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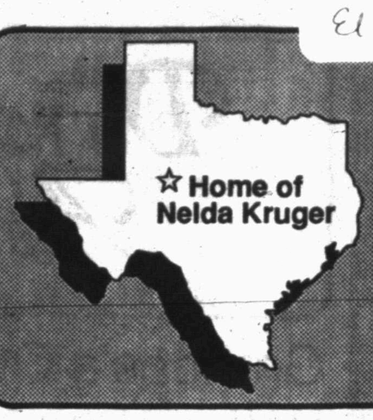

MONDAY
Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—Can bartenders, waiters, waitresses and floor bouncers legally drink on the job?

A—According to James White, Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission, the employee can drink anything that is served in the club, but cannot be intoxicated. However, the owner of the club has the right to set a policy prohibiting employees from drinking on the job.

Local

Work center

Scurry County Work Center board will meet at 7 this evening at 3100½ 37th Place.

Boosters

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet following this evening's 6 o'clock junior high basketball game.

CRCG

The Community Resource Coordination Group will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the chamber board room.

UWSA

United We Stand, America will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Towle Park Barn. Members and visitors are invited.

Nursing center

Snyder Nursing Center family council will meet at 7 this evening to plan the year's activities and elect officers. All family members are urged to attend.

ADD meets

Attention Deficit Disorder organization will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder National Bank.

Parents and teachers are welcome.

HISD

A student holiday and in-service scheduled Jan. 14 at Hermleigh ISD has been changed to Jan. 21, administrators have announced. The original school holiday, Jan. 14, will now be a regular school day.

Talent show

Snyder Oaks Care Center activity department is sponsoring a country music talent show Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Towle Park Barn.

To enter, send a post card listing three musical selections, name and telephone number to the center's activity department, 210 37th St. before Friday.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 60 degrees; low, 22 degrees; high Sunday, 59 degrees; low, 33 degrees; no precipitation for 1994.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy this evening. Cloudy after midnight. Low 30-35. North wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, Cloudy morning with possible fog, mostly sunny afternoon. High 50-55. North wind 5-15 mph, becoming variable.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:59. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:43. Of 9 days in 1994, the sun has shone 9 days in Snyder.

Maternal, child health services will be pursued

Health-related topics — including a decision to pursue a state program for maternal and child health services — occupied the Scurry County Commissioners Court meeting this morning.

In addition to authorizing Scurry County Health Unit to make application for the program, the court heard a proposal for sanitation services and is expected to give final approval at next Monday's meeting.

The plan presented this morning would include prenatal services for expectant women in Scurry County as well as early periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment of county children.

Lana Chambers, former director of nurses at Cogdell Hospital, was hired by the court to help evaluate the health services needs of children in Scurry County.

Working with Stephanie Knipe, R.N. at the local health unit, and with Cindy Nix, a recommendation has been made to pursue approval of a program that would result in an additional registered nurse, a clinical assistant and a clerk.

Estimated startup cost to the county is $9,403 with the state funding $90,058. It was suggested that fees collected by clients would actually result in no cost to county taxpayers.

Currently, county residents must travel to Sweetwater for maternal and child health services. Mrs. Chambers also noted that the program targets prevention which can result in long-term savings to prevent costly hospitalization.

Mrs. Chambers said it is hoped that the program could begin on a limited basis by March 1 and be fully operational by May 1. State approval requires submission of a plan which the court authorized Mrs. Chambers to finalize for court approval.

Increased program offerings at

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Registration is underway at jr. college

Registration for the spring semester at Western Texas College is underway. All classes begin Wednesday.

Sophomore students were going through the registration process this afternoon, and a special evening registration is set for 6:30 to 8 p.m. today.

Freshmen students may register, starting at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. Registration begins in the admissions office located in the Learning Resource Center.

Late registration continues through Wednesday, Jan. 19. Dorms at WTC opened this morning.



WTC REGISTRATION — Western Texas College registrar Linda Wright places posters around campus directing students to the registration desk. Registration for the fall semester begins today. Classes will begin Wednesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Management audit, baseball on agenda for WTC trustees

Personnel requests, bids for a greenhouse and discussion of a management audit and a baseball program are the key agenda items for Western Texas College trustees, who meet this evening.

The meeting begins at 5:45 in the college board room.

Several months ago, the board asked former Midland College president Dr. Jess Parrish to conduct a management audit of Western Texas College, in an effort to maximize the college's potential. Dr. Parrish will be giving his report this evening.

Trustees will consider employment of a criminal justice instructor as well as consideration of commissioning security officer Dale Smith as a peace officer. The latter agenda item was tabled from last month's meeting to give the board time to check into the liability factor.

In other business, the board will consider bids for a greenhouse to be constructed at the Price Daniel Unit. The greenhouse will allow WTC to begin a horticulture program at the unit. The cost is expected to be about $16,000.

WTC has been authorized by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to begin the horticulture program in March, rather than in June as originally scheduled.

Trustees will also consider whether to begin a baseball program. WTC has conducted various studies, including fan support, availability of a practice field and game field, recruitment of players, Title IX, and anticipated revenues and expenses. The board will review those findings tonight.

'Country Dancing' auditions are set Tuesday, Wednesday

Auditions for "Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music," a joint Ritz Community Theatre and Western Texas College drama department production, will be held Tuesday and Wednesday.

The auditions will begin at 7 o'clock each evening in the Fine Arts Theatre on the college campus.

There are roles for three men and two women in the contemporary comedy, set in the vicinity of a country western club in Houston.

Scripts may be checked out from the Fine Arts office or from director Mike Endy at WTC.

Roles include that of Jim, owner of the Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music Club. Jim is a middle-aged, rugged country western "rebel without a cause" and spends most of the first act trying to get his pickup in running order.

Roy is a young, naive, good-natured, slow-witted man who falls head-over-heels for Catherine the first time he sees her.

Jay Bob is the obnoxious, teenage son of Eva June, whose smart mouth and immature behavior drive Jim to some drastic actions.

Eva June is Jim's middle-aged, live-in girl friend whose sole aim in life at this point is to make Jim and his bar respectable.

Catherine, Eva June's niece, is a shy, angelic young woman who until recently has been a novice in a convent. Unfortunately, she has a psychological disorder which causes her to lapse into periods of speech unbecoming a lady, and for this reason, she has been expelled from the convent.

Production dates are Feb. 17-20 and 24-27 at the Fine Arts Theatre. For additional information, call Endy at 573-8533 ext. 233 or Ellie Dryden at 573-9739.

At WTC...

Mesquite field day planned Wednesday

Los Amigos Del Mesquite and Texas A&M University at Kingsville will sponsor a field day Wednesday at the Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre.

The program begins at 9 a.m. Admission is free.

Agro-forestry and the production of lumber on agriculture land will be discussed as it related to the mesquite tree. Officials note there is an increasing interest in mesquite lumber as a high quality hardwood used for home building, floors and furniture.

Speakers will include Dr. Peter Felker of Texas A&M University; Rotan rancher Dr. F.E. Tutt; Robert Champion of Uvalde Mesquite Company; and David Miller, president of Los Amigos.

Congressman Kiki de la Garza and Cong. Charles Stenholm have also been invited.

A dutch treat lunch will be served at Reta's. During the afternoon, the group will visit the Tutt Ranch on U.S. Highway 180 between Snyder and Roby.

For more information, contact Terry Hefner with the Soil Conservation Service at 573-6317.

Blood drive scheduled Tuesday in park barn

Snyder and area residents will have the opportunity to donate blood at Towle Park Barn from 10 a.m. through 7 p.m. Tuesday.

President Bill Clinton has declared January as National Volunteer Blood Donor Month. This is to honor the eight million blood donors across the country who supplied more than 14 million pints of blood last year.

The need for blood is constant, and volunteer blood donors contribute nearly all blood used for patient care in the United States. United Blood Services of Lubbock needs more than 2,000 units of blood each month for patients on the South Plains and Eastern New Mexico.

Donating blood is completely safe because all equipment is used only once, a UBS spokesperson said. Blood bank technicians discuss medical history with every prospective donor to determine if he or she is qualified. Technicians also perform a "mini-physical" to make sure the donor is healthy. These measures safeguard the health of the donor as well as the health of the patient who will receive the blood.

Each blood drive participant will receive coupons for a DQ Sundae from Dairy Queen, malt or milk shake from Sonic Drive-In, medium drink with the purchase of any dessert from Whataburger.

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Environmental groups...

Court rejects challenge to trade pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today let stand a ruling that allowed the North American Free Trade Agreement to win congressional approval without a formal statement on its likely environmental effects.

The court, without comment, rejected arguments by two citizens' groups that even though their challenge became moot when NAFTA was approved in November, the issue remains alive because President Clinton plans to submit a new global trade agreement to Congress.

The Sierra Club and Ralph Nader's Public Citizen sued in federal court in 1991 challenging NAFTA, the U.S. trade agreement with Canada and Mexico.

The groups said the agreement will harm air quality in U.S. cities along the Mexican border and jeopardize U.S. laws on recycling, auto emissions and transportation of hazardous materials.

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative should have included an environmental-impact statement with its recommendation that NAFTA be approved, the lawsuit said. The groups sued under a federal law that allows court review of "final agency action."

A federal judge ruled for the two groups last June, but the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia reversed in September.

The president was the central figure in NAFTA, the appeals court said, adding that his actions are not "agency action" and thus cannot be reviewed under the federal law.

Congress approved NAFTA in November after a hard-fought political battle and heavy lobbying by the Clinton administration.

On Dec. 15, negotiators for the United States and 116 other countries reached agreement in Geneva on a global trade deal intended to reduce tariffs, trim agricultural subsidies and lower other trade barriers.

Clinton is expected to submit that deal to Congress sometime after April 15. The pact is not expected to draw as much opposition as NAFTA did.

In the appeal acted on today, lawyers for the Sierra Club and Public Citizen said their legal challenge was not moot because the NAFTA treaty was "part of a larger controversy" about whether environmental-impact statements are required for trade agreements.

There might not be time to obtain a final ruling on a possible challenge to the global trade agreement before Congress acts on it, the appeal said.

Justice Department lawyers urged the court to reject the appeal. They said there would be time for courts to consider any challenge to the global trade agreement.

The president, not a federal agency, takes the final action on trade agreements, and any ruling limiting his authority would threaten the constitutional separation of powers, government lawyers said.

30 years after report, smoking declines

NEW YORK (AP) — Thirty years ago Tuesday, a modest brown paperback book released by the U.S. Public Health Service triggered history's sharpest decline in smoking.

Cigarette consumption in the United States abruptly dropped 20 percent in the three months after the Jan. 11, 1964, release of the first surgeon general's report on smoking and health.

That book has since proven to be a landmark in U.S. public health. It not only halted the decades-long rise in the number of American smokers, it initiated a steady decline that continues.

"It was a very dramatic and courageous thing to do," said Joseph Califano, the top domestic policy aide to President Johnson and secretary of health, education and welfare under President Carter.

But the report also provides a sharp reminder of the power of the tobacco lobby, health activists said, and its ability to block any serious regulation by the federal government.

"I don't think anyone on our 1964 surgeon general's advisory committee would have dreamed that 30 years later we would find perhaps the most lethal and addictive products in society still manufactured, advertised and distributed virtually without restriction," said Dr. Charles LeMaistre, now president of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Security was tight when the report was released. Two hundred reporters were locked in the auditorium of the State Department for a two-hour briefing by Surgeon General Dr. Luther L. Terry and the panel of experts.

The report's blunt and closely guarded conclusion: Smoking causes lung cancer in men.

Researchers had noticed an unexplained increase in lung cancer among Americans as long ago as 1900. Several important studies in the 1950s pointed the finger at cigarettes. But the surgeon general's report put the words "cigarette" and "cancer" on front pages around the world.

"There's no doubt that the original surgeon general's report and those that followed heightened public concern and awareness about tobacco usage," said Thomas Lauria, a spokesman for the Tobacco Institute in Washington, D.C.

In the three months before the report, Americans smoked cigarettes at the rate of about 1,000 per person. In the three months after the report, that dropped to 800 a person, the sharpest decline ever, according to Michael Eriksen, director of the surgeon general's Office on Smoking and Health.

Forty-two percent of Americans smoked in 1964, compared to 26 percent now.

When the first surgeon general's report was released, President Johnson ignored it.

"We didn't want to do anything about it," said Califano, now chairman of the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. "We wanted to get schools integrated, the voters' rights act passed, fair housing passed. And all of those things required us to take on the whole phalanx of Southern states."

Califano tried to make up for that as Carter's secretary of health, education and welfare. On Jan. 11, 1978, a banner headline on the front page of the Washington Star said, "Califano Declares War on Smoking."

Again, however, political realities immobilized the federal government. "The tobacco industry went crazy," Califano said. "It ultimately cost me my job."

Dr. Joycelyn Elders, the current surgeon general, thinks Washington may finally be at a turning point.

"Washington is beginning to catch up," she said. The key to tougher regulations, she said, is seeing tobacco as the central part of a larger preventive health effort, much as Califano tried to do 15 years ago.

Reception has huge guest list, but few gifts

SEATTLE (AP) — What do you give a billionaire? Nothing, judging from the wedding reception for Microsoft Corp. founder Bill Gates and his wife.

Scarcely a package was in sight Sunday night as hundreds of guests boarded vans for a reception for Gates, who is worth an estimated $6 billion, and Melinda French, a business unit manager at the software giant.

For most, it was the first occasion to see the couple since their New Year's Day wedding on a cliff overlooking the Pacific on Lanai, Hawaii.

Natalie Cole sang for the 400 to 500 people invited to the reception at a waterfront mansion outside the city. Vans carried the guests from parking lots to the house.

Stores fight for honor as biggest booksellers

DALLAS (AP) — The era of the mega bookstore has hit Dallas. National chains opened new stores in Dallas in the past year, and a national survey showed a 20.6 percent increase in book sales in 1992 in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas than the year before.

Two major chains — Borders Books & Music and Barnes & Noble Inc. — came in last year, luring customers with such things as coffee shops, concerts, lectures, children's hours along with vast selections of books, music and videos.

Streets are dotted by national chains making their way into the nation's ninth best-selling area for books, causing tough competition for some established local chains and for smaller, family-owned stores.

Led by the national chains, book sales nationwide jumped 8.8 percent to $8.1 billion last year.

Texas was one of the nation's leading areas of growth last year, according to a survey of 16,000 consumers for the Book Industry Study Group.

Plenty of booksellers are trying to capitalize on the trend.

The first Borders location in Dallas opened about a year ago. A few months ago, Barnes & Noble's first company-named store in Texas opened about three miles away from the Borders store.

With their variety of features and coffeehouse feel, the stores have been very successful, forcing other members of the marketplace to change the way they do business.

For many years, local chains Maxwell Books and Taylors have been the anchors of the market. They're now feeling the pinch of competition.

Last fall, the discount Bookstop store, owned by Barnes & Noble, put in a coffee bar at one location.

Even downscale Half-Price Books plans to put coffee bars at its largest stores because they seem to entice shoppers.

"We've never been under as much direct pressure as we are these days with these huge superstores opening on every corner," said Donna Cressman, owner of the two Maxwell Book outlets in Dallas and DeSoto. "They go into markets that are already established. There's just no need for that ... It divides up the business that's already there."

The biggest book battle appears to be shaping up between the 10 family-owned Taylors stores and Barnes & Noble, filled with cash from a recent $130 million public offering.

The first Barnes & Noble is practically across the street from a Taylors store in North Dallas. Since Barnes & Noble opened, sales at the nearby Taylors location have dropped 10 percent.

Smaller stores around the country have felt the same crunch as the number of superstores has tripled in two years to 280 outlets nationwide. Borders, which is owned by Kmart Corp., has 41 stores. Barnes & Noble has 190, with plans to spend $110 million both this year and next on new outlets.

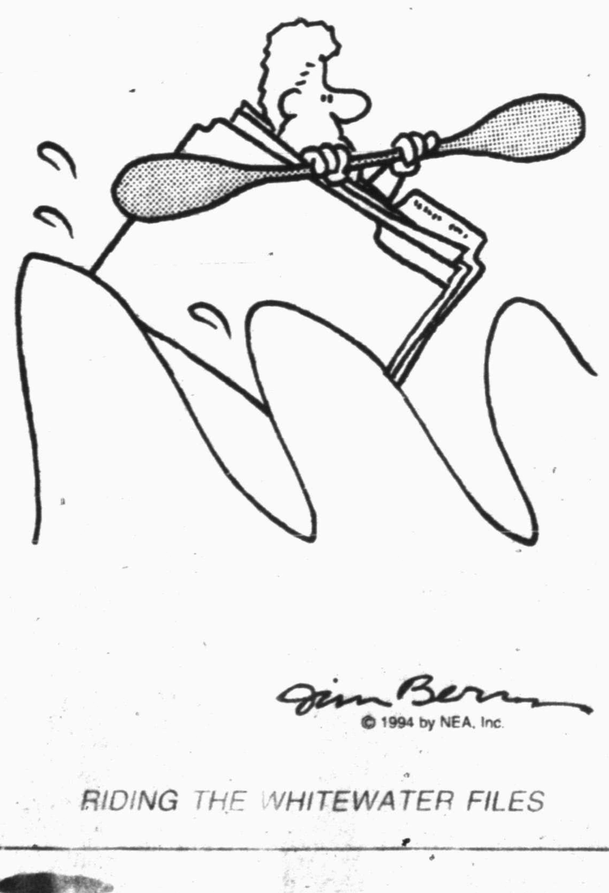
Bono to run again

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — And the beat goes on for Sonny Bono, who is drumming up support for another run for public office.

Bono said Sunday he will seek the Republican nomination for the seat of U.S. Rep. Al McCandless.

"This is the best job for me," Bono said Sunday.

Berry's World



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RIDING THE WHITEWATER FILES

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1994

In the year ahead do not let impatience mar your progress once you know you're on the right track. Everything will be accelerated in its proper time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Endeavors in which you take a personal hand appear to be earmarked for success. Your presence is required, however, because surrogates may not do as well. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today marks the beginning of a pay back period where you might now receive in greater portion rewards for kind things you've done for others. Good guys do not finish last.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Several things for which you've been hoping could now become realities if you're prepared to put forth the necessary effort and take the practical steps required.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Some objectives that were previously important to you might be discarded today for new targets. What you aim for now may be interrelated to other goals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're now entering a favorable cycle for acquiring new knowledge of either an academic or practical nature. What you learn will be used to your advantage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Success in your endeavors is indicated in this cycle, especially joint ventures, even those which are somewhat complex. Look for competent allies today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Situations where you team up with another for a specific, worthwhile purpose should produce mutual benefits, especially if the foundation is conceived today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be ready to move today, because the opportunities for which you've been hoping where your work or career is concerned could break loose now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is a good time for you to get involved in a fun activity that could broaden your range of social contacts. New friends can be made through sharing a common interest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Everyone is presently in a rather remarkable cycle and you could be one of its largest beneficiaries, because your chart indicates end results that may exceed your expectations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You've learned extremely valuable lessons from your past personal experiences and you aren't apt to duplicate past errors. Your first dividends might come today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Interesting developments are in the offing which could enhance your financial position. Today might mark a new beginning for you.

On The Farm Tire Service
Goodyear Tires available:
Lang Tire Co.
1701 25th Street
Snyder, Texas
Auto-Truck-Farm
573-4031

Dear Abby



Grandpa's Own Thanks Are Better Than No Thanks at All

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: For a number of years I have been sending my grandchildren checks for their birthdays, graduations, Valentine's Day, Easter and Christmas. I must be living in a black hole where thank-you notes cannot penetrate, because I have never received one.

Recently I solved that problem in my own way. I had a separate group of checks printed with the following statement above the endorsement line:

"Dear Grandfather. Thanks for the check. You have no idea how desperate I was when it arrived. I love you very much and feel just terrible that you live so far away that we are unable to get together more often. Hope all is well. Love and thanks again."

Tongue in cheek? Perhaps. But that's one way of getting a thank-you note.

JACK ZIDELL,
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

DEAR JACK: I won't be surprised if a few readers borrow this idea.

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DEAR ABBY: We just paid $1,200 for a casket, and the deceased was cremated! The funeral director told us that they burn the casket along with the body. Is this true, or is it a rip-off? Please check with one of your experts on this matter.

AN AVID READER IN
WOONSOCKET, R.I.

DEAR AVID READER: I contacted the Continental Association of Funeral and Memorial Societies, and spoke with the executive director, John Blake. He said:

"For that funeral director to have sold you a $1,200 casket when the deceased was to be cremated was wrong. For a cremation, all that is needed is an original, combustible container, which is priced between $20 and $150 — never more than $150. If you planned a viewing, then a casket was necessary, but it could have been an inexpensive one. If you did not have a viewing, then no casket was needed, and the funeral director should have told you so.

"Ask the crematory for a notarized affidavit stating that the casket was burned. If the casket was not burned, you can file a complaint with the Rhode Island Mortuary Board — particularly if the funeral director told you that a casket was required for a cremation.

"The Federal Trade Commission specifically prohibits funeral directors from telling customers that cremation requires a casket and/or that the deceased must be embalmed. If the funeral director misleads a customer — and sells him or her a casket or an embalming — he is in violation of federal law."

I hope this puts to rest any questions you had. Readers looking for information on dignified low-cost funerals should send a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Continental Association of Funeral and Memorial Societies, 6900 Lost Lake Road, Egg Harbor, Wis. 54209. CAFMS has affiliates in most major cities. Because it is an educational non-profit organization, a small donation to help cover costs would be appreciated.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: My mother always defended my father when anybody said he had a drinking problem.

She'd say, "He does not have a drinking problem — he has a stopping problem."

JOHN GIBA, TEQUESTA, FLA.

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For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447.

Texas Mexican Mafia members to stand trial

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Members of the Texas Mexican Mafia, an organization that law enforcement officials consider San Antonio's No. 1 criminal organization, will be on trial in federal court later this week.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Pam Mathy, the lead prosecutor, says the trial is the "biggest case" of her career.

Indictments were returned against members of the prison-born gang on May 7. Authorities say the prison-born gang's constitution states it deals "in drugs, contract killings, prostitution, large scale robbery, gambling, weapons and in everything imaginable."

Ms. Mathy and Assistant U.S. Attorney Mike McCrum could call as many as 50 witnesses and present several hundred intercepted telephone calls to a jury scheduled to be picked Thursday.

The government could take four to six weeks to present its case, Ms. Mathy said. Defense attorneys for 12 defendants could take another week or two to present their side.

A hearing was to be held today by U.S. District Judge Ed Prado to determine if any of the 12 wished to enter guilty pleas in the case.

Another 12 already have pleaded guilty to various charges in the case, and action against another defendant is pending.

Some motions remain to be disposed of, including one by defendant and attorney Raul E. Guerra to receive a separate trial from the other 11 defendants.

Prado has called a panel 80 to 100 prospective jurors for Thursday's selection and says he expects to pick a jury in one day. But he has called for a second panel of 80 to 100 prospective jurors to report on Friday in case they are needed.

The judge has set Jan. 18 as the day for the lawyers to make opening statements and begin testimony.

The Mexican Mafia, with its headquarters in San Antonio, operates in other major Texas cities, authorities say. Officers say the organization exacts a 10 percent "street tax" from drug dealers.

Pick 3

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

4-0-0

(four, zero, zero)

Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday from a field of 50 were: 5, 9, 13, 40, 41 and 44.

There were 108 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $1,530. There were 5,838 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $102. And there were 112,621 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $8 million.

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Oil Patch News

Nolan County

JVA Operating Co. Inc. will plug and abandon the No. 2-E Price, 12.5 miles southwest of Maryneal. Drilled to 7,000 feet, location was in Section 221, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

St. Clair Energy Corp. will plug and abandon the No. 2 Armstrong in the Regular field, two miles south of Sweetwater. Drilled to a depth of 4,008 feet, location was in Section 63, Block 22, T&P survey.

Howard County

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 1-A Granville Dodge Estate in the Iatan East Howard field, six miles east of Coahoma. The well produced 88 barrels of 36 gravity oil and 146 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,412-555 feet, and location is in Section 11, Block 30, T&P survey.

Parallel Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 1-28 Schuelke in the Patience field, 14 miles north of Big Spring. The venture was finaled to produce 161 barrels of 50.4 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 8,894-906 feet, and location is in Section 28, Block 33, T&P survey.

Sgt. Alvin C. York, out of the backwoods of Tennessee, was America's most decorated hero in World War I. He led a patrol that killed more than a score of enemy soldiers and captured 132 others.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Patchwork Squares Extension Homemakers; 9:30 a.m.

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 6 p.m.

Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall, 2701 Ave. Z; 7:30 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; TU Reddy Room; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-1141 or 863-2349.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

TUESDAY

Plainview Extension Homemakers; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church; 5:30 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 7 p.m.

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

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

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m., 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-1141, 573-5867.

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

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club; MAWC; reservations essential by noon, Jan. 11 by calling Georgia at 573-1454 or Nan at 573-3440, free nursery with reservations; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Altrurian Daughters luncheon; MAWC; 11:15 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building; LaVerne Lee, watercolor; hostess, Nettie Fay Gardner; 9:30 a.m.

Ministerial Alliance; Willow Park Inn; prayer meeting at 9:30 a.m. and meeting at 10.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

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

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308 or 573-1141.

FRIDAY

Storytime for 4-and 5-year-olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-1141. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving; Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room, 27th & College; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-1141, 863-2348, 863-2349 or 573-8110.

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

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

Conservationists want tiger spared

WASHINGTON (AP) — Emergency aid to save from poachers one of the world's largest and rarest carnivores — the Siberian tiger — will become part of Western aid to post-Communist Russia.

While tigers may not come up in President Clinton's meetings with Russian President Boris Yeltsin this week, conservation officials claim that Yeltsin gets more foreign letters on protection of the Siberian tiger than about any other issue.

The World Wildlife Fund, which says only about 350 of the great beasts remain in snowy regions of the Russian Far East, announced that it is equipping two Russian government anti-poaching teams.

Political and economic problems in Russia have heightened danger to the tigers from highly organized poaching gangs and neglect by underpaid government conservation agents, fund officials said.

The giant animals, more properly called Amur tigers because they are not found in Siberia, leave tracks in the winter snow that make them easy prey for poachers.

In addition to the $60,000 contribution for the tiger teams, the World Wildlife Fund plans a strategy to raise money and organize international support to preserve other threatened wildlife and protect the biodiversity of the former Soviet Union.

The non-profit, private fund conducts wildlife preservation programs in 140 countries.

The world's largest tigers, with some males weighing 800 pounds, are valued in China and elsewhere in Asia for their bones, which are used in traditional remedies. Amur tigers are furrier and have more white on their faces than other tiger subspecies.

They are bigger than the Bengal tigers of India and some are more than twice the size of the largest tigers found elsewhere in Asia.

"If immediate action isn't taken, we risk a tragic loss of one of the earth's largest and most endangered carnivorous mammals," said Eric Dinerstein, the fund's conservation science director.

The Russian Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources requested the aid for communications gear, transportation and field equipment, Dinerstein said. Efforts include pursuit as well as prosecution of poachers.

The Amur tiger is only one of several species further threatened by breakup of the old Soviet Union, Dinerstein said. He described Russia's Far East as a remarkably diverse region where animals from the ice-bound north mingle with species more common to tropical areas.

"It's got the oddest mix of species in the same place of anywhere in the world," he said, including reindeer, Himalayan black bears, salmon, wild boar, leopards and tigers.

Dresses from classic movie are stored at muscum at UT

AUSTIN (AP) — Five different outfits that Vivien Leigh wore in "Gone With The Wind" are at the University of Texas museum, but won't be put on display, officials say.

"The fabric on the dresses themselves is crumbling and is very weak," says Karen Pavelka, conservator at the Ransom Center. "The silk is rotting through. For right now, we have them in as stable a condition as we can."

Among the dresses is one made from green drapes that Scarlett O'Hara ripped down in the movie.

Replicas of the drapery dress and of a wine velvet dress are on display at the center through April 3 as part of an exhibit called "The Art of Gone With the Wind." The copies were made by college home economics students from San Antonio.

Officials at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center say the dresses have to be kept protected if they're to last.

Each outfit is wrapped in acid-free, non-buffered tissue paper and placed inside lignin-free boxes. They're hidden in a secure area of the center's Selznick collection, protected by material carefully chosen to prevent any type of chemical reaction from harming the fabrics.

Because light also can be very damaging, the costumes haven't been seen by the public since the mid-1980s.

Center officials realize a public showing likely would be well-received, but they're afraid of hurting the product.

"I think the dresses could be on exhibit every day," Ms. Pavelka said.

The original dresses in the collection are:

— The green drapery dress worn when Scarlett visits blockade runner Rhett Butler in jail.

— The ecru satin wedding dress worn by Scarlett when she weds first husband Charles Hamilton.

— A green velvet wrapper, a type of dressing gown, worn when Scarlett, while pining for her unattainable love Ashley Wilkes, tells Butler, then her husband, that she doesn't want any more of his children.

— A blue velvet gown trimmed with black wolf collar and cuffs, worn by Scarlett when Bonnie Butler rides to her death.

— A wine velvet dress trimmed with beads and ostrich feathers worn to Wilkes' birthday party.

A brief glimpse at the green wrapper finds the green silk velvet turning yellowish in places. Sequins on the wide collar fall off any time the dress is removed from the box and join other fallen sequins in an envelope kept in the box.

Ms. Pavelka said it would be extremely difficult to repair the original gowns, so the storage techniques already being used are the best way to preserve the dresses without risking damaging them.

"The only way you could preserve it for all time is to deep freeze it in a vacuum chamber and never allow anyone to see it," said Polly Willman, costume conservator for the Smithsonian Institute.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 1-10-94
♠ A K 9 8 7
♥ Q 3
♦ A 6 3 2
♣ 8 3

WEST
♠ J 6 2
♥ J 8 6
♦ Q 7
♣ 9 7 6 5 4

EAST
♠ Q 3
♥ 7
♦ K 9 8 4
♣ A K Q J 10 2

SOUTH
♠ 10 5 4
♥ A K 10 9 5 4 2
♦ J 10 5
♣ - - -

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♣
2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	3 ♣
4 ♥	5 ♣	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 7

It was a hard day's day,

By Phillip Alder

I am writing this column the day after running (and occasionally walking) in the New York City Marathon. What an event it is, but what a sweat!

There is the bridge equivalent, when you play almost continuously for 24 hours. You enter as a "pair" of two or three players. The latter lineup, of course, permits each of you to have some sleep. But if you do well, you win less prize money.

Today's deal occurred during a marathon at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club in London.

At 3 a.m., bridge can take on a nightmarelike quality. Probably West should have raised clubs immediately. And if he had passed over four hearts, that would have ended the bidding. But a moment later he was defending a slam.

In the warm light of morning — after, say, 7 a.m. — a diamond lead would stand out. And, as you can see, it defeats the slam. But West led a club. Declarer ruffed and knew that the normal play in spades is to run the 10. Then, if that loses, a top honor is cashed. But South realized that if he drew trumps, lost a spade trick, ruffed a club return and played a spade to dummy's king, he would have no hand entry if East discarded. He would be unable to pick up West's remaining honor. So declarer adopted a different approach.

He ruffed the opening lead, drew trumps and played a spade to the king. When only low cards appeared, he led a low spade off the dummy. When spades split 3-2, he claimed. But he would have been all right if West held Q-J-x-x of spades.

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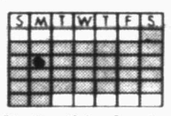

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1776, Thomas Paine anonymously published "Common Sense," a stirring argument for American independence.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ethan Allen (1738-1789), leader of Vermont's Green Mountain Boys in American Revolution; Robinson Jeffers (1887-1962), poet; Sherrill Milnes (1935-), operatic baritone, is 59; Willie McCovey (1938-), baseball great, is 56; Rod Stewart (1945-), singer, is 49; George Foreman (1949-), boxer-actor, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1931, the Philadelphia Quakers defeated the Montreal Maroons, 4-3, to end their NHL-record 15-game losing streak.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Society in every state is a blessing, but Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one." — Thomas Paine, in "Common Sense"

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1962, a vast mass of ice broke from Nevado de Huascaran, Peru's highest mountain. The resulting avalanche of ice, rock, mud and debris covered 11 miles in 15 minutes; about 3,500 were killed.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (Jan. 11).

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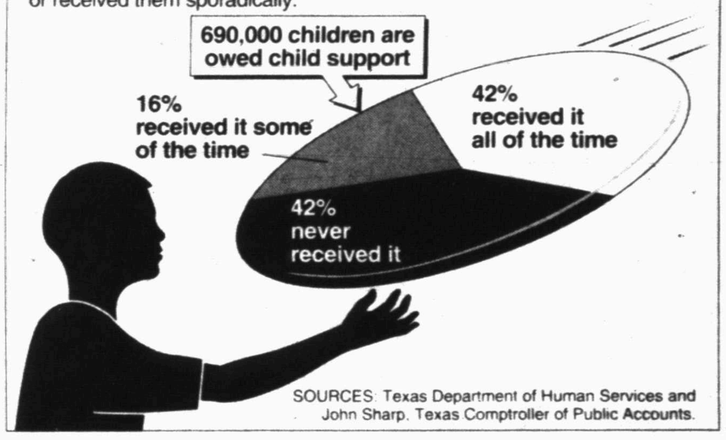
Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas children need support

Approximately 690,000 Texas children were owed child support payments in 1992 from absent parents who legally are required to provide for their financial needs. More than half, 58 percent, never received the payments or received them sporadically.



SOURCES: Texas Department of Human Services and John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

More black families to be moved to Vidor

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The federal government reportedly soon will move a dozen or more black families into an all-white housing project in Vidor, where similar attempts failed last year.

The San Antonio Express-News reported Sunday that the government's newest attempt to integrate the project is set to begin as early as this week.

Henry Cisneros, secretary of Housing and Urban Development, has expressed a personal interest in the project.

Last year, the Vidor housing project gained notoriety when the black families living there left because of racial harassment.

Bill Simpson, the last black to leave, was shot dead in nearby Beaumont about 12 hours after he moved. Officers said he died during an apparent robbery unrelated to the housing controversy.

When blacks move in this time, federal marshals may be called out to enforce the integration plan in Vidor, which has historical ties to the Ku Klux Klan.

"It's like the 1960s all over again," Cisneros said last week.

Vidor Mayor Ruth Woods said every effort will be made to ensure success.

"I want those people to move in whenever HUD wants them to move in and then let HUD move on to another city," she said. "I just think our city has been through enough."

But KKK rallies over the past several years and a death threat against Ms. Woods indicate the integration won't be easy.

"I'm no Klan member. I'm no neo-Nazi. I'm a country boy. ... But the bottom line is: Just leave us alone. We don't want black people here," said Jim Connolly, a 23-year-old Vidor resident whose aunt lives at the Vidor Village project.

"And don't push us. We want to keep it the way it is, and a lot of people will die to keep it this way," Connolly said.

Despite such talk, violence has not marred the yearlong integration effort at the project, one of 70 housing complexes in 36 East Texas counties that are under a 1985 federal court order to integrate.

In September, Cisneros ordered a HUD takeover of the Orange County Housing Authority, which oversees Vidor Village.

Last week, several prospective tenants were interviewed and shuttled to the project to inspect improvements, which include a guard booth and around-the-clock police protection.

However, no one will say exactly when HUD will begin moving blacks into the 15 duplexes that have been held open for them.

Gerald Guilbeaux, head of the housing project's residents' council, said most are grudgingly prepared for integration.

Edith Johnson, Connolly's aunt, said she isn't looking forward to the integration.

Quayle in pulpit

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — Former Vice President Dan Quayle, known for his moral dictums on family values, was back in the pulpit — literally.

Quayle helped dedicate the Lancaster Baptist Church on Sunday, telling his listeners that religion has played an important role in shaping America, but that conservative Christians now face bigotry.

"The only acceptable form of bigotry today is bigotry against conservative Christians," he said.

Quayle, a Presbyterian, got a standing ovation from the roughly 2,800 listeners he urged to keep family values and bring religion into all aspects of American life.

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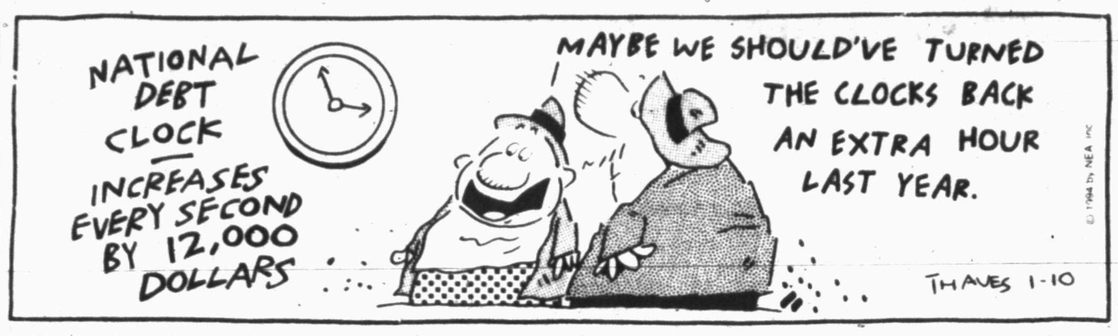

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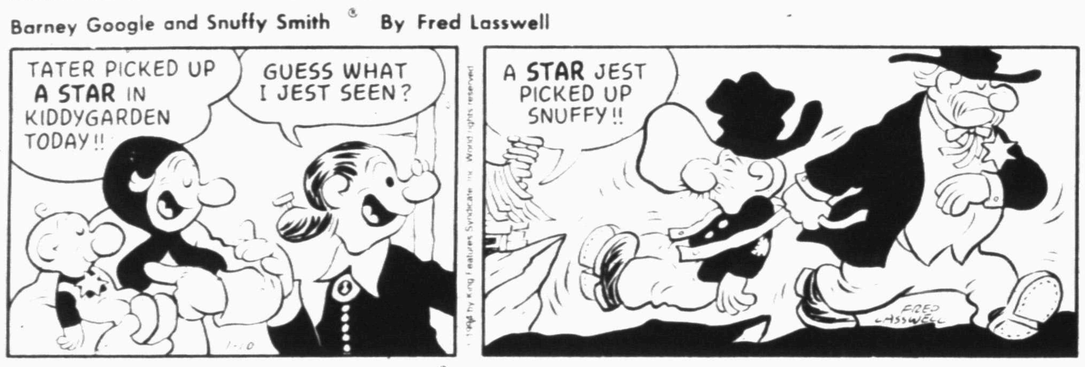

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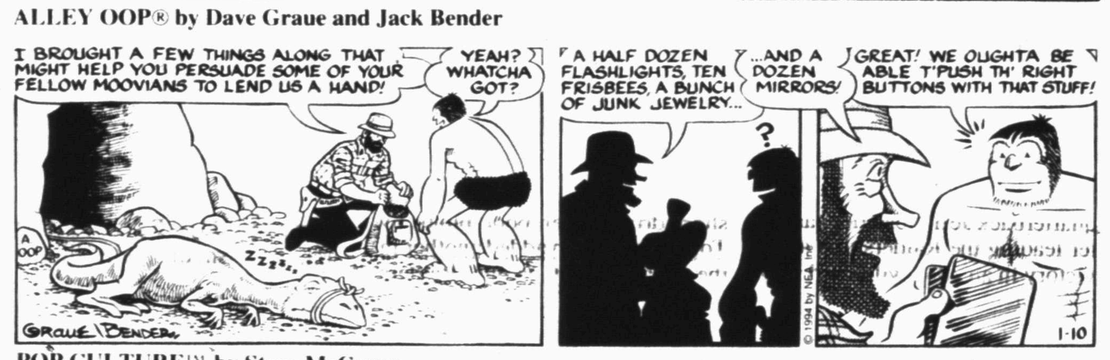

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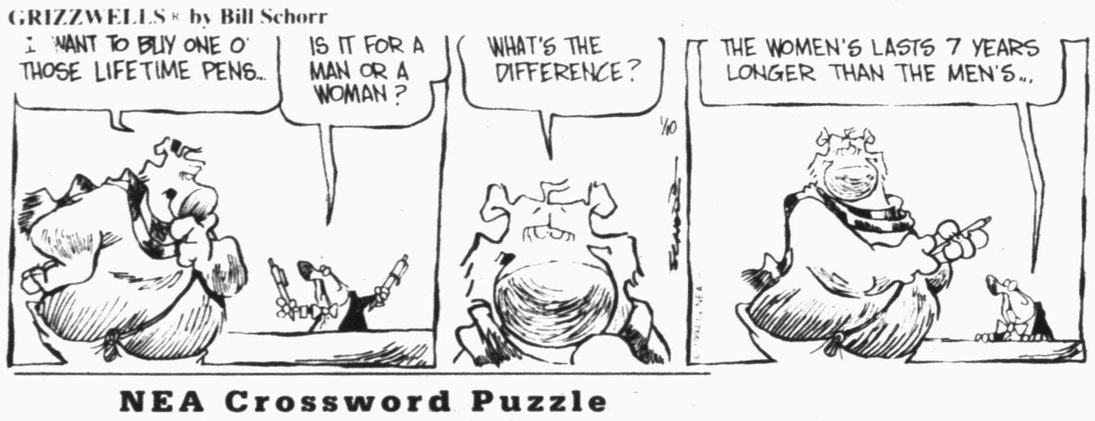

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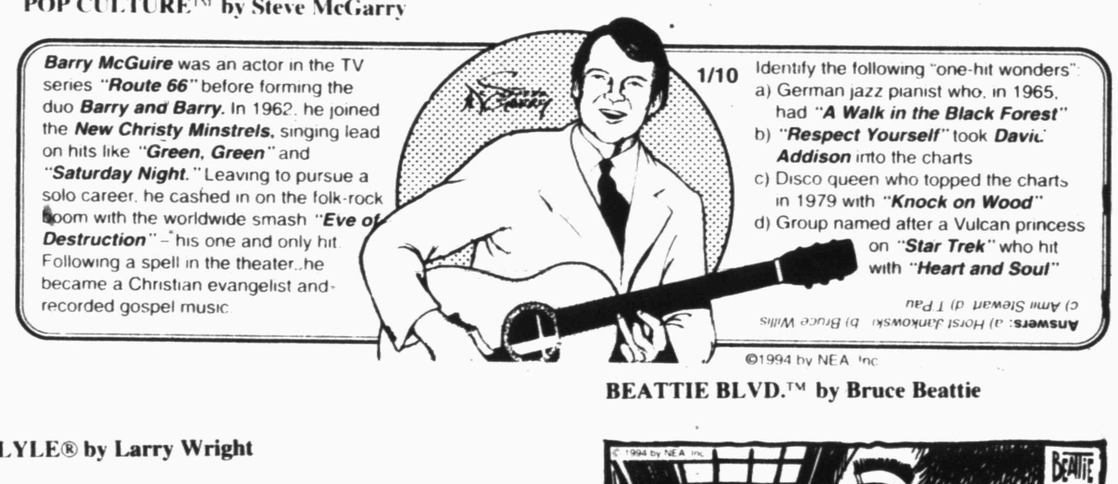

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9 Type of videotape
12 Machinery oil, for short
13 Strong cord
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15 Change the wording of
16 Citify
18 — and vinegar
19 Dutch town
20 Turkish flag
21 Legendary enchantress
23 Investigative agcy.
25 Workers' cooperative
26 Shoe-repair item
30 Annoying loudness
32 Regret
33 Before Wed.
34 Gloomy person
36 Helps
38 Amounts owed
39 — Moines
40 Noisy fight
41 Hint
44 Possesses
45 Mrs. in Madrid
47 Surpass
50 Actor — Jannings
51 Compete
52 Side of a room
53 Partner
54 Kind of curve
55 Eye amorously
56 Semi-precious stone

DOWN

1 Singer — Laine
2 Ridiculous
3 Aptitudes
4 Encountered
5 Uncultured
6 Traditional knowledge
7 Police alert (abbr.)
8 Edible seed
9 Bride's head cover
10 Mist
11 Stalk
17 Metal fastener
19 Overshadow
22 Legal matter
23 Actor — Parker
24 Moreover
25 Square column
26 Dame Myra —
27 Member of group of clans
28 Lack of frills
29 Dogs and cats
31 Meshes
35 Actor — Gibson
37 Roman date
40 — syrup
41 Inlet
42 San — Obispo
43 Southwestern Indians
44 Small mountain
46 Author — Haley
48 Couple
49 Old cloth
50 Comedian — Philips

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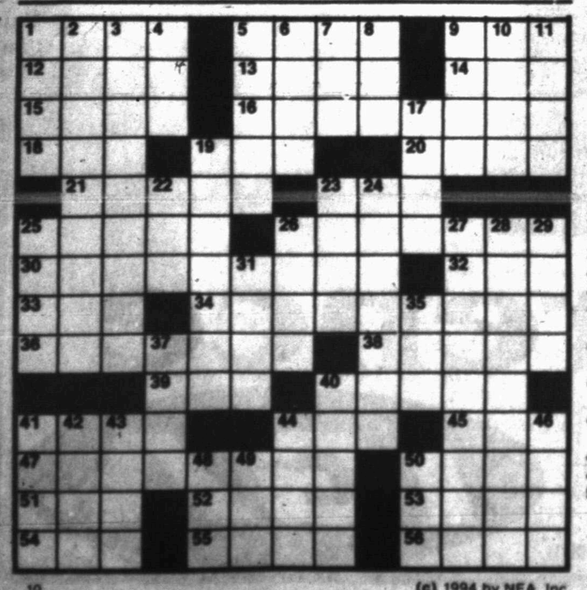

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WTC opens league competition at OC

To quote an old Charley Pride song, The easy part's over now.

Western Texas College begins the quest for playoff position in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference tonight in a 7:30 p.m. road meeting with Odessa College.

The Dusters bring a 12-6 season mark including an 81-71 loss to No. 4 Trinity Valley Community College Wednesday in the WTC Classic.

"They're a good team," Jones said of TVCC following the game, "but we're not that far away."

The Dusters' first order of business against the Lady Wranglers will be to control sophomore scoring machine Tisa Morris, who is pouring in over 30 points a game, tops in the WJCAC.

"We've got to stop her," Jones said. "We played them at the preseason tournament and they didn't shoot the ball very well from outside, but we let them inside too much.

"We want to try to adjust that a little bit. We've got to go fight. We have to play hard for 40 minutes. We have to start with getting our intensity up for the whole game."

WJCAC basketball

Women

Team	Season	League		
Howard	20	0	0	0
Frank Phillips	10	3	0	0
South Plains	12	4	0	0
Odessa	13	5	0	0
Western Texas	12	6	0	0
NMJC	11	6	0	0

Monday, Jan. 10
WTC at Odessa, 7:30 p.m.
South Plains at Howard, 6 p.m.

The Dusters, who lost to OC at the preseason event, 87-73, are led by sophomore post Paulita Murrell, who scored 20 against Trinity Valley, and freshmen Shrae Johnson and Carri Moss, who each tossed in 11.

Johnson and Moss are each listed among the conference's best in 3-point shooting, both converting over 34 percent of their long-distance attempts.

Odessa is 13-5 in non-conference games. Their last contest was an 89-86 loss to Trinity Valley in Saturday's final round of the Chamber of Commerce Classic in Odessa.

The Dusters' first WJCAC home tilt is slated for Thursday against New Mexico Junior College.

Tonight's other conference opener pits No. 2 Howard College (20-0) against South Plains College (12-3) in Big Spring.

Face Dallas Sunday...

Packers enjoy underdog role

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Face it, not very many people give Green Bay much of a chance at beating the defending world champion Dallas Cowboys Sunday.

And that's just fine with Packers coach Mike Holmgren.

"Now we're down to the last few teams still playing and football's football and anything can happen," Holmgren said Sunday.

Just look at Green Bay's stunning victory over Detroit in the Pontiac Silverdome Saturday. Don't bother checking which team had better statistics. On paper, the Lions had the upper hand in every category except score.

But Brett Favre's cross-body 40-yard heave to Sterling Sharpe all alone in the end zone with 55 seconds remaining lifted the Packers over Detroit 28-24, avenging a loss to the Lions just six days earlier that cost Green Bay its first NFC Central crown in 21 years.

And it gave Green Bay its first playoff victory since the strike-shortened season of 1982. Before that, the Packers hadn't won a post-season game since Jan. 14, 1968, when they beat the Oakland Raiders 33-14 in the Super Bowl.

"I think I read somewhere in the paper last week that Green Bay said when they lost here last week the better team didn't win," Detroit coach Wayne Fontes said. "I feel that way right now. I don't think the better team won. I think this team played an excellent football game today, but lost. It's a shame."

Holmgren's point exactly. Green Bay may not have much of a shot against Dallas, but not much is better than none.

The Packers aren't as talented or as experienced as the Cowboys, but what they showed against the Lions is that their big-play capability is as good as it gets.

"That's what wins games for you, your great players making great plays," Holmgren said. "And when you get into the playoffs, the teams that win are the teams whose great players rise up and have great games."

Which is what happened in the Silverdome.

Rookie free safety George Teague returned an interception 101 yards for a touchdown — the longest in NFL playoff history — giving Green Bay a 21-17 lead.

Sharpe had five receptions for 101 yards and three touchdowns, including the game-winner which vindicated Favre, who was stung by criticism after the Lions had intercepted him four times a week earlier, giving him an NFL-leading 24 pickoffs in the regular season.

"I think it's just another step in his development," Holmgren said. "He played a pretty good football game, threw some brilliant passes."

Even Sharpe was moved to express himself. He hadn't spoken to the Wisconsin news media in four years, leaving untold among other things, a great story about how he hasn't practiced since Nov. 8 because of a turf toe but still suited up for games and caught an NFL-record 112 passes in the regular season.

"I think it's blown out of proportion. I can't practice, can't run. I just take pain-killers and see what happens. I think it's overrated," Sharpe said.

Of his physical status going into Sunday's game against the Cowboys, Sharpe said: "I'm pretty beat down. I go though this every week. You sit around and rest all week and hopefully I can be ready to go against Dallas."

Chiefs to battle Oilers after 27-24 OT victory

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City coach Marty Schottenheimer had no problem with the bone-chilling cold. After all, the Chiefs had won.

"It was a nice day out there," he said. "It was beautiful."

The Chiefs' 27-24 overtime victory over Pittsburgh in an AFC wild-card game Saturday sends Kansas City against the Houston Oilers in a second-round contest.

Being from the old school, Schottenheimer said he couldn't understand all the fuss about the below-zero wind chill. Now it turns out Schottenheimer is a softy at heart.

His players didn't practice in pads the last two weeks. And he gave them both Sunday and Monday off ahead of what will be the biggest game of the Carl Peterson-Schottenheimer era in Kansas City.

"Maybe I've been too overbearing in terms of the amount of work that we do," Schottenheimer said. "I'm a detail freak anyway. Maybe I try to put too much information into the minds of the players."

Schottenheimer has taken the Chiefs to the playoffs four straight years now, but a victory Sunday would represent a significant step for the franchise.

It would avenge a 30-0 beating the Oilers administered in the second game of the season — a game Joe Montana missed because of injury. The Chiefs committed five turnovers in the game, including three interceptions of backup quarterback David Krieg.

"In terms of playoff experience, it's the teams that play and play well and cut down on their errors or at least manage their errors efficiently. The margin of difference between teams in the playoffs is not that great," said Schottenheimer.

The margin was very slight in the home game against Pittsburgh.

Montana and the Chiefs played terribly in the first half and found themselves in a 17-7 hole.

They rallied in the second half and forged a 24-24 tie on a 7-yard pass from Montana to Tim Barnett with 1:43 to play. A blocked punt by Keith Cash had put the Chiefs in position to knot the score.

Nick Lowery, the most accurate kicker in NFL history, missed a game-winning field goal in regulation, but came back from 32 yards in overtime to beat Pittsburgh.

It ended the season for the Steelers, the last team to make the playoffs by taking a hard-fought 16-9 victory from Cleveland.

"We came to win a football game, not to play a close game," Pittsburgh quarterback Neil O'Donnell said.

Raiders oust Broncos, 42-24

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For more than six quarters, the Los Angeles Raiders and Denver Broncos battled almost evenly. Then the Raiders turned to seldom-used Napolean McCallum.

When it was over, the Raiders had posted their highest-scoring game in more than nine years, beaten the Broncos for the second straight week and ensured a second-round playoff berth in Buffalo.

"I think today, whatever we needed to score, we would have," quarterback Jeff Hostetler said after leading the Raiders to a 42-24 victory in an AFC wild-card playoff game. "We've come together as a team.

"I thought the last team to score would win, but our defense came up big in the second half."

A week earlier, the Raiders rallied from a 30-13 third-quarter deficit to edge the Broncos 33-30 in overtime and gain the home-field advantage for the opening playoff round.

This time, the teams were tied 21-21 after a wild first half that saw Denver quarterback John Elway match Hostetler's three touchdown passes. Then the Raider defense again limited the Broncos to a field goal in the second half while McCallum went to work.

After an exchange of punts to start the game, Hostetler and Elway went to work, engineering six straight touchdown drives. They capped each drive with touchdown passes, going to six different receivers.

"We made a few mistakes in the first half, but we came out in the second half and put out their fire," Raiders linebacker Aaron Wallace said. "Every time they scored, it just made us buckle down more."

McCallum ran for a pair of third-quarter touchdowns to cap short drives after poor punts by Tom Rouen, then added another in the final period as the Raiders pulled away.

The Raiders (11-6) next play on Saturday at Buffalo, where the Bills (12-4) destroyed them 51-3 in the AFC championship game three years ago.

Much more recently, on Dec. 5, the Raiders won at Buffalo 25-24. That was the last time the Bills lost.

The game will involve a warm-weather team — the Raiders — in a cold-weather setting.

The last time the Raiders played in the cold, they lost to Green Bay 28-0 on Dec. 26.

"I don't mind cold weather at all, but I wish I could convince my teammates to feel the same way," Raiders WR Tim Brown said.

Ryan keeps feud simmering

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Oilers owner Bud Adams has ordered a high-level team meeting to discuss Buddy Ryan's latest public criticism of Kevin Gilbride and quash the continuing squabble between the two coordinators.

Ryan, the often sardonic head of Houston's defense, called Gilbride a wimp and told a Philadelphia Inquirer reporter that the offensive coordinator should be selling insurance.

The interview, published Sunday, was conducted after Ryan had met with Adams concerning the punch he had thrown at Gilbride during a nationally televised game.

Adams ordered Oilers general manager Mike Holovak and head coach Jack Pardee to meet with Ryan after the latest salvo emerged in Sunday newspapers.

"We thought we addressed all this," Adams told the Houston Chronicle Sunday. "It seems like this never died off. The bottom line is that I don't think it's affected the players any. Hopefully, it won't affect the team."

If all goes according to plan, Ryan will not comment on Gilbride or his run-and-shoot offense for the rest of the season.

Pardee said he thought the public feud between his top two assistants had been soothed.

"The important thing is that people have to use discretion," Pardee said. "Everybody has to be clear on what we need done. We have to play football and keep our mouths shut."

Ryan's right cross grazed Gilbride's face just before halftime of the Jan. 2 victory over New York. It was sparked by two pass plays Gilbride called in the final minute, when Houston led 14-0. The second play resulted in a sack, fumble and a Jets' field-goal try. Houston won 24-0.

"I guarantee you won't see him making calls like that again," Ryan told the Inquirer. "It's a third-down offense, not a pro offense. And (Gilbride) has no business coaching the pros. He should be selling insurance."

Ryan acknowledged Gilbride didn't get hostile until Ryan had blasted his coaching.

"I don't know what I said. I might have called him a high school coach. Something like that. He was cussing me and coming at me," Ryan said.

"He's not going to run over me the way he runs over some people. He's a wimp. He's got no business coaching in the pros. Making calls like that, he's hurting the team."

The 59-year-old Ryan, in his first NFL job since the Philadelphia Eagles fired him as head coach three years ago, continues to express interest in vacant head coaching jobs. Both Washington and Atlanta have openings.

Ryan said he doesn't think the televised confrontation with Gilbride will hurt his chances.

"I don't think so. We'll wait and see if I get an offer," he said. "If somebody wants to win, they know where to find me."

The Oilers hired Ryan last January after he had spent two years of retirement at his Kentucky farm.

Ryan criticized the Oilers' run-and-shoot, saying it results in too many turnovers and not enough rushing yards, even before he came to Houston.

"The Houston defense had the most takeaways (in the league) 43 and the offense had the most giveaways 45," Ryan said. "You just don't let that happen. We gave the football away so fast, it was unbelievable."

How they fared

by The Associated Press

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll fared this week:

1. Arkansas (10-1) beat Southern Methodist 96-70; beat Mississippi 87-61; lost to Alabama 66-64.
2. North Carolina (12-1) beat North Carolina State 88-58; beat Maryland 75-70.
3. Duke (9-0) beat Clemson 71-65; beat No. 12 Georgia Tech 88-71.
4. Kentucky (11-2) beat No. 22 Vanderbilt 107-82; beat Notre Dame 84-59; lost to Georgia 94-90, OT.
5. Kansas (15-1) beat North Carolina-Asheville 90-44; beat Southern Methodist 91-59.
6. UCLA (9-0) beat Oregon 89-73; beat Oregon State 104-71.
7. Temple (7-2) lost to West Virginia 49-47; beat No. 23 George Washington 80-64.
8. Massachusetts (11-1) beat Rutgers 71-59; beat Duquesne 70-53.
9. Arizona (12-1) beat Arizona State 98-81; beat No. 25 Marquette 94-80.
10. Purdue (13-0) beat Northwestern 68-67; beat Seton Hall 69-67.
11. Louisville (10-2) beat George Mason 132-87; beat South Florida 80-56; lost to Virginia Commonwealth 93-89, OT.
12. Georgia Tech (9-3) lost to Maryland 91-88; lost to No. 3 Duke 88-71.
13. Michigan (10-2) beat Boston University 111-84; beat Michigan State 75-64; beat Iowa 71-70.
14. Indiana (8-2) beat Penn State 80-72.
15. Wisconsin (11-0) beat Penn State 71-56; beat Ohio State 69-55.
16. Connecticut (12-1) beat Georgetown 77-65; beat No. 20 Boston College 77-71.
17. Cincinnati (11-3) beat Chicago State 103-49; lost to Alabama-Birmingham 67-65.
18. Syracuse (9-1) beat Pittsburgh 79-75.
19. Minnesota (10-3) beat Northeastern Illinois 89-62; beat Northwestern 73-65.
20. Boston College (10-1) beat Villanova 96-84; lost to No. 16 Connecticut 77-71.
21. Illinois (7-3) lost to Michigan State 79-74.
22. Vanderbilt (8-3) lost to No. 4 Kentucky 107-82; beat South Carolina 97-83.
23. George Washington (7-4) lost to St. Bonaventure 71-67; beat Rutgers 89-69; lost to No. 7 Temple 80-64.
24. California (9-2) beat Washington State 70-54; beat Washington 79-64.
25. Marquette (8-4) beat Memphis State 79-67; lost to No. 9 Arizona 94-80.

NBA glance

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	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	21	9	.700	—
Orlando	18	13	.581	3½
Miami	16	13	.552	4½
New Jersey	13	18	.419	8½
Boston	13	20	.394	9½
Philadelphia	12	19	.387	9½
Washington	9	22	.290	12½

Central Division

Atlanta	22	7	.759	—
Chicago	21	10	.677	2
Charlotte	18	14	.563	5½
Cleveland	13	18	.419	10
Indiana	12	17	.414	10
Milwaukee	9	22	.290	14
Detroit	8	22	.267	14½

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Houston	27	4	.871	—
Utah	22	11	.667	6
San Antonio	22	12	.647	6½
Denver	15	17	.469	12½
Minnesota	10	21	.323	17
Dallas	2	29	.065	25

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Seattle	26	3	.897	—
Phoenix	24	6	.800	2½
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Golden State	16	14	.533	10½
LA Clippers	11	19	.367	15½
LA Lakers	11	22	.333	17
Sacramento	10	22	.313	17½

Saturday's Games
Orlando 112, Washington 101
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Indiana 101, Detroit 92
Minnesota 108, Boston 90
Chicago 100, Dallas 81
Houston 100, Philadelphia 93
New Jersey 90, Milwaukee 87
Denver 104, Sacramento 98
Seattle 108, Utah 87
Miami 109, LA Clippers 90

Sunday's Games
New York 99, Portland 85
Phoenix 122, Golden State 107
San Antonio 95, LA Lakers 89

Monday's Games
Boston at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Orlando, 8 p.m.

NFL playoffs

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All Times EST

Saturday, Jan. 8
Kansas City 27, Pittsburgh 24, OT
Green Bay 28, Detroit 24

Sunday, Jan. 9
New York Giants 17, Minnesota 10
Los Angeles Raiders 42, Denver 24

Saturday, Jan. 15
Los Angeles Raiders at Buffalo, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
New York Giants at San Francisco, 4 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Jan. 16
Green Bay at Dallas, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Kansas City at Houston, 4 p.m. (NBC)

Sunday, Jan. 23
AFC and NFC Championship

Sunday, Jan. 30
Super Bowl at Atlanta, 6 p.m. (NBC)

Giants get past Vikes with 3rd-quarter rally

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Hurry-up offenses aren't usually the norm in the third quarter. For the New York Giants, the hurry-up was a must.

January at Giants Stadium can have that effect when the wind howls and the temperature falls, and Sunday was one of those days. The winds were gusting to 26 mph and the wind chill made it feel like minus-5 degrees on the field.

Trailing 10-3 in the third quarter of the NFC wild-card playoff game, the Giants made the most of the wind by getting two touchdown runs from Rodney Hampton and a punishing effort from their defense against Jim McMahon in a 17-10 victory over the Minnesota Vikings.

New York (12-5) will now play the 49ers (10-6) in the NFC semifinals at San Francisco on Saturday.

The 49ers are just the opposite of the Giants. New York is a run-oriented, conservative team that stresses ball control and defense.

Both elements, a halftime speech by Lawrence Taylor and one of those schoolyard adjustments on a running play all came through against the Vikings (9-8), whose second straight trip to the playoffs ended in a wild-card loss.

Besides the wind, the most crucial element had to be the adjustment the coaching staff made on "Right 38, H Lead." Instead of running the sweep away from H back Aaron Pierce, who was in motion, they ran toward the motion.

It turned into a 51-yard touchdown run by Hampton.

On the second play of the half, Keith Hamilton and Mike Fox sandwiched McMahon just after he released a pass. He sustained a minor concussion and Sean Salisbury replaced him for a play before a punt.

Four plays later, the adjusted 38 right, H lead was called.

Hampton, who carried 33 times, circled the right side, stiff-armed Carlos Jenkins around the Minnesota 35 and scored, getting a nice downfield block from Chris Calloway.

McMahon came back on the next series, but the Vikings were forced to punt from their own 5. Harry Newsome shanked the kick, giving the Giants the ball at the 26.

Hampton carried six of eight plays including a crucial fourth and 1 conversion, eventually scoring from the 2 with 5:37 left in the third quarter. The extra point even had excitement as David Treadwell ran it in after a muffed snap.

McMahon, who threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Cris Carter late in the first half, was knocked to the sidelines for a second time on a hit by Fox right after Hampton's second TD. Salisbury took over, but the Vikings drive stalled at the New York 27 on downs.

7th girls fall at CTK event

LUBBOCK — Snyder's seventh grade girls' B basketball team fell in its two games Saturday at the Christ the King tournament here.

The Lady Tigers were downed by Post, 25-5, in the first round, then nipped by Frenship, 25-23, in the consolation bracket.

Vanessa Jones and Brittany Canada each hit two points and Amy Church added one in the Post game.

Church's eight, four by Whitney Owens and Sharika Woolford's three were tops for SJHS against Frenship.

Laurie Huddleston, Bradi Johnson and Abby Scott each canned a basket and Jones, and Keila Helms got a free throw apiece.

Snyder's junior high girls teams, seventh and eighth grade A and B, will host Colorado City today.

Vince Lombardi was 45 when he got his first head coaching job above the high school level.

HJHS claims tourney wins

BLACKWELL — Hermleigh took top honors in the girls' division, then finished second in the boys' bracket at the weekend Blackwell Junior High Basketball Tournament.

The Lady Cards nipped Winters 33-32 in the title game, after knocking off Roscoe, 34-14, in the tourney semifinals.

The HJHS boys tripped Roscoe, 39-26, in the semis, before losing their first game of the season, 44-40 to host Blackwell in the championship game.

The Hermleigh girls were led by Jennifer Roemisch, who scored 13 against Roscoe, then added eight versus Winters. Miranda Terry chipped in 10 in the semifinal game, followed by Esther Martinez and Brandy Smith with six each.

Against Winters, Martinez, Terry and Smith put in seven apiece.

The Lady Cardinals improve to 7-3 on the season.

Larry Lambaren was the Cardinals' big gun over the weekend, hitting for 23 against Roscoe, then getting six in the title game.

Billy Joe Digby added 18 in the Blackwell game after having four in the semifinals. Jason Hernandez chipped in eight and Jason Bates had six in the final.

The Cards carry a 9-1 record on the year.

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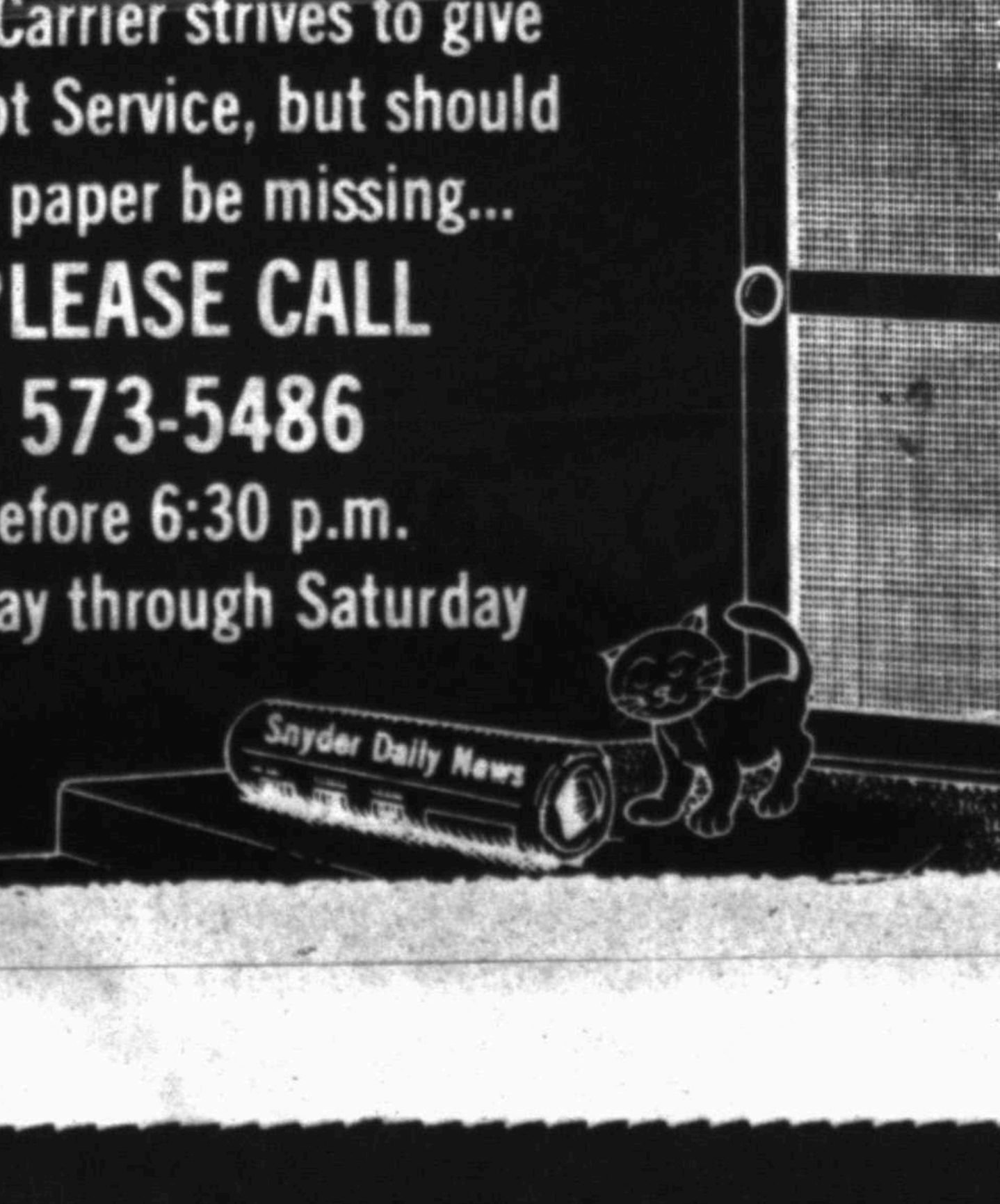

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Relatives may sue homeowner

HOUSTON (AP) — Relatives of a Scottish man killed while knocking on the back door of a Houston home might sue the homeowner if he is not charged with murder.

Andrew Peter De Vries, 28, was killed before dawn Friday in the upscale Memorial neighborhood of west Houston. Resident Jeffrey Agee shot him with a .25-caliber pistol after De Vries banged on his back door.

Houston police did not charge Agee and passed his case on to a Harris County grand jury.

Ian McKenna, an uncle of De Vries, told the Houston Chronicle Sunday that the family might sue Agee if he is not charged with murder.

"We can't let it go," McKenna said. "It's the whole value of Andrew, as he was so much the central figure in our lives."

McKenna said Houston police assumed too quickly that Agee fired in self-defense.

"On the surface, what is concerning us is the police are taking a position that this man will not be charged," he said. "We feel this is a very premature thing."

De Vries and fellow Scottish businessman Sydney Graves had been out drinking Thursday night and accepted a ride back to their hotel about 4 a.m. Friday. For some reason, police say, the men thought they were in danger and jumped out of the moving car.

They then began pounding on doors in an effort to use a phone or get someone to call a cab for them. De Vries jumped a fence into Agee's yard and banged on the back door.

Agee, who fired at the men through glass doors, told police he feared the two were kick burglars. De Vries was shot in the arm and chest, the medical examiner's office said.

Agee has refused to talk with reporters about the incident. His attorney, Gordon Dees, said he didn't want to comment until the grand jury investigation is complete.

"I will say we believe, based upon what we know, that Mr. Agee acted reasonably in light of the circumstances at the time," Dees said.

Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes said the prosecutor handling Agee's case did not foresee an indictment. He added that the use of deadly force is legal if homeowners reasonably fear for their lives.

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Cold Cereal w/Toast
Apple Juice
Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast Pizza
Cold Cereal w/Toast
Grape Juice
Milk

LUNCH

TUESDAY
Chili Dog
Ham-n-Cheese Burger
Buttered Corn
Diced Peaches
Tiger Cookie
Choice of Milk

WEDNESDAY
Steak Fingers
Beef Fritters
Southern Gravy
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Choice of Milk

THURSDAY
Burritos
Beef-n-Cheese Nachos
Tossed Salad
Pineapple Tidbits
Brownie
Choice of Milk

FRIDAY
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Chili w/Corn Bread
Fresh Orange
Peanut Butter Cookie
Choice of Milk

SPECIAL EVENT — "Lunch-a-Saurus Trading Cards" will be given to those eating in the cafeteria on Wednesday.

Officers note eight arrests

Local peace officers arrested eight people over the weekend, including six on Sunday.

Saturday's only arrest came at 7:59 p.m. in the 3100 block of Avenue M as police officers took a 38-year-old woman into custody for no driver's license, no liability insurance and failure to identify.

At 12:15 a.m. Sunday, police arrested a 19-year-old man in the 4400 block of Avenue U for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

At 1:03 a.m., DPS troopers arrested a 37-year-old man for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and a 33-year-old woman for public intoxication at Highway 208 and CR 2763.

Police were called to a disturbance at Allsup's at 1:53 a.m. Sunday where they arrested a 19-year-old man for assault/family violence.

Officers arrested a 23-year-old man for public intoxication and a Dallas County warrant for possession of marijuana at 9:29 p.m. in the 1300 block of Avenue K.

At 11:25 p.m., police arrested a 35-year-old man in the 1500 block of College Avenue on a warrant for assault/family violence.

And at 4:50 a.m. today, a 22-year-old woman was arrested at the sheriff's office for public intoxication.

At 10:39 a.m. Saturday, Mary Hall contacted police in reference to someone stealing the license plate from a 1990 Ford. A report for Class C theft was filed.

At 1:19 p.m. Saturday, Delia Barron notified police that someone had broken into her storage building at Landes Storage. Taken were miscellaneous items. A report for burglary of a building was filed.

Police worked a two-vehicle accident at 10:40 p.m. Saturday at Allsup's. Involved were a 1986 Ford driven by Joe Waylon Pressley of Rt. 1 Hermleigh and a 1990 Ford driven by Angie Lynn Davidson of 2701 32nd St.

At 4:47 p.m. Sunday, police were notified of damage to a residence at 4502 Houston. A report for Class A criminal mischief was filed.

At 5:47 p.m. Sunday, a woman contacted the sheriff's department to complain that a man had been harassing and treatening her. A report for assault/threats was filed.

Grass fires keep FD busy

Snyder Fire Department personnel responded to five fires during the weekend.

At 2:28 p.m. Saturday, firemen responded to a grass fire 10 miles south of Snyder on Highway 208. The blaze, on property owned by Forrest Bowers and Earlene Patterson, was confined to grass.

At 4:55 p.m., firemen extinguished a grass fire eight miles east of Snyder on property owned by Don Schattel.

Firemen extinguished a residential fire in the 600 block of 28th Street at 5:12 p.m. Saturday. Firemen said the blaze began as a grass fire which went underneath the residence and caused minor damage to a kitchen wall. The residence is occupied by Dana Lindsey.

Firemen were dispatched to 4701 El Paso at 9:45 p.m. Saturday where they extinguished a fire which had spread from a dumpster to grass.

Fire personnel also extinguished a grass fire at 4:05 p.m. Sunday, some 18 miles south of Snyder on U.S. Highway 84.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Lora Blackerby, Snyder Nursing Center; Evans Heaton, 3614 41st; Anita Martin, 3405 Houston; Esther Quintana, 4400 Ave. U Apt. 3C7; Martin Brooks, 4510 Garwood, Rube McKinley, 3304 Ave. U; Mona Pierce, 2812 Ave. W; Frances Schulze, 1803½ 39th; Pamela Sharp, Rt. 1 Box 5B.

DISMISSALS: Glenn Foster, Edna Gregory, Anita Martin, R.V. Williamson, Faye Bruns, David Hoops, Nana Baughn, Margaret Weaver.

Census: 60 (Med.-17, Long-Term Care-39, CCU-1, OB-2, Nursery-1).

Births

Roy and Cindy Gill of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Carly BriAnne, born at 3:18 p.m. on Jan. 7 in Mitchell County Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, one ounce and was welcomed by a sister, Brandy, and a brother, Rocky.

Grandparents are J.B. and Sharon Davidson of Andrews and Edd and Dorothy Gill of Snyder. Her great-grandmother is Dina Rankin of Levelland.

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Obituaries

Vallie Stokes

1905-1994

Services are set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for former Snyder resident Vallie Mae Stokes, 88, of Sherman. Dr. Wylie "Buff" Hearn, pastor of First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Stokes died at 1:20 a.m. Sunday in the Heritage Country Manor in Sherman.

She was born on Feb. 14, 1905, in Scurry County. She married Sam O. Stokes on Sept. 3, 1923, in Fluvanna. He died on June 23, 1954. A lifelong Snyder resident, Mrs. Stokes worked many years as a salesperson for J.C. Penney Co. She had lived in Sherman for the past three years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Arlen Stokes of Marietta, Okla., and Edwin D. Stokes of Lubbock; one daughter, Mayme Porter of Sherman; a brother, Hardy Robinson of Poolville; nine grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Frances Jones

1929-1994

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Frances Jones, 64, of Snyder who died at 8:50 a.m. Saturday in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a short illness.

She was born on April 2, 1929.

Survivors include one daughter, Rose Durst of Snyder; two brothers, Buford Thompson and Willie Thompson, both of Snyder; and two sisters, Floydell Johnson of Snyder and Rachel Wylie of Dallas.

O.J. Martin

1908-1994

VINITA, Okla. — Funeral services for Onnie Jesse Martin, 85, are set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Charles McBee with burial to follow in the Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Luginbuel Funeral Service of Vinita.

Born in Snyder, he was the son of A.C. and Ada Martin. He married Vera Upton on April 13, 1929 in Snyder.

The couple moved to the Vinita area in 1952 where he ranched for many years. Mr. Martin helped establish the White Oak Water District, and he was a past-president of the Craig County Soil Conservation board, serving more than 20 years. He was also a former White Oak election board member.

Mr. Martin was a member of the Vinita First Baptist Church, the Vinita Masonic Lodge, the 32nd Degree Tulsa Consistory, and the Akdar Shrine.

Survivors include his wife, Vera of the home; a daughter, Joanne Terrall of Spring; a brother, Jack Martin of Snyder; a sister, Earlene Casey of Fort Worth; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Floyd Chandler

1925-1994

HOUSTON — Services are pending at Doetten Schmidt Funeral Home in Sattler for Floyd C. "Hoot" Chandler, 68, of Galveston who died Sunday in Houston.

Mr. Chandler, a former Snyder Post Office employee, is the brother of M.L. Chandler of Snyder. He moved from Snyder to El Paso in 1952 where he later retired from the Border Patrol.

Other survivors include one son, Ronald Chandler of Bedford; two sisters, Irene Kidd of Loraine and Iva Nell Chandler of Abilene; a brother, M.L. Chandler of Snyder; two granddaughters and one great-grandchild, all of California.

Mattie Sims

1900-1994

LUBBOCK — Services were held Saturday in St. Paul's Episcopal Church for Mattie Sims, 93, who died Thursday in Methodist Hospital. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Born in Snyder, she graduated from Snyder High School and married Lee Roy Sims in 1920 in Snyder. They moved to Post to live on the OXO Ranch, and then moved to Lubbock in 1939. She had worked for Hemphill-Wells.

Survivors include two daughters, La Nelle Watson of Lubbock and Wynona Taylor of Dallas; four granddaughters; and eight great-grandchildren.

Amos P. Prather

1910-1994

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Amos P. Prather, 83, of Snyder who died at 10:40 a.m. today in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born on April 13, 1910, in Emory, he married Myra V. Phillips on Dec. 24, 1929, in Fluvanna. He had been yard foreman for ASARCO where he was employed for 30 years. Mr. Prather was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Myra Prather of the home; two brothers, Raymond Prather of Plainview and Bob Prather of Midland; and four sisters, Bertha Davis , Callie Mae Floyd and Leona Davis, all of Snyder, and Rosa Lou Edwards of Odessa.

Justices agree to hear dispute over Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said today it will try to resolve a Medicare funding dispute worth millions of dollars to hospitals affiliated with medical schools.

The court agreed to decide whether the federal government is too tightfisted in how it reimburses those hospitals for what they spend on training young doctors who serve Medicare patients.

Federal appeals courts are split on the validity of the government's reimbursement policy.

In the case granted review today, an appeals court ruled for the Clinton administration and against Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

But another appeals court has ruled against the Clinton administration and for Ohio State Hospitals, a Columbus teaching hospital affiliated with Ohio State University.

In other cases, the Supreme Court:

—Agreed in a Georgia case to clarify when incriminating statements by a defendant's alleged accomplice may be used if the accomplice refuses to testify.

—Let stand a federal judge's ruling that a trial is needed to determine whether California prison inmates are entitled to be paid the minimum wage.

—Ordered an appeals court for the second time to restudy a Georgia death row case in which a condemned man argued his lawyer had a conflict of interest.

—Agreed to review a federal law requiring reinstatement of securities-fraud lawsuits that had been dismissed under an earlier ruling by the high court.

At issue in the Medicare case is a regulation barring the "redistribution of costs" from medical schools to hospitals.

The Department of Health and Human Services, which administers the huge Medicare program for the elderly and disabled, interprets the regulation to bar a hospital from getting reimbursed for any expense previously paid for by a medical school.

But hospital officials contend the regulation should not apply to all aspects of training programs for interns and residents once paid by a medical school. The regulation only bars the redistribution of such costs as classroom expenses, they say.

Officials at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital sued the government after $2.8 million in Medicare claims for fiscal year 1985 were turned down. Of that total, more than $2.3 million are comprised of direct costs such as medical school faculty and clerical staff salaries and fringe benefits and space costs.

About $430,000 of the total represents indirect administrative costs tied to the graduate medical education programs at the hospital.

Lawyers for the Philadelphia hospital argued that Congress "made clear its intent that Medicare providers were to be reimbursed, as nearly as possible, for all costs necessarily incurred in the efficient delivery of health care services to Medicare beneficiaries."

Clinton administration lawyers, noting the conflicting rulings among the appeals courts, asked the justices to resolve the dispute. They said the high court's ruling, expected by July, would have "a major fiscal impact on the administration of the Medicare program."

The court's decision will affect more than $150 million worth of pending Medicare claims from teaching hospitals and "will have a continuing and substantial impact on future claims," the government lawyers said.

The case is Thomas Jefferson University vs. Shalala, 93-120.

Guardsmen confess to stealing weapons

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Since November, three Michigan National Guardsmen have confessed to stealing weapons or weapon parts, part of a national pattern of such thefts.

One guardsman has admitted selling stolen M-16 automatic rifle parts to a Chicago gun dealer, The Grand Rapids Press reported Sunday.

The dealer in turn supplied the weapons parts to David Koresh, leader of the Branch Davidian sect in Waco, Texas, federal officials told the newspaper.

Such thefts are common according to a recent report by the U.S. General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C.

"It's the breach of trust that's the most disturbing aspect of these crimes," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Theodore, who prosecuted the three cases.

"The public places a lot of confidence and trust in its military personnel. People don't expect individuals to steal weapons or weapons parts and sell them. When that happens, inevitably, some of those weapons or parts end up in the hands of criminals."

On Friday, guardsman and Gulf War veteran Terry Straw, 44, pleaded guilty to charges in the smuggling of eight AK-47s that were obtained during the war. He worked at the Michigan Army National Guard in Lansing.

Straw is to be sentenced in March by U.S. District Judge Richard Enslen in Kalamazoo.

All three men who have admitted to the thefts were assigned to the unit in Lansing.

Health services sought

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the health unit, however, will create a space shortage. Therefore, new office space would have to be found for Mental Health personnel.

Also discussed by the court was the sanitation functions which have been performed on a contact basis in recent weeks following the resignation of long-time sanitarian Louie Vaughan.

Benny Marricle met with the court to discuss taking over the role as a Sanitarian III to perform all environmental functions such as water well and septic inspections. It has been recommended that Cindy Nix, current clerk in the health department, take over restaurant inspection functions. In addition to food establishments, inspections are now required of all schools, day care centers and grocery stores. It was estimated that some 72 establishments now require twice-yearly visits.

Nix would continue some of her clerical duties, and a part-time clerk would be hired to assist with immunization clinics. Total cost, all covered by the state, is $32,500.

In other business, the court learned of Doug Vineyard's resignation from the county welfare board. Vineyard, Hermleigh postmaster, will be replaced by another Hermleigh resident, Mrs. Carl Nunn.

County Judge Bob Doolittle said the appointment of Mrs. Nunn was considered today because the county welfare board has a scheduled meeting for Tuesday night.

Doolittle also reported that the coliseum advisory board will meet tonight. Purpose of the meeting is to discuss the future of the board, including its size and its role as either an advisory or governing board.

Doolittle presided this morning. Commissioners present were Ralph Trevey, Jerry Gannaway, Roy Idom and C.D. Gray Jr.

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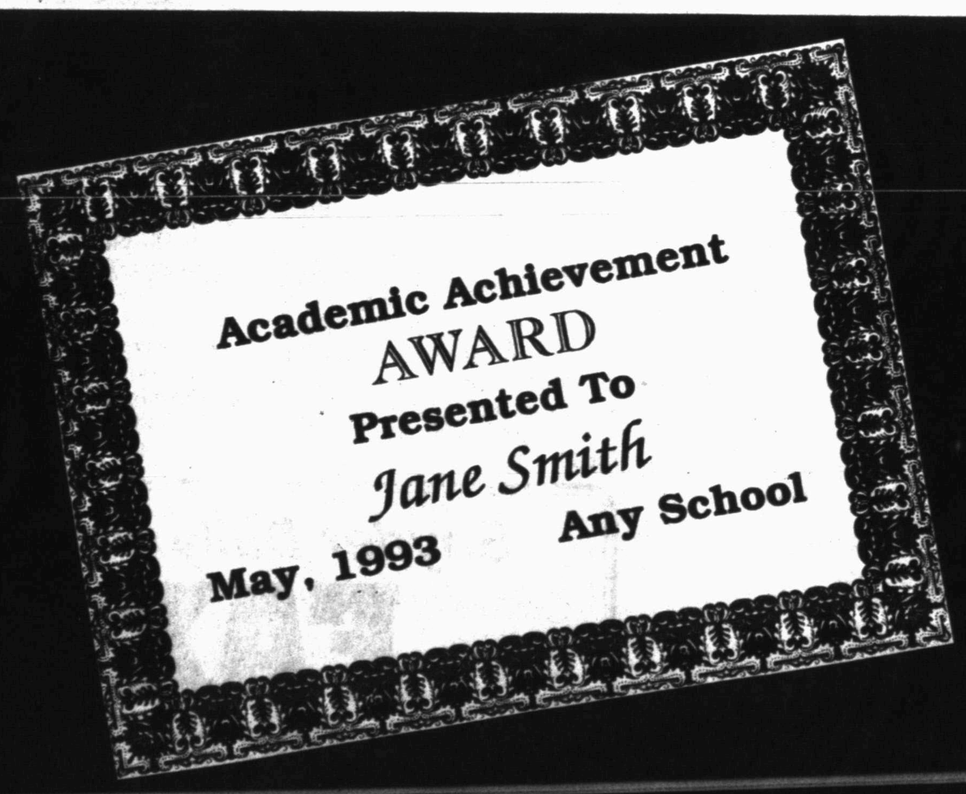

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AmStores	441/4	433/4	441/4	+1/2
Amer T&T	55	545/8	55	+3/8
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Ameritech wi	373/8	367/8	371/4	
Amoco	533/4	53	535/8	-3/8
AndarkPtr	465/8	461/8	461/4	
Arkla	8	77/8	8	
ArmcoInc	63/8	61/4	63/8	+1/4
AtlRichfld	1073/8	1065/8	107	—1
ATMOS	283/4	283/8	283/8	+1/8
BakerHughes	217/8	213/4	217/8	+1/8
BancTexas	15/8	15/8	15/8	
BellAtl	561/2	56	561/4	+5/8
BellSouth	553/4	551/4	553/4	+1/4
Beth Steel	203/4	201/2	203/4	+1/8
Borden	157/8	151/2	155/8	
Brit Pet	66	655/8	66	-3/4
Caterplr	901/2	891/8	895/8	-3/4
CenSoWst	303/8	301/8	303/8	
Chevron	911/4	903/4	911/4	-1/8
Chrysler	585/8	571/2	581/2	+13/8
Coastal	281/4	277/8	28	-1/8
CocaCola	431/8	423/8	43	+3/8
ColgatePalm	601/8	597/8	601/8	+1/8
ComlMetl s	281/2	283/8	283/8	-1/8
CooperIn	501/4	495/8	501/8	+1/4
CyprusAmax	281/8	273/4	277/8	-1/4
DallSemicn	163/8	161/8	163/8	
DeltaAirl	551/2	545/8	551/2	+1/2
DigitalEq	363/8	361/4	361/4	-1/8
Dillard	371/4	367/8	367/8	
DowChem	591/8	585/8	585/8	-3/8
DresserInd	215/8	213/8	215/8	+1/4
DuPont	513/4	511/4	513/4	+1/2
EstKodak	461/2	461/8	463/8	+1/8
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Enserch	173/8	171/4	173/8	
Exxon	637/8	635/8	633/4	
FlowerInd	193/8	191/4	191/4	-1/8
FordMotor	657/8	65	657/8	+11/4
GTE Cp	347/8	341/2	343/4	+1/8
GaDyn	911/8	901/2	911/8	
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GenMotors E	285/8	283/8	285/8	+1/8
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IBM	591/8	581/2	585/8	-1/4
IntlPaper	727/8	72	727/8	+1/4
JohnsnJns	451/8	441/2	45	+3/8
K mart	20	193/4	20	
Kroger	20	197/8	20	+1/4
Litton	691/8	68	683/4	+7/8
LoneStar	21/2	23/8	21/2	
Lowes	555/8	55	555/8	+5/8
Lubys	22	213/4	22	+1/4
Maxus	53/4	55/8	53/4	+1/8
MayDS s	383/4	371/2	377/8	-7/8
Medtronic	823/8	813/4	813/4	—1
Mobil	791/2	785/8	791/4	-1/8
Monsanto	761/4	753/8	761/4	+13/8
Motorola s	91	895/8	907/8	+11/4
Nationsbk	49	485/8	487/8	-1/8
Navistar s	25	243/4	247/8	-1/8
Nynex s	397/8	391/2	393/4	-1/8
OryxEngy	181/8	173/4	173/4	-3/8
PacTelesis	55	541/4	55	+3/4
PanhECp	227/8	225/8	227/8	
PenneyJC s	521/4	513/4	521/8	+1/2
Pennzoil	543/8	54	541/4	
PepBoys	26	255/8	26	+1/2
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ZenithE	77/8	75/8	73/4	+1/8

Lorena Bobbitt case goes to trial

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) — Lawyers argued today over what questions they should be allowed to ask potential jurors in the trial of Lorena Bobbitt, accused of cutting off her husband's penis in retaliation for what she says was sexual abuse.

Defense attorney Blair Howard said he wanted to ask each juror if they could think of any reason why cutting off a penis would ever be justified.

The prosecutor, Commonwealth's Attorney Paul B. Ebert, objected, and Prince William County Circuit Judge Herman A. Whisenant Jr. agreed to bar the question.

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small soft drink and order of Potatoes Ole' from Taco John's, food from McDonald's, a dollar off at Golden Corral, a medium drink with any food purchase from Wal-Mart; and a medium drink with any meal purchase at Long John Silver's Seafood Shoppe.

Every fifth donor will receive a 6-pack of cola and every other donor will receive a coupon for a regular order of Gill's Fried Chicken.

Seven $5 gift certificates from both Jaramillo's Restaurant and Spanish Inn will be distributed by random drawings. A Sunday buffet for two from Willow Park Inn will be awarded by a number drawing from a list of all donors.

There will be a choice of small items as gifts from United Blood Services.

Cookies will be furnished by Lawrence IGA and orange juice furnished by Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary.

Outdoor signs advertising the blood drive are at Bar-H-Bar, Ben Wilson Supply, Burgess-McWilliams Pharmacy, The Shack, Kmart, Pizza Hut, Golden Corral and Scurry County Coliseum.

Scurry County Senior Center VIVA volunteers have been making reminder phone calls.

More women to run for office in 1994

AUSTIN (AP) — In 1990, which became known as the "Year of the Woman" in Texas, Ann Richards was one of eight women who sought election to statewide office.

But that pales alongside the 18 women — nine Republicans and nine Democrats — who are on the statewide ballot this year, for posts ranging from governor and U.S. Senate to the judiciary.

"Isn't it wonderful?" asked former state Rep. Ernestine Glossbrenner, president of the Texas Women's Political Caucus.

"We're more than half the population; we ought to get more than one year. Maybe the next 200 years should be ours."

Two years ago, a record number of women were elected to the U.S. Senate, including two from California. Then, last year, Kay Bailey Hutchison became the first woman elected from Texas to the U.S. Senate.

The rising trend also extends to local politics. Ms. Glossbrenner noted that in her home county of Dimmit, where Carrizo Springs is the county seat, 12 of 32 candidates running for office this year are women. Both the Democratic and Republican primaries have women running for county judge.

Women have been working in local and state campaigns for years.

"Now they're transferring the skills and using them for themselves," she told the Austin American-Statesman. "They've got experience in government, and they're moving up the ladder."

Among the women hoping to make a difference this year are Mrs. Hutchison and Richards, at the top of their party's respective ballots.

Looking down the ballot, only five races have failed to attract female candidates — lieutenant governor, agriculture commissioner, one seat on the Railroad Commission, and presiding judge and Place 1 on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

For the Texas Supreme Court, the marquee attraction is Place 1, which pits Rene Haas against incumbent Raul Gonzalez. The race offers the most clear-cut division between trial lawyers, expected to back Ms. Haas, and business interests, expected to back Gonzalez.

The other two Supreme Court Democratic primary races also pit a woman against a man — Alice Oliver Parrott against Mike Westergren for Place 2 and Margaret Mirabal against Jimmy Carroll for Place 3.

The number of women running for the Supreme Court is significant because four of the nine seats on the bench could be held by women. In addition to the three seats up for grabs, a fourth seat already is held by a woman — Rose Spector, elected in 1992.

Four women are seeking election to Place 2 on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, which has never had a female judge.

In the race for the Republican nomination for attorney general, Pat Lykos is running an aggressive campaign against three male candidates. Republican officials say the race will be their most competitive.

Four investigated for fraternization

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A goodwill gesture by four non-commissioned Army officers has them under investigation for violating military policies.

The controversy surrounds a Thanksgiving Day meal they cooked for Goodfellow Air Force Base trainees, a possible violation of anti-fraternization policies.

As of Friday, one non-commissioned officer, Army Staff Sgt. Steve Sutherland, had been charged. He was accused of five misdemeanor violations of Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., have confirmed they're investigating whether the four violated policy by cooking the turkey dinner.

Helms is the home-state senator for Sutherland. Kennedy's office was asked to make an inquiry by another non-commissioned officer involved in the case.

The charges center on whether Sutherland violated an order by his company commander, Capt. Marc E. Gonick, and an oral order by permanent party Sgt. Fred P. Guiliano that forbade them to meet with the trainee soldiers.

Sutherland has refused to accept the Article 15 charges.

Instead, he has requested a summary court-martial, which carries penalties including extra duties, fines, reassignment and loss of rank.

Sutherland, who also has filed a complaint with the Army inspector general's office, told the San Angelo Standard-Times he received clearance for the dinner from Guiliano.

"All I want is someone to hear me. I didn't do anything wrong," Sutherland said. "We were not actually eating or socializing together."

Sutherland said he wrote a memo requesting an exception to Army Lt. Col. Ralph E. Ball's policy on fraternization, but did not learn his request was denied until after the food had been purchased the day before Thanksgiving.

"If he had told me, 'Sgt. Sutherland, do not have this dinner,' I wouldn't have had it," Sutherland said. "I understand orders and I would not have done it."

When the first four junior enlisted troops arrived, the officers were finishing the cooking and serving of the food. The group said a prayer together, and then the non-commissioned officers left before most of the junior enlisted personnel arrived, Sutherland said.

Sutherland said he and the other three non-commissioned officers and the class were notified that an investigation was under way late the next week; he was charged Dec. 7.

Drinkard gets reprieve

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A condemned killer will avoid a scheduled trip to the death chamber early Tuesday after a federal judge issued a reprieve.

Richard Drinkard, 36, a carpenter from Mobile, Ala., faced lethal injection for killing three Houston residents with a hammer in November 1985.

U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein issued the reprieve over the weekend after defense attorneys filed a petition asked the execution be halted.

Attorney Doug O'Brien contends jurors were given improper instructions about intoxication as mitigating evidence and that some prospective jurors improperly were not allowed on Drinkard's panel.

Places in the News

EUROPEAN FLOODING

It was a very soggy Christmas for much of northern and central Europe and an equally wet New Year's for much of southern Europe as weeks of storms made much of the region look like the Mississippi Valley did in the United States last spring.

Major rivers all over Europe, including the Rhine, the Rhone, the Marne, the Oise and the Moselle, overflowed their banks, with some recording record flood crests.

The initial round of storms primarily hit France, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands. The worst-affected areas were in southeastern Netherlands, eastern France and low-lying parts of Germany and Belgium. More than 100 cities and towns were flooded.

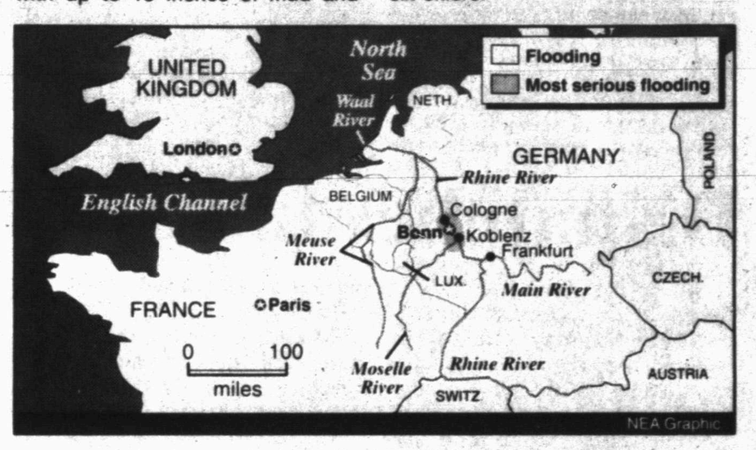
Typical was the German city of Koblenz, located where the Moselle and Rhine rivers meet. When flood water receded, streets were covered with up to 15 inches of mud and 10,000 buildings suffered significant flood damage.

Equally hard hit were Bonn and Cologne. German officials estimated flood damage in four western German states at more than $580 million.

In northern France, thousands were evacuated from their homes as hundreds of houses were damaged, roads were blocked and the Paris-Brussels railway was cut. Paris was not threatened because a series of dams on the Seine kept it below flood stage, although high waters of the Seine forced closure of many underpasses and pathways in the city.

After Christmas another series of major storms hit southern Europe. Several northern regions in Spain were experiencing floods after five days of heavy rain and snow.

The storms also set off a series of avalanches in the Alps, killing at least six skiers.



Familiar GOP faces may run for office

By Jill Lawrence
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Remember Oliver North, President Reagan's swashbuckling national security aide? How about Bernadine Healy, first female head of the National Institutes of Health? And Jim Watt, Reagan's antagonistic interior secretary?

Here they come again.

The Democratic takeover of 1992 is driving some two dozen Reagan and Bush administration alumni to plot possible returns to the inner circle, this time as members of Congress.

North and Healy are running for the Senate and Watt is seriously considering it — proving that even rough rides through the capital wringer don't guarantee future immunity to Potomac fever.

North, a central figure in the Iran-Contra scandal, was indicted and convicted on charges of lying to Congress about the affair. The conviction was later reversed on technical grounds.

Watt was forced out after making a tasteless, politically incorrect joke. Healy, a Bush appointee, had several run-ins with Congress and lost her job after President Clinton's arrival, despite making it clear she wanted to stay.

Senate candidates and prospects this year also include a former labor secretary in Maryland; a former budget director in Virginia; a former undersecretary of defense in New Mexico; and Dan Quayle's former deputy chief of staff in Michigan.

On the tentative House cast list are two former ambassadors, a former assistant army secretary, the former director of an Interior Department bureau, and at least five former U.S. attorneys who were appointed by Republicans and promptly dumped by Clinton.

The motivation of many is simple: They believe Clinton and the majority Democrats in Congress are dismantling the Reagan revolution, and must be stopped.

"We're about to adopt policies that are very difficult to undo — for instance, socialized medicine," says former Reagan budget director Jim Miller, who's competing with North for the GOP Senate nomination in Virginia.

"They want to punish success and reward failure," fumes North Carolina House candidate David Funderburk, who was Reagan's ambassador to Romania and later a consultant to the Education Department.

Clinton's health-care reform proposal is a major target for most of these partisans, but far from the only one. Out West there's ammunition in the president's attempts to reduce subsidies and make other changes in land-use policies.

The reforms would affect grazing, water, mining and timber. "Add all those up and they've basically written us off out here," says Sy Jamieson, who was director of the Bureau of Land Management from 1989-93.

He's looking seriously at running for Montana's single House seat, while Watt may go for an open Senate seat in Wyoming.

Tennessee native Bill Brock, edging ever closer to a Senate bid in Maryland, could be considered overqualified for the job.

He's 63. He's been in the House. He's been in the Senate. He's been chairman of the national Republican Party. He's been the U.S. trade representative. He was labor secretary in the second Reagan term.

And he wants to come back?

"I really am worried about the course and direction of the country," Brock said. "We seem incapable of dealing with any problems."

Still, he admits, his friends have been asking him: "What in the world are you doing?"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jill Lawrence covers politics for The Associated Press.



NEW DRIVER — Bernard "Boxie" Weems, retired longtime Snyder educator, is the new driver for the SPARTAN bus service which operates both a city route and Greyhound route for passengers who qualify. SPARATAN began its Snyder operation a year ago. (SDN Staff Photo)

Weems new driver for SPARTAN bus

Bernard "Boxie" Weems, the new SPARTAN bus driver for Snyder and the surrounding area, began his duties Jan. 3. He replaces Val Nesmith who had been the driver since SPARTAN operations in Snyder began a year ago.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Weems drives the SPARTAN bus anywhere within Snyder's city limits. On Tuesdays and Thursdays he operates the Greyhound route which includes stops at towns in the surrounding area.

In Snyder, the SPARTAN bus is stationed at the Snyder Child Day Care Center and Sandy Fritz serves as the dispatcher.

Weems, a longtime Snyder resident taught school for 23 years and drove a school bus before retiring 2½ years ago. He said he is particularly suited for this job because he has "run a lot of family errands since retiring." His wife is named Patsy.

SPARTAN is a rural public transportation system which provides services for a designated fee to 10 counties besides Scurry. They are Bailey, Borden, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Lubbock, Terry and Yoakum.

Persons qualifying for federal assistance may qualify for partial or fully paid subsidized tickets.

SPARTAN provides access for all citizens within the 11-county area to public places where services or goods are provided for the general public. This includes post offices, shopping centers, doctors' offices, job sites, social services offices and any other location which is considered a public place.

SPARTAN also provides transportation for the disadvantaged, including handicapped persons, elderly persons unable to drive, persons with a temporary disability which has deprived them from the ability to use their own vehicle, members of a one vehicle household in which the breadwinner must use the vehicle to earn a living or to go to a place where he can earn a living therefore making the rest of the household transportation disadvantaged, members of a family in which the driver has lost the privilege to drive because of legal or financial circumstances.

SPARTAN also contributes to energy conservation by combining passengers into one trip where otherwise each passenger would have to use other autos to make the same trip, such as pooling to work sites, pooling to medical clinics, pooling to students traveling to higher education institutions.

SPARTAN also provides transportation to all centers for RHI, family planning, Headstart, WIC, and medical transportation.

Historic church has closed

AUSTIN (AP) — One of the last links to an 1850s German community has ended with the final service at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dessau.

The 118-year-old church held its last service Sunday and is to be deeded over to the Southwestern Texas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. The doors will be locked and the windows shuttered.

Once a viable presence in the community, the church's congregation dwindled from 130 members five years ago to only a handful recently following the departure of a popular pastor.

In early December, congregates voted to close Dessau Lutheran after a yearlong fight to find the money and the membership to survive.

The decision doesn't sit well with many congregates who've never known another church.

"This is home for me," said Harvey Schoen, 69, who was baptized there. "My parents are buried in the cemetery out front (of the church). My grandparents are buried here. My great-grandfather kept books here — it was all in German at that time."

"I'm too upset over it to talk," said member Dorothy Cavitt, 71. "I'm going to miss it too much."

The structure is the last remaining building from the town of Dessau, founded in the 1850s about 12 miles north of Austin and named for Dessau, Germany — hometown to one of the settlers.

Around 1876, members of the German immigrant community pooled their resources and built the church that stands today.

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What causes itchy, painful lashes?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have eyelashes that itch and hurt. As soon as I pull them out, they don't bother me any more. I'm female and wonder what can be done about this problem.

DEAR READER: Painful, itchy eyelashes commonly result from three major causes.

• Infection. Like any hair follicles, the eyelashes can become infected. Ordinarily, the cardinal signs of infection are present — pain, swelling, redness and heat. However, some low-grade infections may cause extremely subtle symptoms, such as discomfort, occasional mucous discharge and a tendency for the lashes to break off. Eyelash infection is treated with antibiotic ointment or drops.

• Ingrown hairs. For unknown reasons, some persons have eyelashes that tend to turn back upon themselves. These ingrown hairs, which may be difficult to see without magnification, cause irritation, itchiness and swelling. Frequently, these hairs can irritate the delicate cornea on the front of the eyeball, leading to the unpleasant sensation of "something in the eye." Ingrown or curled back eyelashes can best treated with removal, as in your case.

• Allergies. Contact dermatitis, a form of skin allergy usually due to a hypersensitivity to cosmetics (such as eyeliner or mascara), will cause itchy, painful eyelashes when the dermatitis affects the eyelids. The condition will cause scaling, cracking and irritation of the skin around the eyelash follicles. Treatment includes the application of cortisone cream — being careful to keep the medicine out of the eye itself (because it may damage the cornea) — and avoidance of the offending cosmetic.

In my opinion, people with the symptoms you describe should be under the care of ophthalmologists. Once the specialist diagnoses the cause of the problem, he or she can suggest treatment. Therefore, I recommend that you arrange an appointment with an eye doctor.

Because eczema and psoriasis, like contact dermatitis, can affect the eyelids, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Eczema and Psoriasis." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to my attention at P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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Galveston County residents take action to squelch noise

GALVESTON (AP) — Those who want to blare their boom boxes in parts of Galveston County may have to pay the piper to do so.

Prompted in part by complaints from residents, communities throughout the county are trying to squelch loud music from boom boxes.

Most of the county's towns have adopted a "boom box" ordinance so people will have to pay for their noise. Those communities without such a law are considering one.

People in Galveston, Texas City and La Marque whose car stereos can be heard or felt at a distance of 50 feet or more have faced fines up to $500 since 1992.

A similar ordinance was passed by the Dickinson City Council in November, and boom box laws are in the works in Hitchcock and Santa Fe.

Experts say loud noise, including music, is dangerous as well as disturbing.

Prolonged contact with noise levels above 85 decibels is considered hazardous. That includes such routine sounds as a lawn mower (90 decibels), a garbage truck (100 decibels), a race car (110 decibels), and a car alarm (120 decibels).

Noise complaints prompted Dickinson's new ordinance, which specifically addresses sound amplification systems in vehicles, said Ralph Garcia, a Dickinson police detective.

"We've had many complaints from citizens, especially at the car washes," Garcia said.

"We adopted it because we do have a problem with the kids with the boom boxes," Garcia said. "Now we've got a way to solve it."

San Antonio taxi driver shoots gunman in cab

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The manager of a taxi company says he's not likely to punish one of his drivers for carrying a gun, even though it's against their rules.

Having the weapon may have saved Antranik Ahos Balkjian's life.

Balkjian likely already was edgy Saturday morning because only 12 hours before he had attended the funeral of a fellow cab driver who had been slain.

Then, when a passenger pulled a gun from his waistband, Balkjian ducked behind the seat and grabbed his .25-caliber semiautomatic, he told police.

As the passenger aimed at his head, Balkjian fired six shots, hitting the man once in the left cheek, according to police.

Balkjian dropped his empty gun, ran to a nearby house and called police.

The passenger fled, broke into a house and crawled into a bedroom, where he was later picked up, police said. Officers found a cocked and loaded 9mm semiautomatic under the bed, police say.

Charged with aggravated assault in Saturday's incident was Gilbert Gallardo, 18. Magistrate Mary Sifuentes set bond at $5,000.

The Bexar County district attorney's office must decide whether to charge Balkjian with unlawfully carrying a gun, said homicide Sgt. Bill Ewell.

Gary Brandenburg, manager of Taxi Express, said Balkjian would not face any disciplinary measures.

"We tell them you ain't supposed to, city rules are you ain't supposed to," he said, "but with everything going on...

"I'm not telling our drivers to carry weapons. In fact, I tell them not to. I think they're more likely to get hurt if they do carry a weapon."

On Tuesday, cab driver Mohammad Reza Ayari was killed in his cab.

Dispatcher talks father through birth

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A father of four got a crash course in childbirth Saturday when a San Antonio emergency dispatcher successfully talked him through the breech birth of his fifth child.

Complications often arise during breech deliveries, during which babies come out feet first instead of head first.

Mike and Sandra Templer's harrowing experience began just after 8:30 a.m., when he dialed 911 to request an ambulance for his laboring wife. He hung up after Sandra, who has a history of speedy deliveries, told him she needed to be immediately driven to the hospital.

Mike called EMS a second time after realizing Sandra could not reach the hospital before the baby's arrival.

Belinda Reichert, a 7-year veteran of the emergency service, took Mike's call. She asked him to determine whether the infant's head was visible.

"He said, 'Oh God, Oh God,' and he started to breathe a little faster," Reichert said. "I said, 'Calm down. If you're going to help your wife, you have to remain calm.' "

Ms. Reichert warned Templer that his wife needed to avoid pushing during contractions, but the baby's body emerged. Paramedics arrived just after she advised him not to pull the child from the birth canal.

"It was fortunate they got there at that time," Ms. Reichert said. "A few minutes later they came over the air to say they had a healthy delivery and we celebrated."

The baby was born safely, and 4-pound, 9-ounce Tyler and his mother were resting comfortably late Saturday at North Central Baptist Hospital.

Sophia Loren considering 3 movies

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Don't put Sophia Loren on the shelf yet. She says she'll be back on screen some day.

Loren, awarded the Desert Palm Achievement Award at the Palm Springs International Film Festival, is thinking about two or three new movies.

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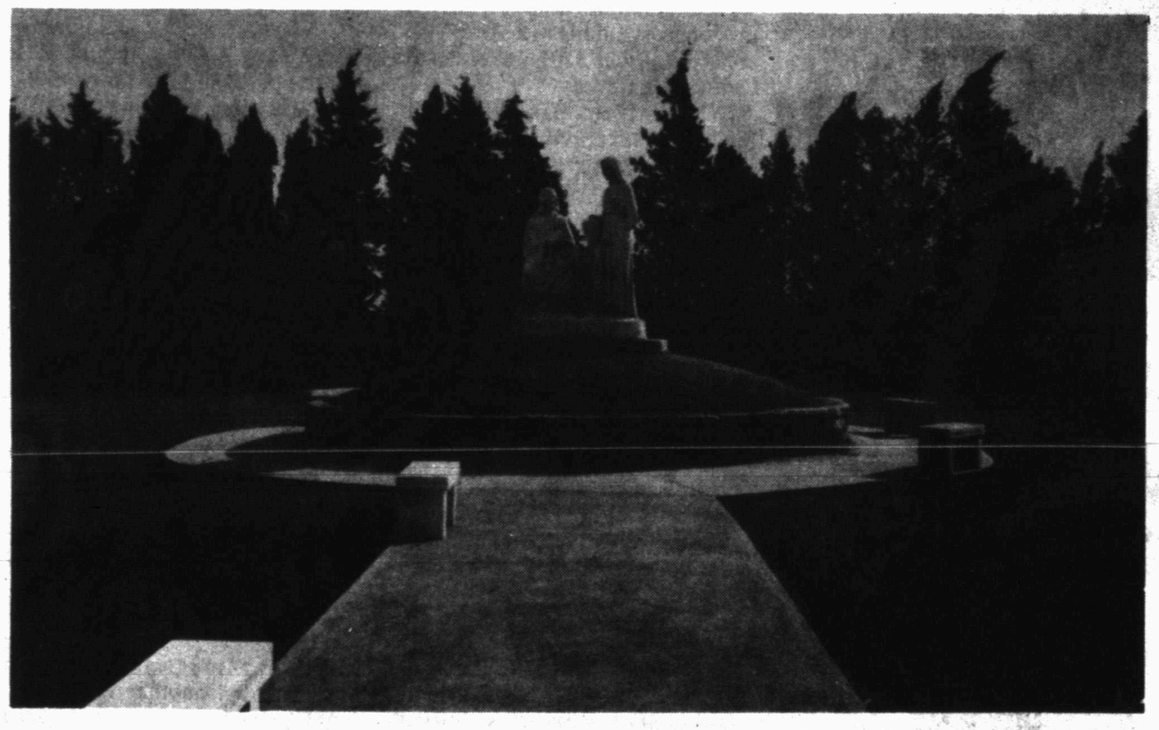

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