will conduct revival services at 7 p.m. through Wednesday at Victory Baptist Church, 3303 Apple Street. Everyone is invited.

Extended clinic today

Scurry County Health Unit will hold an extended clinic today until 7 p.m. Anyone not having a tetanus immunization within the past 10 years needs a booster shot.

Hermleigh ISD board to meet

Consideration of providing access to the Internet is the key item on a brief agenda for the Hermleigh ISD board, which meets at 6 this evening. Payment of bills and approval of previous minutes are the only other items of business.

Scurry fair board to meet

The Scurry County Fair board will meet at 7 p.m. today at the chamber of commerce office. Phil Robinson is president of the Scurry County Fair Association.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church.

Junior Livestock Show

The Scurry County Junior Livestock Show runs Thursday through Saturday at the coliseum annex building. Weigh-in will be Wednesday with the hog show set for 5 p.m. Thursday. The steer show will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, followed by the lamb show. The auction and crowning of the queen take place at 1 p.m. Saturday.

SNS applications due now

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is accepting applications through Wednesday for its 1997 workday. Applications may be picked up at Sam Robertson's Insurance Agency, the chamber of commerce or West Elementary and returned to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, Texas, 79550. Applications also appear randomly in the Snyder Daily News.

To be considered, applicants must own and be living in the house, be current on taxes and be age 65 or older or disabled.

Class of 1962 to meet

Snyder High School Class of 1962 will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at 1842 Tuscola to plan a reunion. Those attending are asked to bring addresses. For more information, call 573-9620 or 573-5978.

SISD board reception

In acknowledgement of School Board Recognition Month, a reception honoring SISD board of trustees will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium foyer. The public is invited.

Center needing pictures

Snyder Healthcare Center on the Big Spring Highway is in need of pictures to be hung in the living room, halls and rooms. Anyone having pictures they would like to donate is asked to contact Dorothy Treat.

Donkey basketball coming

Snyder High School girl's basketball program will bring donkey basketball to Tiger Gym at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30. Ticket information will be announced soon.

Scurry Youth Center

Scurry Youth Center, located at the Boys & Girls Club, is open Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 until 11. To participate, you must have a current Boys & Girls Club membership or pay $1 admission.

Pick 3

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

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Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-9-15-18-34.

Number matching five of five: one.

Prize per winnner: $138,310.

Matching four of five: 434. Prize: $478.

Matching three of five: 13,403. Prize: $26.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Stall warning went off just before Comair 3272 crashed

RAISINVILLE TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — An apparent stall warning went off 17 seconds before Comair Flight 3272 crashed, then the plane dove sharply and abruptly rolled, investigators say.

The information came from analysis of the cockpit voice and flight data recorders from the twin-engine turboprop that nosedived during a snowstorm, killing all 29 aboard.

"During the upset, the crew made no comments about engine or system anomalies," National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Paul Schlamm said Monday.

The flight from Cincinnati to Detroit appeared routine until the commuter plane rolled abruptly and nose-dived less than a minute before crashing Thursday in a snowy field 18 miles from Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The plane's right engine had been replaced five days before the crash, The Kentucky Post reported today.

Comair spokeswoman Meghan Glynn told the Covington, Ky., newspaper that one of the two engines on the Embraer 120 turboprop was replaced Jan. 4 at Comair's base in Orlando, Fla., as part of routine maintenance.

Ms. Glynn did not immediately return a call to her office today at the headquarters of the Cincinnati-based commuter airline.

About 38 seconds before the crash, the plane was traveling at 188 mph at an altitude of 4,000 feet with wings level, the autopilot on and landing gear and flaps up, Schlamm said.