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WEDNESDAY

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Ask Us

Q—Where can you purchase radon test kits in Snyder?

A—An informal phone survey indicates that several local businesses, including hardware stores and discount stores, sell radon test kits.

In Brief

Salomon pays

NEW YORK (AP) — Salomon Inc. has agreed to pay $4 million to resolve claims by regulators in 39 states and the District of Columbia stemming from its 1991 Treasury bond scandal, officials said today.

Salomon will pay $2 million into a new nationwide trust fund to be supervised by state securities regulators, and the remaining $2 million will be split among the local governments with each receiving $50,000.

Local

Tourism

Snyder Chamber of Commerce's tourism and retirement committee will hold its regular monthly meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday in the chamber board room.

Model planes

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the TU Electric crew room at 32nd Street and Avenue M.

Visitors and guests are welcome.

Choir club

Snyder High School choir booster club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the choir room to discuss fundraisers and plans for 1993.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

WTC repairs

Most major offices at Western Texas College will be closed Friday to repair the heating system.

Some offices will remain open and the campus itself will not be closed, college officials said.

GED classes

GED classes have begun at Western Texas College and are being held from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays. Instruction is individualized and anyone can start at any time.

Beginning Jan. 19, classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-9 o'clock.

Through the program, 140 people have received their GEDs over the past two years, including 21 this past fall. For more information, contact Gerri Parker at 573-8511, ext. 322.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 45 degrees; low, 31 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 38 degrees; trace precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, .23 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Low in the lower 40s. South wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. High in the mid 50s. South wind 5-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:56. Sunrise Thursday, 7:44. Of five days in 1993, the sun has shone four days in Snyder.

Snyder High School...

Exit-level TAAS results encouraging

Snyder's 11th grade TAAS exit-level scores show up well — in some cases outstandingly well — against the state average.

High School Principal commented on the results after receiving a breakdown of the scores Monday.

"I was very encouraged with the results, which are well above state average," said Patterson. "It's a tribute to the students' effort and their teachers, who have worked hard over the past year."

The most drastic improvement was seen in writing. Two years ago, only 57 percent of SHS's freshmen passed that portion of the TEAMS test. This year, 91 percent of those same students passed the TAAS test as juniors.

"That's a drastic improvement in writing from the time they were in the ninth grade to juniors. We're very pleased with that," said Patterson.

In comparison, only 83 percent of the students statewide passed the writing portion of the TEAMS — Texas Assessment of Adacademic Skills — test.

Eighty-one percent of Snyder 11th graders passed the reading portion, compared to 76 percent across the state. And 65 percent of Snyder juniors passed the math portion, compared to 60 percent statewide.

Students took the tests in October.

"Although in math we were above the state average, I'm not satisfied with where we are," said Patterson. "We have to get the

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IN-SERVICE RECEPTION — Western Texas College instructors Joe Carter, Jim Palmer, Britt Canada and Marilyn Freemyer visit during a reception held this morning to begin faculty in-service for the spring semester. Activities continue Thursday with meetings scheduled throughout the day as well as a program on substance abuse and CPR training for faculty and staff members. (SDN Staff Photo)

Board to consider reinstating hoops program at college

The fate of men's basketball at Western Texas College is expected to be decided Monday evening, when the college board of trustees holds its January meeting.

College President Dr. Harry Krenek said that men's basketball and men's baseball will be on the agenda for the 5:45 p.m. meeting.

Trustees voted 4-3 last June to discontinue men's basketball, at least temporarily, a week after an announcement by coach Kelly Green that he had accepted an assistant's position at UT-Pan American. In making the decision to discontinue the sport, a majority of trustees said they felt that a coach hired in early July would be too far behind in the recruiting process, and could not field a competitive team.

The topic is on the January agenda so that if trustees decide they want to reinstate the program, a coach can be hired and can begin recruiting players for the 1993-94 season.

"It will be on the agenda, and it will be a action item," said Dr. Krenek. "I think the board has some options. They have the option to reinstate the basketball program, and they have the option to continue the situation as it is. Then, of course, they have the option of adding a baseball program or delaying it to some other date."

Krenek said that the possibility of starting up baseball at WTC is not dependant upon any decision trustees make about the basketball program. The board may decide to have both basketball and baseball, either one, or neither, he said.

He also stressed that the college's rodeo program, men's golf and women's basketball are not on Monday's agenda.

"We're not looking at the athletic program. We're looking specifically at men's basketball and

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Mitchell CED barred from holding funds

by The Associated Press

A state district judge has temporarily barred the Mitchell County Education District from withholding funds from Westbrook Independent School District.

Westbrook administrators have requested a hearing before Texas Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno to clear up the matter.

On Tuesday, 32nd State District Judge Weldon Kirk signed a restraining order preventing the Mitchell County entity from withholding the funds from Westbrook.

In late December, the Mitchell CED board voted 2-1 to withhold a portion of 1992-93 CED tax money in return for last year's overpayment of tax funds to Westbrook.

"Originally it had started as an administration process down there (Austin) to resolve the matter," said Meyer. "But when the folks down here chopped off our head, we had to go to court and take this action."

The CED has used Westbrook's updated school attendance records to determine that it overpaid Westbrook more than $73,000 in 1991-92 CED tax money.

Clinton will inherit higher deficit than first estimated

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush projected today that federal deficits will be tens of billions of dollars higher than he estimated just last summer, meaning that President-elect Clinton will inherit a worse budget problem than he discussed during the campaign.

In his last budget before leaving office Jan. 20, Bush said the shortfall for fiscal 1994 will be $292.4 billion — well above the $274.2 billion he projected in July.

Bush also projected deficits rising steadily in future years, hitting $319.8 billion in 1998 unless something is done.

Today's projections are worse because of Congress' delay in providing money to rescue crippled savings and loans — meaning the money will be spent later rather than sooner — and growing health-care costs.

The final Bush budget was a pared-down version of the usual fiscal spending plan that proposed no new programs or shifts in federal spending.

White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater today described it as simply "a summary budget."

"It has essentially two purposes. One is to lay out the programs and the policies ... that the president has fostered in the last four years," he said. It talks about "the progress that's been made (and) the problems that remain."

The other purpose is to lay out "the baseline data that's necessary for the new administration to prepare their budget — deficit, receipts, expenditures, etc.," Fitzwater said. "But it's not a budget in the traditional sense of proposing programs."

Republicans said the new figures would show how hard it will be for Clinton to honor his campaign pledge of cutting budget deficits in half in four years. Democrats said they feared the outgoing president might understate the problem, thereby shifting the blame for unexpectedly high deficits to Clinton.

"We'll end up here in another dispute," said one Democratic aide who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, who is Clinton's choice for treasury secretary, said earlier that a higher deficit projection "reinforces the administration having to work to cut that deficit." He told a news conference Tuesday that trimming the deficit was "not going to be without pain."

The Bush budget is a relatively slim document that provides eight different scenarios showing what the budget would look like for the next five years under differing assumptions about the economy and federal spending.

The deficit for fiscal 1992, which ended Sept. 30, was a record $290 billion.

Just last July, the Bush administration said it expected the budget gaps to be $274 billion in 1994 and $218 billion in 1995. Those figures assumed the savings and loan bailout funds would be provided in 1992.

Clinton will submit his own budget for fiscal 1994 within weeks of taking office.

Iraq must remove missiles or face military retaliation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is set to issue an ultimatum that Iraq remove newly deployed surface-to-air missiles from a safety zone in the south or face allied military retaliation, two U.S. officials said today.

The demand, which could set the stage for another clash with Saddam Hussein before President Bush leaves office in two weeks, is the product of consultation with Britain, France and other allies, the officials said.

The ultimatum would be based on U.N. Security Council resolutions that authorize all necessary means to ensure Saddam's enemies are not subjected to abuses by his regime, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

At the White House, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said "we do not intend to tolerate continued violations" of the United Nations resolutions imposed on Iraq after the Persian Gulf war.

"We don't want to speculate on what action we might take," he said.

"We obviously are quite concerned about the situation in Iraq," Fitzwater said. "We're watching Saddam's actions closely. He has periodically in the last several weeks made attempts to challenge the U.N. and the coalition rules that were set up at the end of the war.

"So we continue to consider various options for enforcing those resolutions. And we do not intend to tolerate continued violations."

At the United Nations, a diplomatic source, speaking on condition of anonymity said the warning will be delivered to the Iraqis on Wednesday or Thursday.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Orthodontia is the dental technique that keeps children braced and parents strapped."

Kevin Combest, son of Snyder teachers Wallace and Bobbie Combest, is a Texas Tech student. Part of the outdoor Christmas decorations at the Combest home was a lighted "Double T" for the Raiderland senior.

During the course of the holidays, Kevin's 3-year-old nephew saw and heard conversations about the lighted T-T on his grandparent's house.

The youngster, Brady Murphy, was getting excited about the holidays and Santa's anticipated arrival. But he also got a little confused about the lettering when he said, "I want to go and see the poo-poo on the house."

Another classic comment about Christmas decorations occurred at the law offices of Cotton and Cotton. Featured there was half a tree suitable for mounting on the wall.

Attorney Dan Cotton said the tree had received several compliments during the holidays. However, right before Christmas, a woman came in with her two daughters to have some legal work done.

During the course of the appointment, Cotton explained how much his fee would be.

On the way out of the office, Dan overheard one daughter say, "Man, at the fees he charges, you think they could afford a whole tree."

In case you don't want to stop celebrating, January presents several opportunities.

Jan. 10-16 is Men Watchers Week. Jan. 11 is Clean Off Your Desk Day and the 15th is Hat Day.

Jan. 21 is National Hugging Day and the 27th is the birthday of Thomas Crapper, inventor of the flush toilet.

Our favorite is the 16th, National Do Nothing Day. It was created by a newspaper man to remind you you don't have to celebrate something every day.

Historic elevator being dismantled; wood to be saved

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — Pieces of Port Arthur history might stretch from the state capitol to Maine by the time workers dismantle a local grain elevator.

"It was built from longleaf yellow pine from the virgin forests of Southeast Texas. Some of it was 200 to 300 years old when it was built," Angela Schnuerle, president of Davies Rail &Mechanical Works Inc., said about the Port Arthur Grain Elevator.

Ms. Schnuerle's Houston-based firm is demolishing the grain elevator for special projects in an attempt to salvage the city's history, she said.

She is asking contractors working on restoring the state capitol to use the wood.

"The grain elevator was built during the Spanish American War. It's the oldest structure of its kind in Southeast Texas," she said.

Kansas City Southern Railroad owns the grain elevator and hired the Houston firm to demolish it. Ms. Schnuerle said the railroad plans to build something else on the property.

It stands near the Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge.

Construction on the grain elevator began in 1897 and was completed by 1893 with about 200 men working on the job, Ms. Schnuerle said.

Because of legal problems, the grain elevator didn't open until 1901, she said. From 1937 to 1938, Port Arthur exported more than 6.6 million bushels of grain. That's compared to about 1.4 million that Houston exported and about 44 million bushels that Galveston exported during the same period.

The elevator remained fully operational until 1985.

Ms. Schnuerle's firm, which primarily makes and restores crane parts to prepare machinery for certification, began dismantling the 163-foot tall grain elevator in April. Her firm has dismantled most of its top three floors.

Officials have donated two truckloads of wood to Port Arthur's Museum of the Gulf Coast. The museum plans to build a pioneer cabin with the wood and window frames from the grain elevator, Ms. Schnuerle said.

It will be authentic in appearance, she said.

Ms. Schnuerle is writing about the grain elevator's history and is taking photos of the demolition process. She said she plans to donate the photos and the videotapes to the museum.

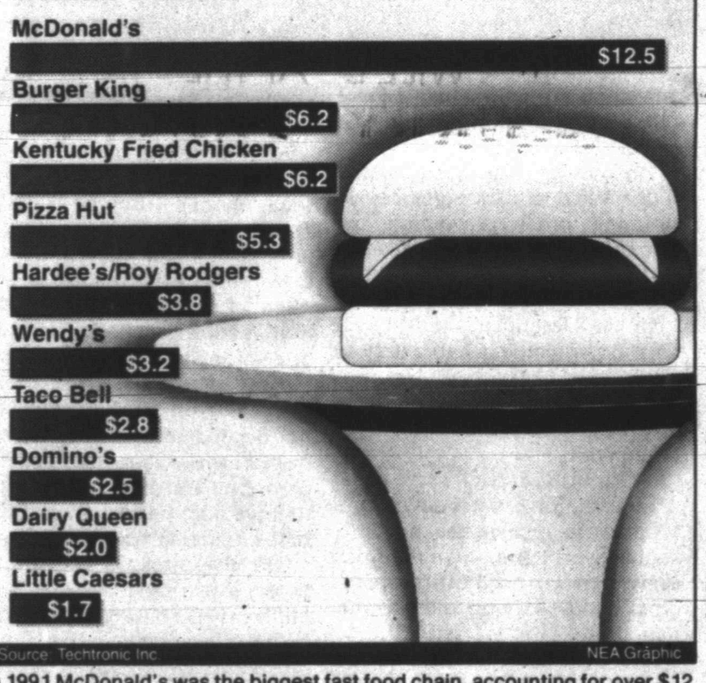
"I have a degree in history, and I own the construction company. I feel that you have to give back a little so others can experience Texas history," Ms. Schnuerle said.

The company also is donating some of the wood to the Clifton Steamboat Museum, which plans to open soon in Beaumont, Ms. Schnuerle said.

A line of furniture also is expected to come from the antique wood, she said.

Fast repasts

The 10 biggest fast food chains ranked by total sales in billions of dollars.



In 1991 McDonald's was the biggest fast food chain, accounting for over $12 billion in sales, more than twice as much as the No. 2 fast food chain, Burger King. The top 10 chains accounted for over $46 billion in sales.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Chance of Winning Big Leaves Woman Counting Her Losses

DEAR ABBY: I am a senior citizen living on a fixed income. I did a very foolish thing — I gave my Visa number over the phone to a person who was calling from Las Vegas about a "contest" I had entered. The prize was $5,000.

I did not ask, nor was I told, what the product was, and how much it was going to cost me to win the $5,000. (To a pensioner, that kind of money looks pretty good, but I should have known better.)

The man told me that the product was a vitamin program that would do much to improve my health. The cost was $800! I immediately asked him to cancel it, as I could not afford that kind of money. He was very insistent, and asked if I was the recipient of the $5,000 award, could I not afford it then?

He harassed me over the phone for a week, after which I handed the phone to my daughter — who told him that I was not interested. He still would not take no for an answer. I then handed the phone to my husband who also told him no. He still insisted.

We tried to stop payment on my Visa, but they could do nothing about it. This person also had a girl telephone our home and ask for me. We recognized her voice from previous phone calls. My family finally told him not to call again, and thank God, he hasn't so far.

Abby, please warn others to find out what they are paying for before they give any numbers over the telephone. I learned the hard way. You may publish my letter, but please do not use my name, as I fear it will cause me further problems with this company. Just sign me ...

"HAD" IN TORONTO

DEAR HAD: I am publishing your letter as a warning to other unsuspecting readers. Never give your credit card number to strangers; you are at their mercy. Remember:

(1) It costs no money to enter a legitimate contest.

(2) Never — under any circumstances — give anyone your credit card with whom you have never done business.

(3) Never give your credit card number to anyone over the telephone unless you have done business with that person (or company) and are absolutely certain he or she is legitimate.

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DEAR ABBY: Hi! My name is LaCresha Caywood. I am 12 years old. I've got long brown hair, brown eyes, I'm very slim, and I love to read.

My mother sent away for your booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know," and it really helped me.

Someday I'm going to be just like you. I want to help people who have problems and tell them how to get along with their parents, their friends, and everyone they meet in life.

I just wanted to thank you for writing that booklet, Abby. After I read it, I felt good about myself.

Love,

LACRESHA CAYWOOD,
ABILENE, TEXAS

DEAR LACRESHA: Thank you for a lovely letter. It made my day!

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in reference to the letter concerning the rude and obscene "one-finger salutes" one frequently sees while driving in heavy traffic.

Well, at least they don't point a pistol at you, which is how some people signal their displeasure in these crazy times.

NOT ONE OF THEM IN OMAHA

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with their peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

One-by-one, candidates fell by wayside

AUSTIN (AP) — At the start, it looked like a chance to play kingmaker.

At the finish, the naming of a new U.S. senator may have looked more like musical chairs than king-of-the-hill as one "favorite" after another dropped from the game.

Gov. Ann Richards on Tuesday ended weeks of speculation by tapping Bob Krueger, former congressman and now Railroad Commissioner, to take Sen. Lloyd Bentsen's place when Bentsen becomes President-elect Clinton's Treasury secretary.

She described her choice as "right for this job and ... right for Texas."

Of the politics behind the agonizing decision, she said, "If it seems that the process took a while, I want to assure you that there's no one in this world who is happier to see its conclusion than I."

Krueger was an early applicant, eager to run. But he apparently wasn't the first front-runner.

He had narrowly lost two prior Senate races — in 1978 against Republican Sen. John Tower and the 1984 Democratic primary against Lloyd Doggett and Kent Hance. Still, administration sources said he got the nod in part because of his ability to raise campaign funds and his 1990 election performance, when his 2,090,000 votes topped even Richards' own total of 1,920,000.

The choice came after a lengthy search that saw one leading Texas Democrat after another step away.

Only days after the Nov. 3 election, rumors circulated that Clinton would choose Bentsen to head his Treasury department.

So, long before Clinton's formal Dec. 10 announcement, Democrats were wondering who Richards might pick to fill Bentsen's seat until a May special election determines who completes the term.

Eyes first turned toward former San Antonio mayor Henry Cisneros, a popular, articulate and polished politician.

But he said no.

Citing family circumstances, including his young son's serious health problems, Cisneros instead accepted Clinton's offer to head the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"The governor has been looking for the perfect candidate and that person doesn't exist. When Henry Cisneros turned it down, it set the governor back," said George Christian, a Democratic consultant and former press secretary for Lyndon Johnson.

Comptroller John Sharp, winner of consecutive statewide elections in 1988 and 1990, passed.

So did Attorney General Dan Morales, who urged Richards to take the job herself.

She wasn't interested.

Republican Congressman Joe Barton of Ennis then beat Richards to the punch — becoming the first candidate to declare for the Senate election. Rep. Jack Fields of Humble, another Republican, quickly followed.

For a moment, former lieutenant governor Bill Hobby blipped onto the radar screen. Just as quickly, he dropped from sight.

The governor's gaze shifted then to a collection of congressmen — Mike Andrews of Houston, John Bryant and Martin Frost of Dallas, and Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs.

But Andrews wrote more than 100 overdrafts at the scandal-plagued House bank and wasn't organized labor's favorite. Bryant, too, had House bank overdrafts.

Frost wasn't that well-known outside Dallas. Chapman got heat from civil rights advocates, gay and lesbian groups and environmentalists.

Richards' self-imposed Christmas deadline passed.

Bentsen laughs off $30,000 cut in pay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Lloyd Bentsen is on the verge of joining President-elect Clinton's Cabinet and it's going to cost him $30,000 a year.

In one of the first actions of the 103rd Congress, the Senate voted Tuesday to roll back the treasury secretary's pay from $148,400 to $99,500.

Bentsen, who is one of the wealthiest members of Congress, makes $129,500 as a senator.

The pay cut is a constitutional requirement. Members of Congress who move to any government position are constitutionally barred from accepting pay increases made during their current term.

"I don't know whether to be flattered or flustered by the speed with which it passed," Bentsen said Tuesday, during what likely will be his final media session with Texas reporters before he vacates the seat he has held for 22 years.

The cutback will be in effect until at least Jan. 3, 1995, when Bentsen's current term would have expired.

He was able to laugh about the pay cut, jokingly saying his wife, B.A., was the one most concerned by it.

"I guess, like the national budget, we'll just have to work on the budget at home," he said.

Bentsen lauded Gov. Ann Richards' announcement Tuesday that she would appoint Texas Railroad Commissioner Bob Krueger as Bentsen's interim replacement until a May 1 special election.

"He will serve the people of Texas and his country with distinction in the United States Senate," Bentsen said. "He is an articulate and informed voice with a deep commitment to critical concerns like jobs, economic growth and deficit reduction."

Bentsen pledged to help Krueger ease into the Senate and to work on his behalf in the upcoming race. He also discounted the fact that some Democrats, including former Attorney General Jim Mattox, haven't rallied to Krueger's side. Mattox likely will run against Krueger.

"I don't know anyone who has ever had all the Democrats united behind them," Bentsen said.

"I think Bob Krueger's going to win it," he said. "I think he's a good choice."

Bentsen was vague when asked if he would campaign in Texas on Krueger's behalf. "He hasn't talked to me about that at this point," Bentsen said.

He assiduously dodged questions about any economic changes he and President-elect Clinton will advocate, saying that he has yet to be confirmed by the Senate.

"I'm already beginning to get a hoarse throat like the president-elect," Bentsen said when asked an economic policy question.

On other subjects, Bentsen said:

—Indications are that the Senate Finance Committee, of which he is chairman, likely will hold his confirmation hearing next Tuesday. The nomination is expected to breeze through without hitch.

—His decision to leave the Senate was "one of the toughest political decisions I've made — and I've made a few in the past." Bentsen said he has "mixed emotions" about his departure. But, he added, "This is another facet of public service and there will be some interesting and exciting challenges."

—He was "delighted" that President-elect Clinton and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari would meet in Austin on Friday. "I think that's the beginning of a working relationship," he said.

Coppell couple wins jackpot

AUSTIN (AP) — A Dallas-area couple have claimed a $3.4 million portion of a lotto jackpot, and more.

Bill and Sheila Irvin of Coppell won a share of the Dec. 26 Lotto Texas drawing, officials said Tuesday.

In addition, the Irvin's ticket included three other sets of figures that matched four numbers — each worth $34 — and another set that matched three numbers, worth $3. Players can select up to five sets of numbers on each ticket.

"I'll see if I can do it again, then I'll write a book," said Bill Irvin.

The other winner from the Dec. 26 drawing has yet to claim their prize, officials said. The ticket was sold at Cracker Barrel Grocery in Granite Shoals.

Also unclaimed was the approximately $5 million jackpot winner from Saturday's drawing. That ticket was purchased at U-Wag-M in Granger.

In a related development, finalists and alternates were selected for the lottery's fourth monthly $1 million grand prize drawing. The drawing will be held Jan. 14 in the Bryan-College Station area.

The finalists are Geronimo Garza of Rosenberg; Mark Lomanaco of Plano; Evelyn Parker of Cross Plains; Roger Staley of Richmond; Rosemary Larsson of Las Cruces, N.M.; Jose Lopez of Corpus Christi; and Paula Vermillion of Fort Worth.

Alternates will be Sueanna Gillespie of San Antonio; Deborah Laird of Bryan; and Gilberto Mendoza of Houston.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 9:30 a.m.

Rotary Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; noon.

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.

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

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; Golden Corral; 6:30 p.m.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

Volleyball for singles, divorced or widowed people; multipurpose building of First Baptist Church; 7 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

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

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

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; 8 p.m.; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information call 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 57-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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 573-2349, 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

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

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

Parents appeal decision

AUSTIN (AP) — The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has been asked to overturn a court settlement that will close two of Texas' institutions for the mentally retarded.

The federal appeals court in New Orleans listened to the challenge by some parents who do not want their children released from the state schools, the Austin American-Statesman reported today.

At issue is a 1991 court agreement, designed to end an 18-year-old class-action lawsuit over inadequacies in Texas retardation services.

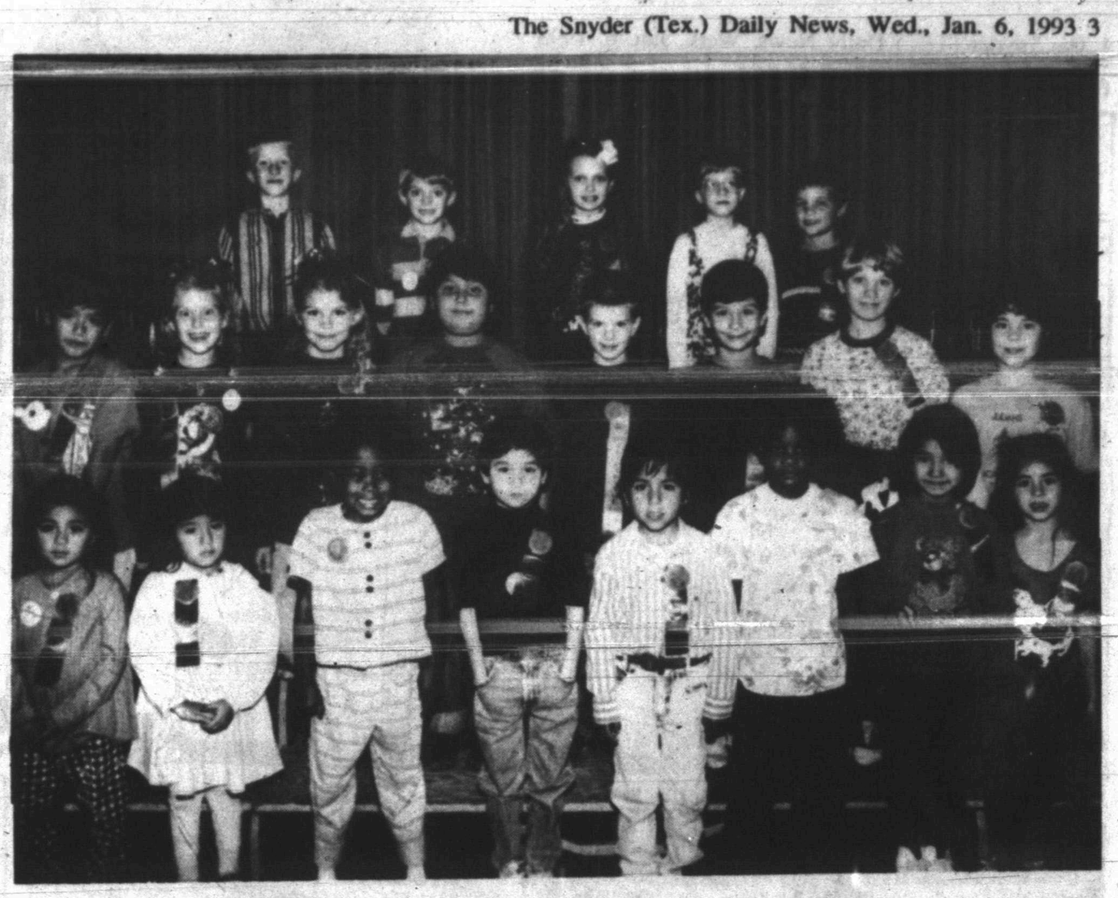
The Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas, or PART, is appealing the settlement supported by the state, which would close Fort Worth State School and Travis State School in far East Austin. The two institutions were chosen by a gubernatorial task force approved by the Texas Legislature.

The long-running lawsuit would be dismissed after one of the institutions closes and 600 retarded Texans have been provided with homes in the community.

PART members oppose closing retardation institutions and fear the agreement will wipe out previously ordered reforms in institutional care in Texas.

U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders of Dallas approved the agreement in December 1991. Gov. Ann Richards last March approved closing the Travis and Fort Worth state schools.

The Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation immediately began the closure process. It plans to close the Fort Worth facility by 1995, and Travis State School by 1999.



AWARDS PRESENTATIONS — Teachers at Central Elementary select one student from their classroom to receive a positive action and super kid selection based upon academic achievement, attitude, citizenship, cooperation, friendliness, good attendance, progress and improvement, thoughtfulness and manners. Selected for December were from left, first row, Elizabeth Dominguez, Cassandra Rodriguez, October Wells, Eric Torres, Rigo Gonzalez, Temeka Wells, Feather Lujan and Yvette Cerda. On the middle row are Gabriel Solis, Andra Lancaster, Vanessa Freeman, Crystal Garcia, Wes Hardin, Jared Fletcher, Marcy Wilson and Kelly French. On the top row are Riki Dorsett, Tyson Kubena, Stormy Clark, Lynn Fogleman and Jason Williams. Not pictured are Salvador Perez Jr., Nita Swan and Craig Bowen. (SDN Staff Photo)

Clintons' pick private school in Washington for daughter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The children of Washington's rich and powerful attend Sidwell Friends school. Chelsea Clinton will soon enroll there, too.

President-elect Clinton ended months of speculation Tuesday about where his only child will attend school in Washington, announcing that she will enroll in the eighth grade at Sidwell Friends, one of the capital's most exclusive private schools, after the Jan. 20 inauguration.

"It's an academically challenging school," said Clinton spokesman George Stephanopoulos. "And it's a school that Chelsea and her parents feel that she'll be challenged and productive and happy in."

The Clinton family said in a statement that the decision for 12-year-old Chelsea to attend Sidwell Friends was made "after many family discussions and careful consideration. As parents, we believe this decision is best for our daughter at this time in her life based on our changing circumstances."

Chelsea attended 850-student Mann Magnet School, a public school in Little Rock, Ark.

Stephanopoulos said the decision was not a rejection of the District of Columbia's public schools, which have been plagued by low test scores, money problems, guns in classrooms and the nation's highest dropout rate. Rather, he said, it was the result of an effort to make sure the Clintons found the right environment for their daughter.

Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly said she was disappointed but respected the family's choice.

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Barry Williamson sworn in as RR commissioner

AUSTIN (AP) — Barry Williamson has been sworn in to the Texas Railroad Commission, becoming only the second Republican to be elected to the board this century.

Former Republican congressman Kent Hance, who served as Williamson's campaign chairman, had been a member of the commission in 1988.

In a brief speech following Tuesday's swearing-in ceremony, Williamson, 35, thanked his supporters and renewed his campaign promise to provide the state with more jobs.

"Too many Texans are without work. I know this and I will work to fight for policies and regulations that will create jobs for Texans," he said.

State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison, also a Republican, said Williamson would provide the commission with the experience needed to frame a high energy policy for the state.

"He brings leadership firmly grounded in hands-on experience in the energy business," she said.

Williamson defeated Democrat Lena Guerrero in the November general election to capture the spot. Ms. Guerrero, appointed to the commission by Gov. Ann Richards, resigned in September after acknowledging that she did not receive the University of Texas diploma she had claimed for 12 years.

Williamson headed the federal Minerals Management Service under President Bush and served as adviser to the U.S. Secretary of Energy under Ronald Reagan.

He joins Chairman Jim Nugent on the commission. Commissioner Bob Krueger on Tuesday was selected as interim replacement for U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen. It is not yet known who will replace Krueger.

Starving, diseased dogs are seized

VENUS (AP) — Dozens of starving and diseased dogs were seized Tuesday from cages, a shed and trailer home that authorities said were littered with waste.

The Humane Society of North Texas took control of the 31 dogs, with at least six suffering from mange and other ailments.

"These dogs are in very poor health," said Robin Crisman, a veterinarian.

Seven greyhounds were found inside the trailer, where they had been living with an 87-year-old woman and her daughter. Authorities identified the younger woman as the animals' owner.

The building's floor was covered in feces and urine, said Cheryl Hunter, a humane society investigator.

The trailer had no running water or sewer system, officials said.

The home was visited by Texas Department of Human Services case workers to determine the elderly woman's welfare.

A hearing was pending Tuesday. The pet owner could face criminal charges, authorities said.

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By Phillip Alder

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The magician from Scotland

By Phillip Alder

If you bought and enjoyed "The Best of Robert Gray, Book One," you are sure to want Book Two ($5.50, The Bridge World, 39 West 94th Street, New York, NY 10025-7124).

Gray, who lives in Scotland, wrote many excellent articles for The Bridge World magazine. The material is advanced, but the text is lucid and entertaining.

Today's deal comes from the chapter entitled "The Ace of Spades Woman." Against four hearts, West cashed his top diamonds, showing a doubleton in the process. (Ace from A-K, when not doubleton, is traditional in Britain.) Then West switched to the club 10. How should South plan the play?

The one-heart opening is standard in Britain, where four-card majors and the weak no-trump reign supreme. The two-spade rebid was aggressive.

Declarer won the club switch in hand and drew trumps. Having placed East with the spade ace, South planned to lead a low spade through East and duck a spade on the way back, hoping to bring down the ace. But just in case the ace was singleton, declarer decided to eliminate the clubs first. Then, when in with the spade ace, East would have to concede a fatal ruff-and-discard.

Everything looked promising for a Southerly victory, but on the third round of clubs, East discarded the spade ace. Now declarer couldn't avoid two spade losers: one down.

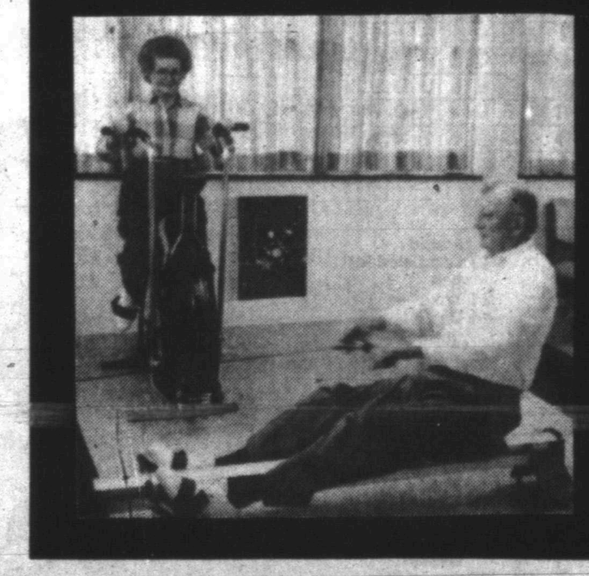
Declarer was guilty of not counting. Once East followed to three hearts and two clubs, 12 of her cards were known. Declarer had to assume the 13th was the spade ace, and should have led the suit after the second round of clubs.

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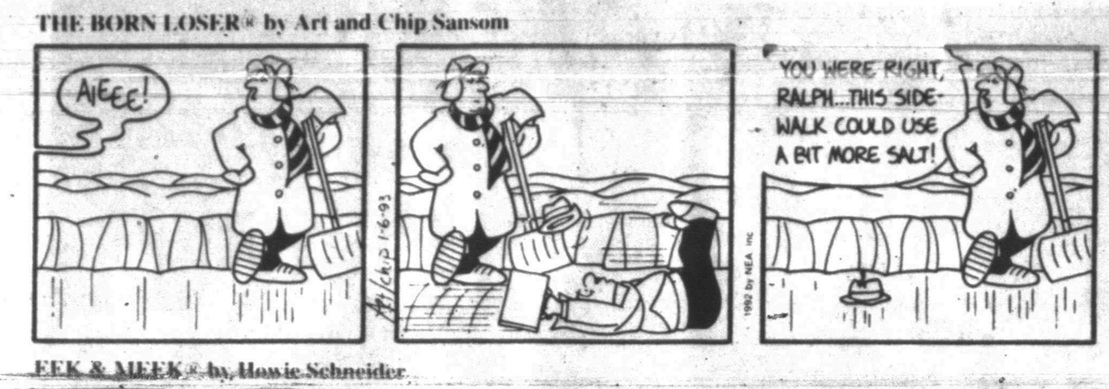
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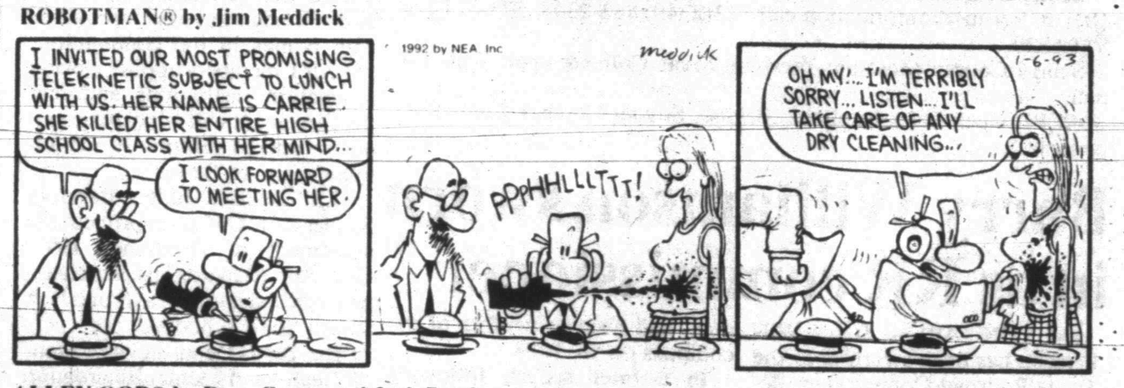
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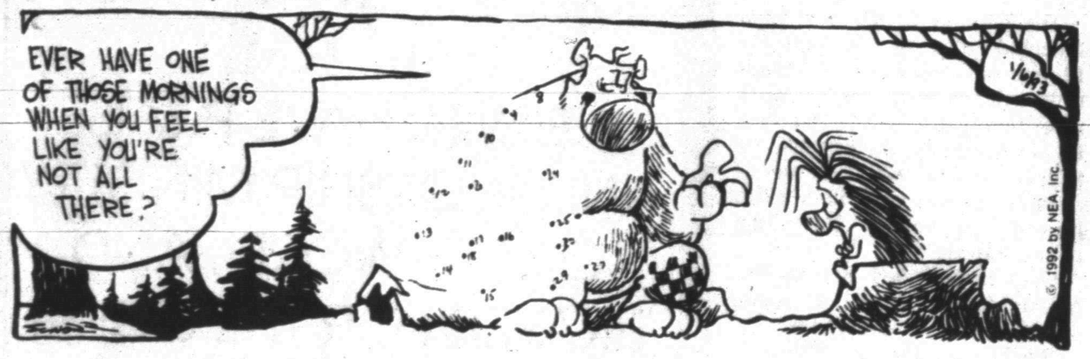
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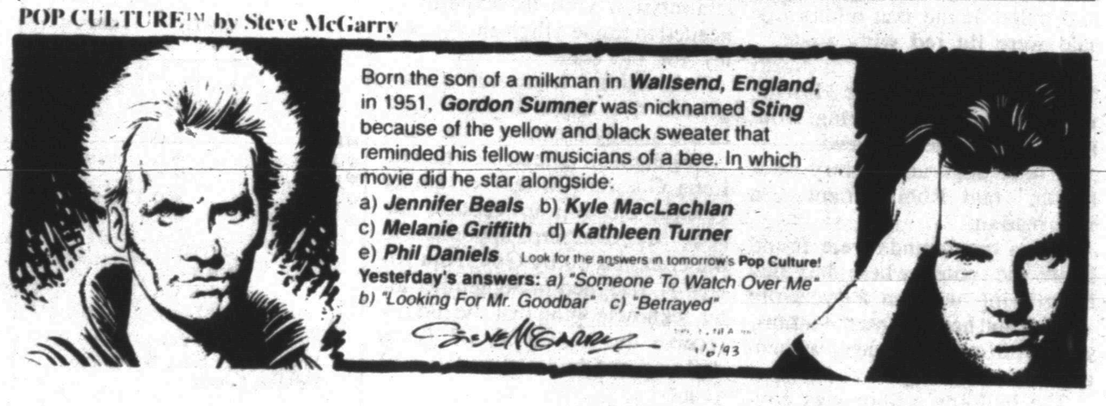
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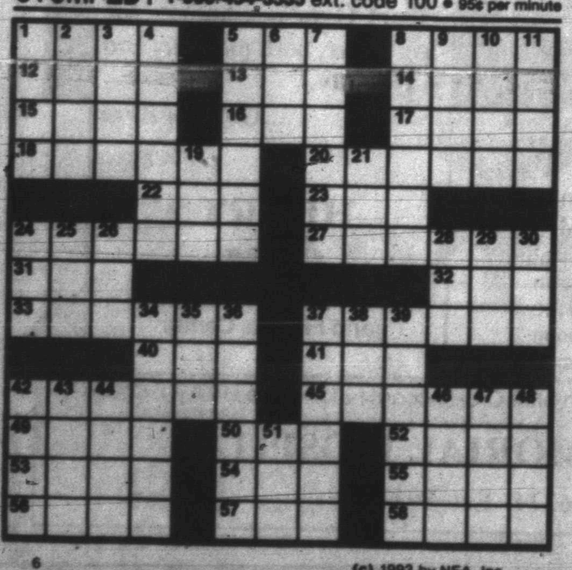
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Non-district basketball...

Tigers drop Lubbock High

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

Snyder coach Bud Birks thought Tuesday's 61-53 non-district basketball win over 5A Lubbock High was just what the doctor ordered.

"This is how we're capable of playing," the Tiger coach said, "and how we'll have to play to be competitive in our district.

"We've got to play hard like this all the time. When we play this way, it seems to be infectious. Everybody plays this way."

The Tigers bolted to a a 17-10 first-quarter lead on the strength of their long-distance game.

Anthony Alvarez, Jon Patrick and Tyson Cromeens each canned a three-pointer to give SHS a 7-point cushion heading into the second period.

The lead grew to 12 points, 29-17, with three minutes to go before halftime when Tiger senior Tory Garza slammed a put-back off an offensive rebound.

The Westerners made a brief run, pulling to within 29-21 on a short jumper by James Hernandez and a pair of free throws by Jason Guven.

Alvarez sank his second three of the game to lift Snyder to a 32-21 advantage at intermission.

The Tigers defense took over in the third, giving up only four points, while the offense extended the margin to as much as 21 points.

Snyder went up, 43-22, when Cory Lelek snapped the cords from the top of the key. Guven, who finished with 15, slipped in for two layups and Snyder's Chris Stansell answered with a bucket from inside the paint to put SHS in the drivers' seat, 45-26, with one quarter to go.

A combination of an intensified LHS offense and a defensive letdown on the Tigers' part let Lubbock back in the game.

The Westerners scored 27 fourth-quarter points, getting as close as six before Snyder closed the door.

Guven capped the Lubbock rally with a 3-pointer with 1:02 remaining, setting the score at 55-49.

Stephen Bollinger hit two free throws and Alvarez nailed four in the last minute to assure Snyder of the win.

"I guess we let up a little bit," said Birks. "They did some good things and we were a little too casual in the fourth quarter, but I guess that can happen. You can get a little complacent when you get a big lead."

Snyder senior Adrian Sneed poured in 14 points, Alvarez finished with 11, including a 5-of-6 night at the line, and Garza had seven.

Reggie Sampson topped all scorers, hitting 17 for Lubbock.

The win lifts the Tigers to 12-5 on the season. They visit Midland Greenwood Friday, then entertain Seminole Tuesday before beginning District 2-4A play with a home battle against Frenship Jan. 15.

Snyder's junior varsity moved to 12-5 on the season Tuesday also, ripping Lubbock High, 72-49.

Reagan Key, who accounted for the game's only 3-pointer, and Ricky Post each put in 22 points to share high-score honors.

Varsity

Lubbock	10	11	4	27	-53
Snyder	17	15	13	16	-61

LUBBOCK (53) — Garza 1 0-0 2; Harris 1 0-0 2; Gonzales 2 1-3 5; Guven 5 3-6 15; Sampson 6 5-5 17; Hopkins 2 2-2 6; TOTALS 20 11-16 53.

SNYDER (61) — Alvarez 2 5-6 11; Lelek 1 0-0 2; Griffin 1 0-0 2; Cromeens 1 0-0 3; Collins 2 3-4 7; Sneed 4 6-9 14; Garza 4 1-2 9; Bollinger 1 2-2 4; Henry 2 0-0 4; Stansell 1 0-0 2; Patrick 1 0-0 3; TOTALS 20 17-23 61.

3-point goals: Snyder 4 (Alvarez 2, Cromeens 1, Patrick 1); Lubbock 2 (Guven 2). **Fouls:** Snyder 11, Lubbock 16. **Fouled out:** none. **Records:** Snyder 12-5, Lubbock 8-9.

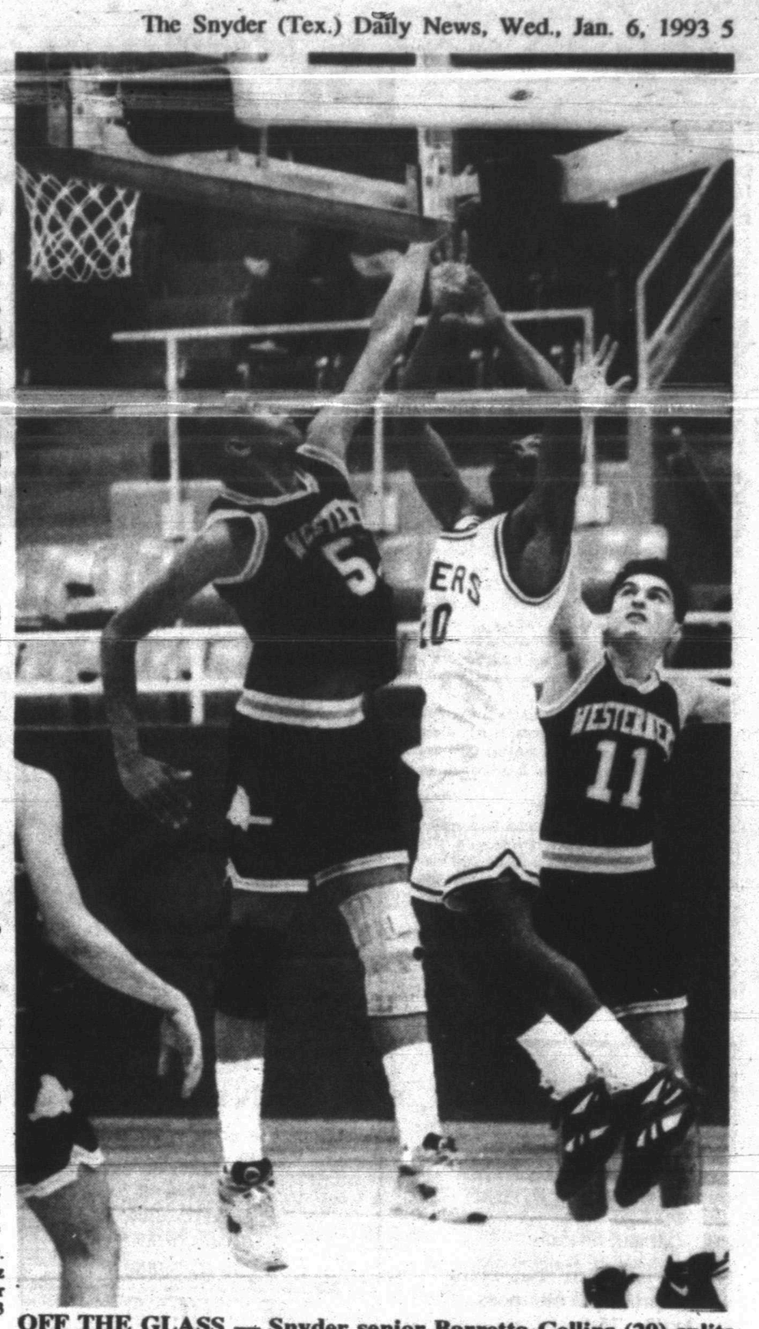
Junior varsity

Lubbock	12	10	8	19	-49
Snyder	23	13	18	8	-72

LUBBOCK (49) — Garcia 6 2-2 15; Gristy 2 0-0 4; Loden 3 0-0 6; Mata 0 0-2 0; Hardaway 3 0-0 7; Buchanan 1 0-0 2; Belcher 3 1-2 8; Little 1 1-2 3; Melcher 2 0-0 4; TOTALS 21 4-8 49.

SNYDER (72) — Aguirre 1 0-0 2; Martinez 3 1-3 7; Key 5 11-14 22; Krenek 2 3-5 7; Gober 1 2-4 4; Post 10 2-4 22; Love 1 0-0 2; Walker 3 0-0 6; TOTALS 26 19-30 72.

3-point goals: Snyder 1 (Key); Lubbock 3 (Garcia 1, Hardaway 1, Belcher 1). **Fouls:** Snyder 13, Lubbock 20; **Fouled out:** Little. **Record:** Snyder 12-5.



OFF THE GLASS — Snyder senior Barretta Collins (20) splits Lubbock High defenders Henry Garza (11) and Reggie Sampson (51) for a bucket. The Tigers dropped the Westerners, 61-53, in a non-district tilt Tuesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Girls' cage action...

Central hands SHS 45-25 loss

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

A 16-5 third-quarter burst by the San Angelo Central Lady Bobcats broke open a close game and sank the Snyder Lady Tigers, 45-25, in non-district basketball action Tuesday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Trailing only 16-10 at the half, the Lady Tigers wilted under the Lady 'Cats' second-half press.

"The second half difference was that we just quit running against their press," reported SHS coach Jerry Tucker.

"We didn't fill our lanes and go, we just stood there and they kept moving. They got some turnovers there and that was the big difference.

"We lost our concentration and started rushing things."

The Snyder defense limited Central, now 11-8, to just 10 points in the first quarter, keeping the visitors off the scoreboard for the first four minutes, then allowed only six second-period points.

"Our defense played well in spots," Tucker said, "but we got out of synch. I think they were probably a little more patient than we are, too. We were real patient in the first half, moving the ball and waiting for a good shot. That's what hurt our defense in the second half. We couldn't control the ball and slow them down."

Tucker felt like Central's second-half spurt was a matter of intensity.

"They just upped it a notch," he said. "I've seen them play and they're good. We tried to stay with them and we just couldn't.

"Plus, they held Annie (Ragland) to just two points, both from the line. When Annie scores, we are able to stay competitive. When they keep her out like they did tonight, It takes away a lot of our offense."

Ragland, averaging over 10 points a game for the season, is the Lady Tigers' leading scorer.

The defense-oriented first half started with Snyder in a 4-2 hole with 2:25 left in the opening frame.

The advantage stretched to 10-4 on a back-door layup by Vickie Stephenson before Shayna Crow pulled the Lady Tigers to within four with a running layup.

Stephanie Fambro made Snyder's only second-quarter points, banging home a 12-foot jumper and converting a pair of free tosses.

The game's leading scorer, Jennifer Giddens, who finished with 14, had four in the frame and Central's Celia Weaver hit a pair of freebies to set the tally at 16-10 at the half.

The third quarter belonged almost exclusively to the Lady 'Cats, who stuffed Snyder's offense and got 16 points, 10 off turnovers, to put the game out of reach.

Kristen Huff was the Lady Tigers' top producer with eight points. Fambro finished with five and Crow wound up with four.

Vanessa Garcia added seven for the San Angelo squad.

Central also took the Tuesday JV battle, knocking off Snyder, 31-21, in spite of a 7-point night by Jamie Prather, six from Marisa Barrera and Edwina Brooks' four.

Snyder's varsity falls to 3-14 on the year, and will open District 2-4A competition Friday at Lamesa.

"We've played some good, top-quality non-district opponents" Tucker said, "so if we're not ready for the district schedule, if we don't know what we're getting into, we won't ever know."

"We'll play teams this good or better, as far as talent and hustle. We've got to get with it and hope for some upsets."

Varsity

Central	10	6	16	13	-45
Snyder	6	4	5	10	-25

Leading scorers: Snyder — Huff 8, Fambro 5, Crow 4, Ragland 2, Clay 2, Crawford 2, Patterson 2; Central — Giddens 14, Garcia 7. **Fouls:** Snyder 22, Central 18. **Foul out:** Snyder — Worthen; Central — Weaver. **3-point goals:** none. **Records:** Snyder 3-14, Central 11-8.

Junior varsity

Central	9	5	10	7	-31
Snyder	2	6	4	9	-21

Leading scorers: Snyder — Prather 7, Barrera 6, Brooks 4.

Cards top Blackwell in loop opener

BLACKWELL — The Hermleigh Cardinals, struggling to a 2-8 non-district record, opened the District 27-A campaign Tuesday with a 67-65 win over Blackwell.

Bill Breitweiser provided the spark for Hermleigh, pouring in a game-high 33 points.

Hermleigh started quickly, getting a 20-10 first quarter lead, then falling behind, 29-26 at the half. A 26-22 surge in the third gave the Cards a 1-point margin and a 15-14 fourth period iced the outcome.

Daniel Hermosillo canned eight points for Hermleigh and Joey Sanchez and Chris Velasco each got five.

Joey O'Malley accounted for 28 for Blackwell, now 9-7.

Hermleigh's girls didn't fare as well Tuesday, falling 66-35 to the Lady Hornets.

Blackwell's girls bolted to a 40-15 halftime lead and never looked back.

Susan Williams led all scorers, hitting 14 for Blackwell. Connine Payne canned nine and Jennifer Velasco managed eight to lead Hermleigh.

The Lady Cards fall to 4-9 on the year while Blackwell moves to 11-5.

Hermleigh's next outing will be a Friday visit to Westbrook.

Boys

Hermleigh	20	6	26	15	-67
Blackwell	10	19	22	14	-65

Leading scorers: Hermleigh — B. Breitweiser 33, Hermosillo 8, Sanchez 5, Velasco 5. Blackwell — O'Malley 28. **Records:** Hermleigh 3-8, 1-0; Blackwell 9-7, 0-1.

Girls

Hermleigh	11	4	10	10	-35
Blackwell	19	21	10	16	-66

Leading scorers: Hermleigh — Payne 9, Velasco 8, Gannaway 5. **Records:** Hermleigh 4-9, 0-1; Blackwell 11-5, 1-0.

Hornets rally for 54-49 district win over 'Dogs

ROSCOE — The Ira Bulldogs led for three quarters Tuesday, before falling to Highland, 54-49, on a fourth-quarter 18-12 run by the Hornets in both teams' District 27-A opener.

Ira's girls lost on Tuesday, as well, falling 53-31 to the Lady Hornets.

The Bulldogs led 18-15 at the end of the first quarter, and clung to a 28-25 lead at halftime. The pad slipped to 37-36 in the third before the decisive last-quarter rally by the Hornets.

Justin Box of Ira and Highland's Toby Harbuck shared scoring honors with 24 points apiece.

Jim Gorman added 13 for the 'Dogs and Brett Miller chipped in 20 for the Hornets.

Ira slips to 6-7 overall while Highland moves to 5-10.

The Lady Bulldogs trailed by just seven at the half, 23-16, before a disastrous 30-15 second half sent them to 2-8 on the campaign.

Zula Moore canned 22, Joanna Cornutt and Brandy Summerlin had 10 for the Lady Hornets.

Mauricia Rosas led Ira with eight points. Jody Rankin chipped in seven and Jennifer Rankin had five.

Ira will resume its loop schedule Friday when the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs host Loraine.

Boys

Ira	18	10	9	12	-49
Highland	15	10	11	18	-54

Leading scorers: Ira — Box 24, Gorman 13, Hughes 4, Haynes 4, Beltz 2, Henderson 2; Highland — Harbuck 24, Miller 20, Bankhead 4, Stewart 4. **Records:** Ira 6-7, 0-1; Highland 5-10, 1-0.

Girls

Ira	3	13	11	4	-31
Highland	15	8	18	12	-53

Leading scorers: Ira — Rosas 8, Jody Rankin 7, Jennifer Rankin 5; Highland — Moore 22, Cornutt 12, Summerlin 10. **Records:** Ira 2-8, 0-1; Highland 9-5, 1-0.

District 27-A

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Boys

Team	Season		District	
Loraine	8	3	1	0
Highland	5	10	1	0
Hermleigh	3	8	1	0
Blackwell	9	7	0	1
Ira	6	7	0	1
Westbrook	6	8	0	1

Tuesday, Jan. 5
Hermleigh 67, Blackwell 65
Highland 54, Ira 49
Loraine 86, Westbrook 60

Friday, Jan. 8
Hermleigh at Westbrook
Loraine at Ira
Blackwell at Highland

Girls

Team	Season		District	
Blackwell	11	5	1	0
Highland	9	5	1	0
Westbrook	5	9	1	0
Loraine	7	6	0	1
Hermleigh	5	9	0	1
Ira	2	8	0	1

Tuesday, Jan. 5
Blackwell 66, Hermleigh 35
Highland 53, Ira 31
Westbrook 58, Loraine 46

Friday, Jan. 8
Hermleigh at Westbrook
Loraine at Ira
Blackwell at Highland

Mr. October is elected into Hall on first vote

NEW YORK (AP) — Reggie Jackson stands alone this morning, just like he did so many times in his career.

The man who sent balls soaring off light towers and bouncing into bleachers at the most dramatic moments will be introduced today as the newest member of the Hall of Fame. No one else will share his spotlight, which seems appropriate for a player who talked about "the magnitude of me."

Jackson was named on 396 of 423 votes cast, the Baseball Writers Association of America announced Tuesday night. His 93.6 percentage was the 10th-highest ever, easily topping the 75 percent necessary for entry to the Hall. And he became the 29th player elected in the first year of eligibility, including the original five.

Phil Niekro, also in his first year of eligibility, fell 40 votes short with 278 for 65.7 percent. Orlando Cepeda (252), Tony Perez (233) and Steve Garvey (176) followed.

"I don't know. Maybe 318 wins are not enough," said Niekro, the only eligible 300-game winner not in the Hall. "Maybe I'll have to go out and win some more games."

Pete Rose got 14 write-in votes which don't count, down from 41 last year, when he would have been eligible for the first time. A Hall of Fame rule prohibits banned players from appearing on the ballot.

This was the first year since Willie Stargell in 1988 that only one player was elected by the writers. Jackson will be inducted into the Hall at Cooperstown, N.Y., on Aug. 1 along with anyone elected by the veterans' committee, which meets in March.

He called himself "the straw the stirs the drink" and earned the title "Mr. October" for his World Series heroics with the New York Yankees.

Blazers dump hapless Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers fought off the temptation to take the Dallas Mavericks lightly.

That's not as easy as it seems considering Dallas' 2-24 record, easily the worst in the NBA.

Jerome Kersey led six double-figure scorers with 17 points Tuesday night as the Trail Blazers handed the Mavericks a 109-95 defeat, their ninth consecutive loss.

The threat of an embarrassing loss motivated the Trail Blazers.

"No way do you want that to happen to you," forward Buck Williams said. "You don't want a team like that to sneak up on you."

The Trail Blazers finish a three-game tour of Texas with games in Houston on Thursday night and San Antonio on Saturday night.

"We talked before the game about needing to win this game because it was the start of a road trip," Portland coach Rick Adelman said. "Those guys are still professionals over there. Tonight we needed a good effort from everybody."

Rod Strickland and Terry Porter added 16 points each to help the Blazers to their fifth victory in their last seven games.

Kennedy gets '92 AP honor

SEATTLE (AP) — Defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy did it in spite of the Seattle Seahawks.

The Seahawks, after all, had a 2-14 record this past season and scored the fewest points for an NFL team in a 16-game season. Still, Kennedy was recognized as The Associated Press defensive player of the year.

It's one of the most incredible accomplishments in pro football history.

"It's monumental," Seahawks coach Tom Flores said. "You don't get a lot of recognition on a team that wins only two games."

"The award says it all," Seattle linebacker Rufus Porter said. "Tez had a helluva season. He made it look easy."

"I never thought I'd get an award like this this year," an excited Kennedy said. "It means the world to me."

Kennedy is only the third player from a losing team to be recognized as the league's top defensive player since the AP began tabulating votes from its member newspapers on NFL awards in 1973.

Bears fire Ditka after 5-11 season

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Mike Ditka's 11 years as coach of the Chicago Bears ended in an emotional firing that lasted less than six minutes.

The 53-year-old Ditka, who led the Bears to the 1986 Super Bowl title, was dismissed nine days after the end of a disastrous 5-11 season.

Ditka, who will remain with the team as a consultant, had a 106-62 regular-season record with the Bears.

SHS frosh rip Abilene, 83-24

Beau McLeod hit for 16 points, leading a group of five Snyder players in double figures Monday as the SHS freshmen A team hammered Abilene High, 83-24.

Jeff Hobbs finished with 14, Wayne Braziel had 13 and Matt Parker and Page Patterson each chipped in 11 for the Tigers.

Snyder's B team completed the sweep, taking a 47-41 win from the AHS Eagles, on the strength of Marlowe Riggins' 22 points.

The SHS frosh will compete in the Big Spring Tournament Friday and Saturday.

SDN sports week

Thursday, Jan. 7

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WTC Lady Dusters at Blinn Classic in Brenham.
Snyder Junior High girls at Lamesa. Games start at 5 p.m.
Snyder freshmen girls at Lamesa at 7:30 p.m.
Snyder 7th grade B girls at Christ the King Tournament in Lubbock.
Hermleigh Junior High at Blackwell Tournament.

Friday, Jan. 8

Basketball
WTC Lady Dusters at Blinn Classic in Brenham.
Snyder varsity and JV boys at Greenwood. JV game at 5 p.m. Varsity game at 6:30 p.m.
Snyder varsity and JV girls at Lamesa. JV game at 6:30 p.m. Varsity game at 8 p.m.
Hermleigh at Westbrook. Games start at 6:30 p.m.
Ira hosts Loraine. Games start at 5 p.m.
Snyder freshmen boys at Big Spring Tournament.
Snyder 7th grade B girls at Christ the King Tournament in Lubbock.
Hermleigh Junior High at Blackwell Tournament.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Basketball
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Couple battles to keep cats

WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE, Texas (AP) — The fur is flying here as a couple fights a local law limiting the number of cats they can keep.

The ordinance in this tidy Houston enclave says William and Judy Hauser can have three cats. The Hausers have six they want to keep.

During a hearing Tuesday night, Municipal Court Judge Tom A. Taylor set a Jan. 27 trial date.

An anonymous neighbor ratted on the Hausers, West University police say. A police officer and animal control officer then issued the Hausers a citation ordering them to appear before the judge.

The Hausers, who moved here recently from Boston, appeared in court Tuesday with several supporters ready to plead the case for keeping Buster Brown, Aristotle, Sophie, Golda, Apollo and Lucky.

Attorney Jim Cornell said he may try to reach a settlement with the city before the trial.

The Hausers declined to comment Tuesday, but have said they wouldn't have moved to the upper-middle-class community if they had known such laws existed. They also have said they would rather move than part with any of their cats.

"Perhaps we ought to amend it," said Mayor Whitt Johnson. "I am willing to take a second look at it. But I think the majority of our citizens want the ordinance enforced."

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Teenager recants rape story, police scoff at new version

HOUSTON (AP) — A 17-year-old Houston girl who said her father raped her repeatedly and tortured her with hot knives, razors and pliers has recanted her tale.

But police investigators believe the girl is acting under pressure from family members who were privy to the abuse but didn't turn in the "breadwinner" of the family.

Both the name of the father and teen-ager have been withheld by the Houston Chronicle because of the girl's original accusations.

But on Tuesday, the teen-ager demanded that the prosecutor drop charges against her father.

She said she made the story all up for revenge and greed, and that guilt brought her back to tell the truth. Prosecutors say that without an official statement from the girl, their hands are tied.

The badly scarred teen came to police in November with a collection of wounds after she reportedly jumped out of her father's moving car and ran for help.

Harris County prosector Natalie Fleming said the girl was with family members when she came to see her last week and "never wavered" as she gave her explanations for much of the physical damage to her body.

Her motive, she said, was to get back at her father for withholding a check worth several hundred dollars owed her from a recent car accident the two were involved in.

For the scar tissue on her face and legs, she blamed another, more devastating car accident that left her hospitalized. Earlier, she told investigators those wounds happened over the course of several months, after her father found out she had a boyfriend.

Her father then kept her from school and locked her in his apartment to administer punishment without interruption. The burn wounds were supposedly from knives, heated on the stove and touched to her skin. The other scars, she reported, were from razors that her father used to slash at her.

A scar stretched across her abdomen was self-inflicted to advance and enhance her revenge plot, the girl told Ms. Fleming.

Her randomly cropped hair was "always short," Ms. Fleming said she was told, and was not from her father's rages with razors. Her front tooth, broken off, was not smashed by her father wielding pliers but in the major car accident, the teen-ager told prosecutors.

The girl wanted to set the story straight because "she said she felt bad about what she had done and that she now realizes what he is facing because of the lie she initially told," Ms. Fleming recounted.

Medical records are somewhat consistent with her story of the accident, the prosecutor said, and it is feasible some of the wounds came from it.

But without the complaining witness, the case may not see a courtroom.

"Based on the information that she gave me and what I was able to check out of her story, I can't say that I was convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that he was guilty," Ms. Fleming said.

Police were skeptical about the revised story.

"I personally believe that someone else did that to her, and that if something isn't done about it and she goes back there (into her home environment), it could happen again," Houston police family violence Sgt. Mike Lewellen said. "That, or something worse."

The girl said she lived with her mother until child protection workers learned the woman was a drug addict, and sent her to her father.

During the initial investigation, she said her 42-year-old father started attacking her sexually on a regular basis when she was 12.

The father, whose criminal record began with a narcotics conviction in the late 1960s, was convicted of raping another child — not one of his own — in the late 1970s. Paroled, he was returned to prison on a conviction for aggravated assault in September 1990. After serving 13 months, he was paroled again in October 1991.

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Child neglect said reaching epidemic status in the U.S.

By The Associated Press

The case of two young Illinois girls left home alone while their parents went to Mexico on a nine-day Christmas vacation has drawn howls of outrage from parents everywhere.

Children's advocates say it's just one more case — albeit an extreme one — in an epidemic of child neglect in America.

State child-welfare agencies received 1.2 million reports of neglect nationwide in 1991, and investigators substantiated neglect in about 40 percent of them, according to the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse.

Reported cases are "just the tip of the iceberg," added Peter Berliner, spokesman for the Children's Alliance, an advocacy group in Seattle.

Alcoholic or drug-addicted parents regularly neglect their children, he said. Poor working parents, especially single parents, often leave their children alone because they can't afford or find day care.

"While the Illinois case may be dramatic, it's only in degree," Berliner said. "Kids get left alone more than we'd like to admit. A large number are essentially raising themselves."

Joy Byers, a spokeswoman for the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse, said child neglect "crosses all the lines — social, economic, racial."

David and Sharon Schoo lived in a comfortable, Tudor-style home in St. Charles, a suburb of Chicago. The home has a pool, swings and a playhouse in the back yard.

The Schoos were arrested Dec. 28 on their return from Acapulco. Their children, 9-year-old Nicole and 4-year-old Diana, were discovered at home Dec. 21 after they called 911 because a smoke alarm went off accidentally.

The parents were charged with child abandonment and cruelty to children and freed on $5,000 cash bail each. The children were put in a foster home. Their lawyer, Gerard Kepple, said that when the facts were known, the case would "turn out quite differently" from people's impressions.

It wasn't the only holiday tale of alleged abandonment or neglect:

—In Austin, Texas, an 8-year-old boy who authorities said was abandoned by his father spent two days alone in a motel room before police discovered him on Christmas Day. The father was later arrested in Bellingham, Wash.

—In Rochester, N.H., a mother was charged Sunday with endangering her three children, ages 3 and under. Police said she left the sleeping children around 9 p.m. Saturday and was arrested when she returned five hours later.

—In Reno, Nev., a casino security guard on Saturday heard a 15-month-old baby crying alone in a hotel room. The father was arrested when he showed up 30 minutes later. The mother was arrested at a slot machine.

Just what constitutes neglect? Some states set a minimum age for leaving a child unattended, usually between 10 and 12, while others do not.

In Washington state, for example, "it's a judgment call, based on whatever might cause physical harm or risk to the child," said Gordon Schultz, spokesman for the state Department of Social and Health Services.

And what constitutes risk?

Consider the case of Brian Irish and Stephanie Hamilton of Puyallup, Wash. Their two children were asleep, and the parents figured it was safe to go out to buy some beer.

When they returned less than an hour later, their mobile home was ablaze, and their children, 11-month-old Alisha and 5-year-old Nathan, were dead. A jury convicted them in March of manslaughter.

There are risks for school-age children, too, said Joyce Johnson, spokeswoman for the Child Welfare League in Washington, D.C.

Lack of child care has forced many parents to turn their children into "latchkey kids" who spend two or three hours alone at home each day while waiting for their parents to return from work.

In a study of 447 children ages 5 to 9, Johnson's group found that 42 percent were left alone occasionally or regularly. But most of the children did not know basic precautions such as not opening the door to strangers.

"When you leave children alone, you place them at risk," Johnson said. "We think children should never be left alone. Period."

Parker County woman seeks stricter controls on strays

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Parker County woman wants officials to impose stricter controls on stray dogs who eat into her chicken flock.

It's a range war of sorts in the hilly countryside where Carol Morrow lives. Packs of dogs are also threatening other livestock, officials said.

"This is my worst nightmare. This was how I made a living," said Ms. Morrow, mourning the death of one hen that laid 55 eggs last summer and earned her $6,000 from chick sales.

Two mixed-breed shepherds on New Year's Day burrowed beneath two fences and attacked the flock of five rheas, South American cousins of the ostrich.

The flightless birds, standing 5 to 6 feet tall, are valued at up to $3,000 apiece for their leather, feathers and oil, used in skin creams.

The dogs fled after the attack, with Ms. Morrow firing at them. She now monitors the 6-foot-high pen with a .22-caliber rifle.

Another pack of dogs periodically roams the campus of Elkins Elementary near Saginaw in Tarrant County, said Jon Ed Robbins, Precinct 4 administrator.

He said coyotes near Eagle Mountain Lake are also suspected in the disappearance of hundreds of household pets.

"Packs of dogs roam because so many people drop dogs off in the country, thinking some country person will take them in. But these dogs join forces with other dogs and with the coyotes," said Wayne Preston, who raises livestock guard dogs in East Texas.

Preston said that in the last four years, he has placed 83 trained guard dogs at bird farms statewide.

The packs of unleashed dogs are especially worrisome both in Tarrant County and in Parker County to the immediate west, said officials.

"It's a serious problem countywide and I don't see a solution in the foreseeable future," sad Sheriff Ben Whiteman, adding that Parker County has no leash law.

But Tarrant County's health department and district attorney's office are drafting an animal control ordinance, said G.K. Meanius, county administrator in Fort Worth.

Dr. Benji Aldredge, Ms. Morrow's veterinarian, visited her property in Reno, about 20 miles northwest of Forth Worth, on Monday to inspect the birds' remains and sign a death certificate for insurance purposes.

Tanker breakup, massive oil spill said threatened by storm

(AP) — Six planes sprayed detergent today trying to disperse oil spilling from a tanker being battered by high winds and waves on the rocky coast of this wildlife-rich North Sea archipelago.

The Liberian-registered Braer, loaded with nearly 25 million gallons of oil, was awash but unbroken after more than a day of ferocious pounding on rocks at the southern tip of the largest of the Shetland Islands.

The Department of Transport said a 4-square-mile slick of oil had oozed from the tanker since near hurricane-force winds drove it aground Tuesday after its engine failed.

Environmentalists reported an increasing toll of birds and fish smothered by the oil.

Winds had calmed somewhat, with gusts to 60 mph this morning, compared to readings as high as 85 mph Tuesday. Wave heights were 13-16 feet, according to the coast guard in Aberdeen, Scotland.

The Shetlands governing council said containment booms and other cleanup equipment were ready to be used once the weather improved in these sparsely populated islands about 100 miles north of the Scottish mainland.

A spokesman for the Transport Department said the detergent-spraying planes were operating out of Sumburgh Airport about 11/2 miles from the slick.

"They take 90 seconds to put their full load on the slick. So they are up and down just as quickly as is possible," said the spokesman, who did not give his name.

He said the oil spill was largely confined to the Bay of Quendale but broken patches of oil had scattered farther east around Sumburgh, the south tip of Mainland island.

Gunmen escape after robbing armored car depot in N. York

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Gunmen in ski masks robbed an armored car depot of a reported $10 million in the nation's second such heist in 10 days.

Police today questioned employees of the Brinks Inc. depot and said workers would be given lie-detector tests about what might have been an inside job.

A Brinks employee who said he was abducted at gunpoint and released a few miles away was hospitalized with chest pains. No one else was hurt in the holdup Tuesday night.

WOKR-TV, citing an unidentified source, said about $10 million was taken. Sgt. Sherman Scott would only describe the haul as substantial and said no immediate estimate was available because Brinks was trying to confirm the amount.

On Dec. 27, $8.27 million was taken in a heist at an armored truck company in New York City. No one has been arrested in that case.

The holdup was Rochester's second armored car company heist in 21/2 years. On June 26, 1990, gunmen ambushed an Armored Motor Service of America Inc. truck when its crew stopped to buy sandwiches. The robbers got away with $10.8 million.

In Tuesday's heist, several gunmen entered the depot, a one-story brick building on the edge of the city, and subdued an employee, Scott said. Scott would not say how the robbers subdued the guard, how they got in the building or how many Brinks employees were on hand.

Births

Jeff and Holly Wesson of Odessa announce the birth of twin boys, born December 17. Craig Weldon weighed five pounds, 15 ounces and Cody William weighed five pounds and two ounces. They are welcomed by sisters Micah and Jacey.

Grandparents are James and Janet Wesson of Snyder and Ken and Sue Herbert of Odessa.

A daughter, Peyton Virginia , was born to Glenn and Gina Pherigo of Baytown on Dec. 30 at 7:57 a.m. at Baycoast Medical Center. She weighed seven pounds and nine ounces and was welcomed by a brother, Ethan.

Grandparents are Tommy and Mary Pherigo of Snyder and Troy and Jan Heffernan of Baytown. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. T.M. Pherigo of Snyder, Mrs. Robert Rand of Monahans and Lorena Wells of Santa Anna.

PD makes one arrest

Snyder police arrested a 29-year-old man in the 4600 block of College Avenue at 1:41 p.m. Tuesday on a county warrant for Class B theft.

Police also handled several other reports Tuesday.

At 12:17 p.m., employees of Allsup's notified police of a $15.10 gas drive-off. A report for Class C theft was filed.

At 3:51 p.m., Josie Lujan told officers that her 13-year-old daughter, Roseanna Lujan, had left their home in the 1400 block of Avenue K and had not returned. Police filed a report for a runaway child.

Police worked a one-vehicle accident at 4:52 p.m. in the 500 block of U.S. Highway 84. Involved was a 1987 Mack truck-tractor driven by Don Hackney of 2413 Broadway in Lubbock. The truck was towing a 1990 Trail King trailer, owned by Associated Supply Co. of Lubbock, which struck the U.S. 84 overpass. Damage to the overpass is estimated at $35,000.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Arthur McAlister, 3205 Ave. K.

DISMISSALS: David Aguayo, Leaann Brickey and baby, Frances Hernandez and baby, Bessie Merritt, James Rogers.

Census: 58 (Med.-17, Long-Term Care 34, CCU-3, OB-2, Nursery-2).

TAAS results

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kids at a higher level of math earlier if the results are going to improve, and we've done some things to address that."

Most noticably, there are no more remedial math or geometry courses at Snyder High School — a statewide mandate which went into effect this year. Instead, all students must take algebra and geometry.

"What you have, is students who took remedial courses in the past because that's all the state required to graduate. And now they are being tested on concepts they've never really been taught," Patterson said. "It will take some time. Until we are able to expose them to this before they take the exit-level test, then we'll see a substantial portion who will have problems with it."

Fifty-nine percent of SHS 11th graders passed all portions of the exit-level test. That compares to 54 percent statewide. All students must eventually pass the test in order to graduate.

Forty-one percent, or 75 Snyder High students, failed either the writing, reading or math portions of the test. Of the 75 who did not meet expectations, 45 failed only one portion of the test, 20 failed two portions and 10 failed all three portions.

"We had 63 students out of the junior class who did not pass the math portion. That's the majority of the 41 percent of our students who failed one or more portions," said Patterson. "Again, it goes back to the problem that many students are being tested over concepts they really haven't been taught.

"And it's not their fault or the teachers' fault. In the past, it wasn't required. The TEAMS tested students on remedial concepts in math. TAAS tests students on algebra and geometry."

Students who failed one or more portion of the test immediately go into mandatory TAAS tutorials for 30 minutes at the end of each school day at Snyder High School.

"They'll get extra instruction on either math or English or both," said Patterson.

Also taking the exit-level TAAS test in October were 51 seniors. Patterson said all but 22 passed all portions of the test. Seniors who didn't pass the test will be given another chance this spring. If they pass then, they will still be able to graduate with their class. The writing portion will be held in March, and the reading and math portions in May.

In 1993-94, TAAS exit-level testing will be taken each May at the sophomore level, Patterson noted. He said this will allow students to take the test while the knowledge they have gained is fresh, instead of waiting until October of the following school year.

Eleventh grade students who failed one or more portions of the TAAS test this fall will have a chance this spring, one in July and another in October and one in March of 1994, just before they are due to graduate.

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Albtsn	50	493/4	50	
AlliedSignal	597/8	593/8	591/2	-1/8
ALLTEL Cp	473/8	471/4	471/4	+1/8
AmStores	433/4	431/2	431/2	-1/4
Amer T&T	52	513/8	517/8	+1/2
Ameritech	707/8	703/8	701/2	
Amoco	501/8	493/4	497/8	+1/4
AndarkPtr	273/4	271/2	271/2	-1/8
Arkla	81/2	81/4	83/8	-1/8
ArmcoInc	63/4	61/2	65/8	
AtlRichfld	1145/8	114	1141/2	+1/2
BakerHugh	191/2	191/4	193/8	-1/8
BancTexas	2	17/8	2	+1/4
BellAtl	513/8	503/8	507/8	+5/8
BellSouth	52	515/8	517/8	+1/8
Beth Steel	153/4	151/2	155/8	
Borden	287/8	285/8	283/4	
Caterpllr	551/4	55	55	+1/2
Centel	341/4	333/4	337/8	+1/8
CenSoWst s	291/2	291/8	293/8	+1/8
Chevron	70	691/4	70	+5/8
Chrysler	353/4	341/8	351/2	+23/8
Coastal	25	243/4	243/4	-1/8
CocaCola s	411/2	411/8	413/8	+1/4
ColgP	555/8	551/4	553/8	-1/8
ComlMetl	261/4	261/4	261/4	
CooperIn	493/8	49	491/8	+3/8
CyprusMn	321/4	315/8	321/4	+5/8
DallSemicn	131/4	13	131/4	
DeltaAirl	515/8	507/8	51	
DigitalEq	343/4	343/8	345/8	+3/4
Dillard s	483/8	473/4	481/4	+1/4
DowChem	573/4	571/4	573/8	+1/8
DresserInd	177/8	175/8	175/8	-1/4
DuPont	483/4	483/8	485/8	
EstKodak	421/4	413/4	42	+1/8
EljerInd	9	9	9	
Enserch	147/8	141/2	143/4	+3/8
Exxon	621/4	613/4	617/8	-1/8
FlowerInd	195/8	191/2	191/2	-1/8
FordMotor	447/8	441/4	443/4	+1/8
GTE Cp	341/2	341/4	341/2	
GaDynam	1047/8	1033/4	1043/4	+3/4
GenElct	865/8	86	861/8	-3/8
GnMill	681/4	673/4	673/4	-3/8
GenMotors	333/4	333/8	335/8	+3/8
GenMotrE s	321/8	313/4	313/4	-3/8
GaPacif	613/4	611/8	615/8	+1/4
GlobalMar	21/4	21/8	21/8	-1/8
Goodrich	491/2	49	491/2	+1/4
Goodyear	695/8	687/8	693/8	+3/8
GtAtlPac	241/2	241/4	241/2	
Gulf StaUt	161/4	161/8	161/4	-1/8
Haliburtn	283/8	28	283/8	+1/8
Hanson	181/2	181/4	181/2	+1/8
HoustInd	461/8	46	461/8	+1/8
IBM	491/8	48	481/2	-3/8
IntlPaper	66	651/2	66	+5/8
JohnsnJns s	48	467/8	47	—13/8
K mart s	233/8	231/8	231/4	
Kroger	147/8	145/8	143/4	-1/8
vjLTV Cp	9-16	1/2	1/2	
Litton s	453/4	453/8	453/4	+1/8
vjLoneStar	23/4	25/8	23/4	+1/8
Lowes s	243/4	241/2	245/8	-1/4
Lubys	221/4	221/8	221/8	
Maxus	65/8	63/8	61/2	
MayDSt	705/8	697/8	697/8	-1/4
Medtronic	923/8	911/2	911/2	-7/8
Mobil	631/2	631/8	631/2	+1/8
Monsanto	565/8	561/8	561/8	-1/2
Motorola	1081/4	1061/2	1081/4	+21/2
Motorla wi	541/2	533/4	541/2	+11/2
Nationsbk	503/4	503/8	501/2	+1/8
Navistar	23/8	21/4	23/8	
Nynex	84	837/8	837/8	-1/8
OryxEngy	191/2	191/8	191/2	+3/8
PacTelesis	45	443/4	447/8	+1/4
PanhECp	171/4	17	171/4	+1/4
PenleyJC	767/8	761/2	763/4	
Pennzoil	501/2	501/8	501/4	+1/8
PepBoys	24	231/2	235/8	+1/2
PhelpD s	501/8	491/4	493/4	-3/8
PhilipPet	25	243/4	25	+1/4
Polaroid s	303/8	301/8	301/8	-1/8
Praxair n	163/4	161/2	165/8	+1/8
Primerica	493/8	483/4	491/8	+3/8
ProctGamb s	531/8	523/4	527/8	-1/8
PubS NwMx	121/4	12	121/8	-1/8
SFePacCp	131/8	127/8	13	
SaraLee s	285/8	28	28	-5/8
SearsRoeb	45	445/8	447/8	-1/8
SherwinW	301/2	301/4	303/8	+1/8
SmthBck s	37	363/4	363/4	-1/2
SmthBc eqt s	325/8	315/8	313/4	-3/4
Southern Co	381/4	38	381/4	+1/8
SwAirl s	295/8	293/8	291/2	-1/8
SwstBell	727/8	721/2	721/2	-3/8
Sprint	26	255/8	253/4	
SterlingChm	37/8	33/4	33/4	
SunCo	283/8	281/8	281/8	-1/8
TNP Ent	181/2	183/8	183/8	-1/8
Tandy	301/4	301/8	301/4	+1/8
TemplInl	505/8	50	501/2	
Tenneco	407/8	401/4	401/4	+1/2
Texaco	601/8	60	60	
TexasInd	221/8	221/8	221/8	-1/4
TexasInst	513/4	505/8	513/4	+25/8
Tex Util	423/4	425/8	425/8	
Textron	447/8	443/4	443/4	+1/4
Tyler	45/8	41/2	41/2	
US West	383/4	381/2	385/8	
USX-Marathn	175/8	173/8	173/8	-3/8
USX-USS	331/2	33	33	-1/2
UnCarbde	167/8	163/4	167/8	
UnPac	591/4	587/8	591/8	+1/8
UnitTech	495/8	491/4	491/4	-1/4
Unocal	25	247/8	247/8	-1/8
WalMart	631/8	625/8	627/8	+1/4
WstnGasRs	253/4	251/2	251/2	-3/8
WestghEl	141/2	141/4	141/2	+1/8
WinnDixie	763/8	753/4	761/4	+1/8
Woolwth	321/2	321/4	323/8	-1/8
Xerox Cp	853/4	85	851/4	+11/8
ZenithE	61/4	61/8	61/8	-1/8

Maxwell's pre-trial underway

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Defense attorneys have asked a military judge to drop charges against a former Air Force commander accused of sending and receiving homosexual and pornographic material on his home computer.

Attorneys for Col. James A. Maxwell Jr., the former commander at Goodfellow Air Force Base's training center, opened the proceedings Tuesday by asking that the charges be dismissed.

Maxwell's court-martial was scheduled to continue today.

Testimony in the pre-trial stage Tuesday included explanations of a computer data service and of various electronic-mail printouts sent and received by screen names Maxwell used in 1991.

Maxwell, 48, is accused of using his home computer to request information on gay bars and child pornography. The 26-year veteran is also charged with conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman in soliciting and distributing visual images of nude children and adults.

Maxwell has said the charges were brought to smear his reputation.

The case has drawn attention as a privacy landmark for users of computer bulletin boards such as America Online Inc.

Maxwell's attorneys cited the First and Fifth Amendments in arguing Maxwell's privacy was violated by a vague FBI search .

Warlords agree in principle to idea of national conference

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — Somali warlords agreed in principle today to hold a national reconciliation conference in their war-shattered capital in April, sources said.

The factions, meeting under U.N. auspices, also discussed a possible cease-fire to end fighting that has virtually destroyed the nation.

Warfare and drought have killed at least 350,000 Somalis in the past year, and a U.N.-sponsored international coalition led by American forces arrived Dec. 9 to help distribute food to the starving.

The Somali rivals moved closer to peace on the third day of what had been planned as a two-day meeting. There was little progress at earlier sessions, because the 14 invited groups spent most of the time shouting insults among themselves.

U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali warned the bickering warlords Tuesday that the international relief force could give up and leave.

"This is a purely humanitarian operation. It was not easy to obtain," he told reporters. "The international community could forget it in less than 24 hours. The Somalis must preserve this intervention."

Boutros-Ghali, a Coptic Christian, returned home to Egypt today to spend Christmas, on Jan. 7 in his religion, with his family.

But the conference in Addis Ababa continued and was to resume Thursday.

In today's discussions, the Somali group answering to the country's most powerful warlord, Mohamed Farah Aidid, said the rivals should meet again in one month to make final arrangements for a reconciliation conference in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, said conference sources.

The rivals agreed there should be a committee to prepare for the April conference but were not immediately able to agree on its composition, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Somalia disintegrated into clan warfare in early 1991 after the overthrow of President Mohammed Siad Barre. The international relief operation aims to save up to 2 million people from starvation.

Today's word of a reconciliation conference was a major breakthrough.

On Tuesday, the Somali leaders met privately in hotel hallways, meeting rooms and coffee shops, but many expressed fears that the discussions would end in failure.

Aidid said he thought it was too early to discuss setting a date and a location for national reconciliation talks.

Others contended Aidid was the main obstacle to progress — including Aden Abdullah Noor, the leader of the Somali Patriotic Movement, and Mohamed Ali Mahamoud, an aide to Aidid's chief rival, Ali Mahdi Mohamed.

Both Abdullah Noor and Ali Mahamoud said Aidid had opposed every proposal and his insistence that any cease-fire leave militias in place had blocked all efforts to halt the clan warfare.

They said the other 13 factions favored withdrawing all militias to their traditional homelands.

Meanwhile, Aidid's Somali National Alliance repeated its attacks on the United Nations, saying in a letter that the world body has "failed dismally" in Somalia.

Obituaries

Robert Jennings

1923-1992

WHITEWRIGHT — Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Whitewright for Robert L. Jennings, 69, who died Monday at his home in Whitewright.

An automobile mechanic and former resident of Snyder, Mr. Jennings was the brother-in-law of Ralph and Ann Yeilding of Snyder. Born on July 31, 1923, Mr. Jennings moved from Snyder in 1955.

Other survivors include his wife, Boundean Jennings of Whitewright; two sons, Fred Jennings of Whitewright and Johnny Ray Jennings of Houston; a sister, Jane Dickerson of Monument, N.M.; a brother, Ray Jennings of Abilene; and one granddaughter.

Earis Dunn

1926-1992

COLORADO CITY — Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Earis Lee Dunn Sr., 66, who died Monday in Mitchell County Hospital. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

He was the father of Donald Dunn of Snyder.

Born in Arcadia, Fla., Mr. Dunn had been a resident of Colorado City since 1972. He was retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. after 35 years.

Other survivors include his wife, Yolande Searcy Dunn of Colorado City; two other sons, Robert Palmour of Austin and Earis Lee Dunn Jr. of Colorado City; and one grandchild.

In-line skating session planned

Youth and adults interested in learning more about basic skills, proper use of equipment and safety guidelines for in-line skating are encouraged to attend a work session from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Friday at Towle Park Barn.

Experienced youth and adults will be on hand to assist. Roller Blades Company has provided a short video to help illustrate proper equipment and techniques.

This educational program is being sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Home Economics Advisory Board. The extension service serves people of all age, regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, religion, handicap and national origin.

For more information, contact Kathryn Roberts, county extension agent, at 573-5423.

WTC hoops

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baseball," he said.

According to an analysis based on the 1989-90 year, the men's basketball program showed a net loss of $49,295, expenditures over revenue.

"I think that's probably very generous on the side of the athletic program," said Dr. Krenek.

In the past, however, some trustees have said that the loss is acceptable, considering the value the sport brings to the college and community in terms of regional and national exposure.

"Very few athletic programs break even or make money, so those things (the intangibles) have to be considered. There's no way to measure or quantify that," said Krenek.

Western Texas College began its men's basketball program in 1971 and has won six conference and regional titles and has made six trips to the NJCAA National Tournament. The Westerners were junior college national champions in 1974-75 under Mike Mitchell and in 1979-80 under Nolan Richardson.

Nureyev dead at 54

PARIS (AP) — Rudolf Nureyev, the Soviet ballet dancer who stunned the world by defecting to the West and became the most celebrated classic dancer of his generation, died today at age 54.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Ask for a second opinion on ALS

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Are there any diseases other than ALS that can cause fasciculations? My father has been diagnosed with ALS, yet we have some doubt because as long as he remains on antibiotics, he continues to grow stronger. All testing performed was done during a bout of the flu and pneumonia, and we are wondering if we should obtain a second opinion.

DEAR READER: Fasciculations are brief, visible, random, irregular muscular twitches. They can occur in healthy people, especially the elderly. Fasciculations are also a consequence of lower motor neuron diseases; that is, any disorder or disruption of the nerves leading from the spine that govern movement.

Such diseases include multiple sclerosis, syringomyelia, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (also known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease) and others. These disorders are serious and are always associated with obvious neurological signs (in addition to fasciculations), including weakness and difficulty moving.

To my knowledge, antibiotics will not affect ALS. If your father has been diagnosed with this condition and is improving on antibiotics, somebody may have goofed. By all means obtain a second opinion from a neurologist as soon as possible, at a time when your father is not suffering from an infection, such as flu, which can throw off the testing.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I don't smoke or drink, yet I have been diagnosed with gastritis and a narrowing of the esophagus. What causes these conditions and is there a cure? Are the two conditions related? It seems as though I'm falling apart.

DEAR READER: Gastritis means inflammation of the stomach lining. This can result from infection, irritating medicine (such as aspirin) and excess stomach acid, as may be seen during periods of stress.

Because gastritis may be associated with stomach contractions that force acid contents up into the esophagus, the condition itself can lead to narrowing of the lower esophagus (from scar tissue). Thus, your two conditions could be related; treatment of the gastritis might indirectly help the esophageal problem.

Of course, narrowing of the esophagus can be caused by other conditions, such as scleroderma, which are unrelated to the gastritis.

In my opinion, you need to have these issues sorted out. Return to your doctor for answers to the very questions you've asked me. Your doctor — or your gastroenterologist — is in a much better position to address your concerns, after having examined you and performed certain tests, such as endoscopy (when the doctor examines the lining of the esophagus and stomach through a lighted tube). Most cases of gastritis/esophageal narrowing are treatable.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my new Health Report "Peptic Ulcers." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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DR. GOTT



PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Key figures in HUD scandal face up to 2-4 years in prison

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three key figures in the influence-peddling scandal at the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Reagan administration, including a Fort Worth man, face up to two to four years in prison after being convicted of minor felony charges.

But a federal court jury in the first trial arising out of the alleged abuses during the mid-1980s acquitted all three men, including a one-time top aide to former HUD Secretary Samuel Pierce, of more than 20 bribery, conspiracy and mail fraud charges. The verdicts Tuesday in U.S. District Court were called "successful" by special prosecutor Arlin Adams, a retired federal judge who was appointed 34 months ago to investigate charges of cronyism and political favoritism involving some $2 billion in HUD grants.

Defense attorneys, however, said the three counts on which their clients were convicted were the most "akin to misdemeanors" in the 30-count indictment. They predicted those verdicts would be overturned on appeal.

Still awaiting trial are two other top former aides to Pierce. They are Thomas Demery, assistant HUD secretary for housing from 1986 to 1989, who was indicted last month on charges of bribery and conspiracy, and Deborah Gore Dean, a former executive assistant to Pierce indicted last July on charges of bribery, conspiracy and perjury.

Prosecutors also have what they describe as an "ongoing" investigation into dealings among Pierce, his former law firm and Lance Wilson, another former aide who was one of the three men convicted Tuesday. Pierce has not been charged.

Wilson was convicted on one count of giving an illegal gratuity to then-Deputy Assistant HUD Secretary DuBois Gilliam in September 1986. At the time he was a vice president of PaineWebber Inc., after resigning in mid-1984 as Pierce's executive assistant, the same job Dean later held.

Convicted on two counts each of making gratuities to Gilliam were Leonard E. Briscoe, a Fort Worth developer, and Maurice David Steier, an Omaha, Neb., lawyer.

Each count carries a maximum prison term of two years and a fine of up to $250,000. U.S. District Judge Stanley Harris set sentencing for all three men in late March, but ordered Briscoe immediately to beging serving a two-day sentence for contempt of court over his outbursts during the 12-week trial.

None of the defendants testified during the trial.

Places in the News

SOMALIA

Roughly 300,000 people have died of starvation and famine-related disease in Somalia this year. With as much as a quarter of the population of 7 million in imminent risk of starvation, a massive relief intervention has begun under the protection of a multinational military force led by the United States.

The famine is the result of several years of severe drought coupled with the chaos following a bloody six-year uprising against the government of former president Mohammad Siad Barre. When he was overthrown January 1991, no opposition faction was strong enough to take over control of the country and the government disintegrated as parts of the country fell under the control of opposing warlords.

Unlike most other African nations, most Somalis are descendants of a single tribe sharing the same language and a common Muslim religion. But for centuries the country has been divided into rival "clans," each comprised of hundreds of thousands of people.

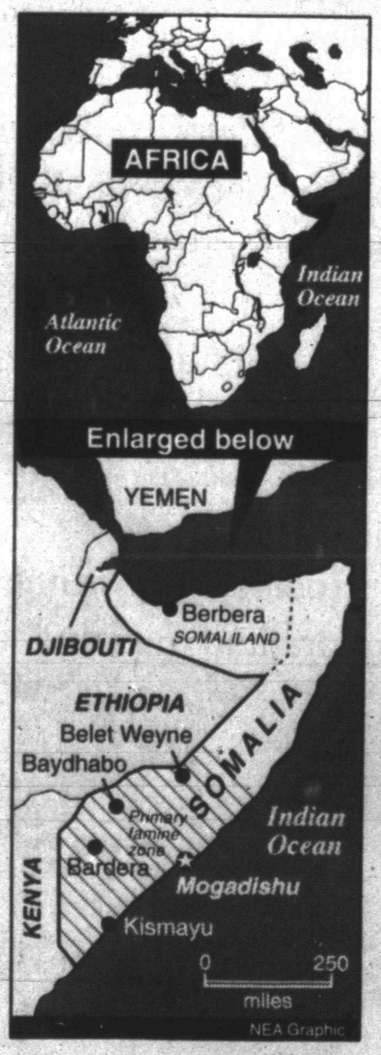
The warlords are the de-facto heads of clans. They are:

• Gen. Mohamed Farah Aidid heads the Habre Gedir clan and controls most of the capital city of Mogadishu except the port and the airport. He's the former military leader of the United Somali Congress, which was Barre's main armed opposition and gained control over much of the country outside the capital during the civil war.

• Ali Mahdi Mohamed is a former hotel operator and politician who tried to have himself installed as interim president after Barre fled. He heads the small Abgal clan and controls only the northern suburbs of Mogadishu, which are critical because relief supplies must move through his area to get to much of the rest of the country north of the capital.

• Gen. Mohamed Siad Hersi Morgan is Siad Barre's son-in-law whose power base is the Marehan clan, which was also Barre's clan. In October his forces captured the important regional town of Bardera, which they are now using as a base to expand into area controlled by Aidid. He is attempting to strike an alliance with Mahdi to oppose Aidid.

• Gen. Ahmad Omar Jess is a former paratroop commander who became a rebel in 1989. He heads the Ogadeni Darod clan that controls the main southern port of Kismayu. He has so far been content to build up a power base in the far south of the country and not concern himself with the struggle for control of Mogadishu but has formed a loose alliance with Morgan to open a southern front against Aidid.



Serious famine and starvation is in the southern two-thirds of the country, not coincidentally the site of the warring clans. The problem is much less in the north of the country. Somaliland, which declared its independence when Barre fell, is relatively prosperous.

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Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Jan. 6, 1993

It could prove to your advantage in the year ahead to function as independently of others as possible. If circumstances require you to form an alliance, do so with care.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Strive to be self-sufficient today, because allies upon whom you can usually depend might not be there when you most need them. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Capricorn's Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Make play out of your work today, but don't play and avoid your work. The former will make things easier, but the latter will create complications.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Try not to be too demanding of friends today, because they will resent it if you make them feel they must be held accountable to you for their actions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Unfortunately, others might be resistant to your methods and procedures today and not do things the way you want. There is a chance this may unduly trigger your anger. Guard your temper.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's not like you to deliberately put someone down in the presance of others, so don't do it today. A painful lesson could result if you do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be prudent in the management of your resources today, even if people with whom you'll be involved aren't. Set your own standards instead of being a "me too" person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Even a harmless rendezvous could be seriously misjudged by others today. Don't step out of line in the romance department. Walk the straight and narrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It may be a serious mistake today to play favorites where friends are concerned. If you do something for one pal and ignore the request of another, it could cost you the good will of both.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not presume that you are the spokesperson for your peer group today. Unless you're elected by the majority, your reign could be short-lived.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be realistic regarding what you hope to achieve today or else you might trip over your own limitations. Keep objectives within your capabilities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you talk too much today there's a chance you might be forced to defend positions about which you know little. To be on the safe side, focus on listening instead of expounding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be reasonable regarding the terms and conditions you hope to get today in a business deal. If the specifics are too harsh, the endeavor could fall apart in front of your eyes.

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Krueger says he is not the same man who lost before

AUSTIN (AP) — Bob Krueger says he'll have a partner as he works to represent Texas in the U.S. Senate: His wife, Kathleen.

"At those times when I'm working for you in Washington, she's going to be travelling from Pampa and El Paso to Brownsville and Texarkana to hear your concerns," Krueger, 57, told a crowd of supporters and reporters at the announcement of his Senate appointment.

Mrs. Krueger added, "I think we are good partners."

A Democratic state railroad commissioner and former congressman from New Braunfels, Krueger was named by Gov. Ann Richards Tuesday to the seat being vacated by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, President-elect Clinton's choice for Treasury secretary.

He will be interim senator until a May 1 special election to fill the remainder of Bentsen's term, which runs through 1994. Krueger promised an aggressive campaign to keep the post.

Asked why he expects to win election after losing races for senator in 1978 and 1984, Krueger didn't think long.

Hoisting his 2-year-old daughter, Sarah, Krueger quipped to a crowd of reporters and supporters, "Some people might say I'm a late bloomer."

The Kruegers pledged not to let down Richards.

"I have to live up to Gov. Richards' expectations and confidence in me," Krueger said.

Times have changed since his previous tries at a U.S. Senate seat, Krueger said. He said that he spoke for issues such as developing natural gas that may not have been understood or popular years ago.

He added, "I'm different, too. It makes a difference to have a wife, to have children, to realize that we in this country have this extraordinary heritage.

"I thought I felt it before, but somehow you feel it more when you look at your child," said Krueger, who has been married for nearly 10 years.

Among those present for Richards' announcement were state lawmakers, judges, Democratic party leaders, organized labor representatives, state president Gary Bledsoe of the NAACP and former U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan, Richards' ethics adviser.

Bledsoe noted that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People does not make endorsements as a group, but he said that Krueger would make a "very fine senator."

Joe Gunn, state AFL-CIO president, said he expects his group to back Krueger.

Krueger served two terms in the U.S. House in 1975-79, and some have criticized his voting record as being against labor and consumers. Krueger in response pointed to his supporters, particularly Ms. Jordan, who called him an "outstanding choice."

In 1979-81, Krueger was U.S. ambassador-at-large and coordinator for Mexican Affairs under President Carter.

In 1978, Krueger lost by 12,000 votes in a bid to unseat U.S. Sen. John Tower of Texas. In 1984, he narrowly lost a chance at the Democratic runoff for the seat Tower was vacating. Current U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, a Republican, won that election.

Krueger won a seat in 1990 on the Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates oil, gas and transportation.

He also has been a businessman and held academic posts.

Krueger received a bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and master's degrees from Duke University and Oxford University.

He taught English literature for a dozen years at Duke, and has a penchant for quoting Shakespeare.

"He might want to add a little Darrell Royal to his repertoire," said Karen Hughes, executive director of the state Republican Party. She contends that Krueger's appointment increases the likelihood a Republican will win the Senate seat.

But state Democratic Chairman Bob Slagle said Krueger is "the right guy to replace a legend, Lloyd Bentsen ... I'm proud of him."

As for Krueger's affinity for literary references, Slagle said, "I don't think you'll see him quoting Shakespeare much this year ... I think that he's discovered that not many people remember their Shakespeare, and it's easier to make a point in plain everyday say-so."

Mattox ponders opposing Krueger

Austin (AP) — Former state attorney general Jim Mattox says recent Senate appointee Bob Krueger is out of step with the Democratic Party.

Mattox said Tuesday he will decide within two weeks whether to jump in the May 1 special election for the remaining two years of Sen. Lloyd Bentsen's term.

"My entire political life I have run against the political establishment... and I have generally been successful," Mattox said.

Mattox has served as a state lawmaker, congressman and two terms as an attorney general. His first defeat came at the hands of Richards in a runoff for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1990.

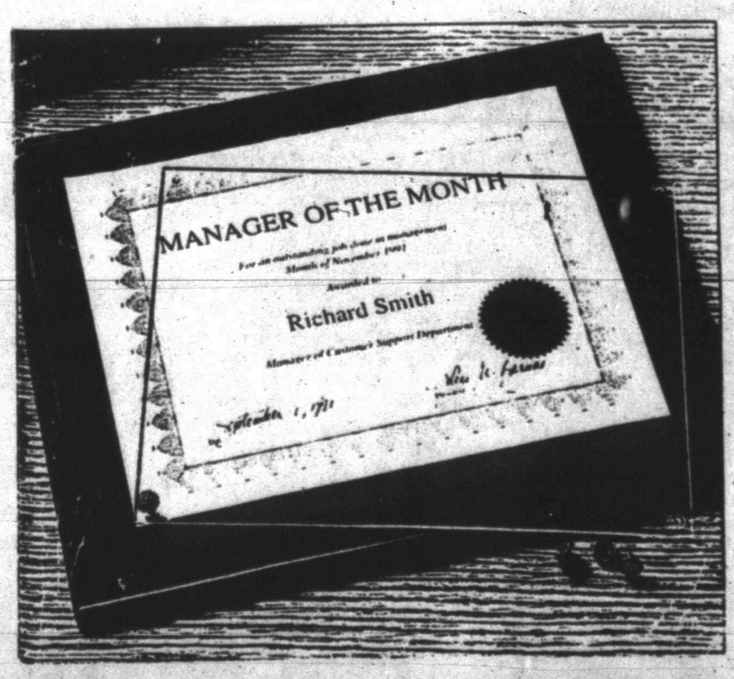
Mattox suggested that Richards was promising appointments and other benefits in return for committments against him. Later he backed off that statement, but added, "There's one thing for sure, there'e no purity in this spectacular process at this present time."

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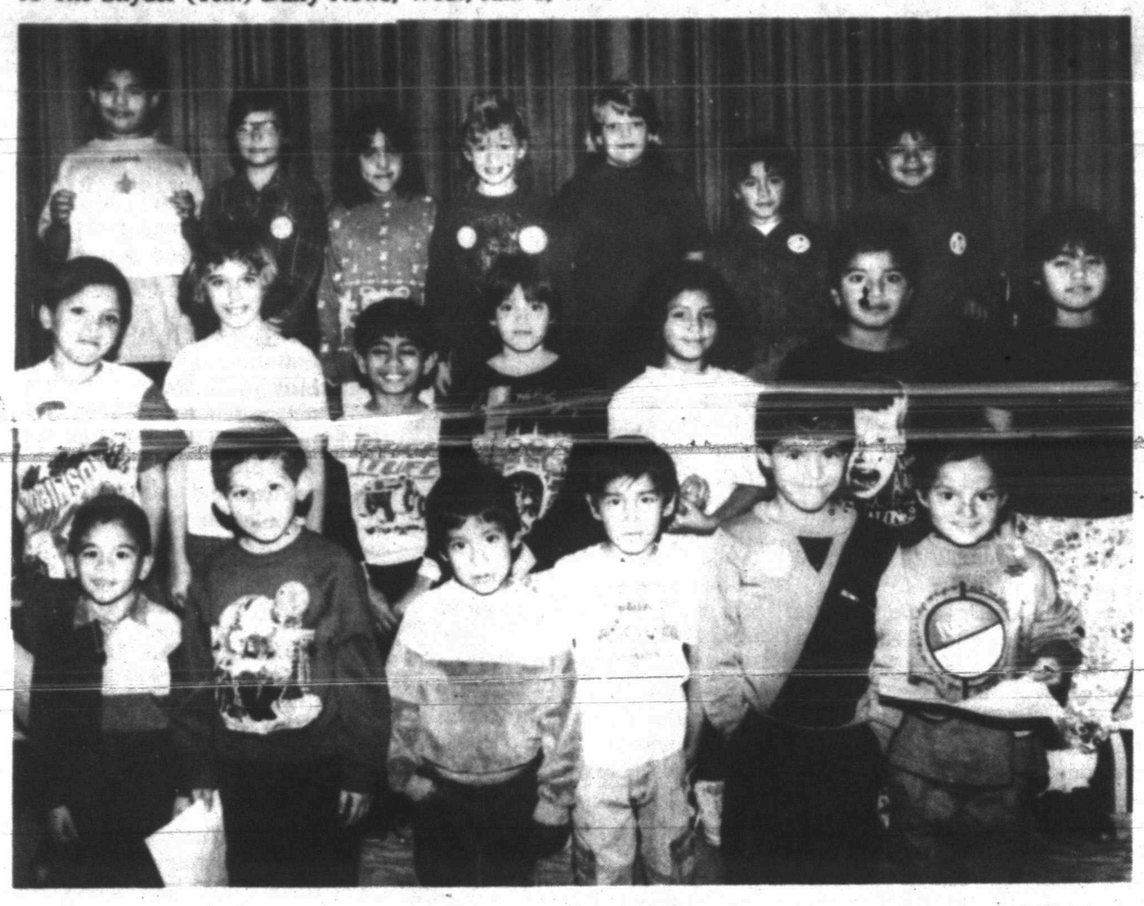


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POSITIVE STUDENTS — These students were selected by their teachers at Central Elementary as having positive actions or improved behavior. They are from left, bottom row, Abel Martinez, Jose Velasquez, Mario Molina, Isreal Sosa, Joe Alvarado and Robert Garza. On the middle row are Adrian Chavez, Cassie Plock, Randy Carrisalez, Amber Dawn Garcia, Rosangela Villasana, Felipe Gutierrez and Jenny Medrano. On the top row are Michael Velasquez, Dewey Lee, Elvia Barrera, Jennifer Laurens, Shannon Chambers, Miguel Lopez and Trey Ramon. (SDN Staff Photo)

More mustard gas victims are eligible for compensation

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 4,000 veterans who were subjected to secret mustard gas tests during World War II may now be eligible for compensation, the Department of Veterans Affairs said today.

The VA said it had expanded the list of recognized long-term effects of significant exposure to mustard gas. The decision followed a $600,000 VA-funded study by the Institute of Medicine.

"The years of silent suffering have ended for these World War II veterans who participated in secret testing during their military service," said acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi.

Among the health conditions to be recognized as linked to mustard gas exposure are respiratory cancers, skin cancers, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and leukemia.

The VA previously acknowledged that mustard gas can cause such ailments as laryngitis, chronic bronchitis, emphysema, asthma and corneal opacities.

The tests were conducted in laboratories and in the field during World War II to develop better protective clothing and masks for the blister-producing gas.

Servicemen who came forward after the tests were declassified in the mid-80s said they were burned over much of their bodies and later suffered from depression, chronic dizziness, heart problems and respiratory difficulties. They said they received little information beforehand about the tests and were threatened with punishment if they broke their pledge of secrecy.

The Institute of Medicine study found that exposure levels "may have been much higher than inferred in the summaries of the gas chamber and field tests."

Last year the VA relaxed requirements for proving a direct link between the experiments and later ailments, a decision based on the secrecy surrounding the tests and the lack of military medical records of the subjects.

The new proposal also includes veterans who were exposed to mustard gas during a World War II bombing attack on Bari, Italy, and World War I veterans injured in poison gas warfare.

Veterans with health problems that may be related to significant exposure to mustard gas — or their survivors — should contact their nearest VA regional office or call the VA's nationwide toll-free number, 800-827-1000.

Even in ruin, the ornate buildings and sculptures of Copan, Honduras, make the royal Maya city one of the greatest treasuries of art and architecture in all the Americas.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Jan. 6, 1993

Today is the sixth day of 1993 and the 17th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1974, the BBC drama " Upstairs, Downstairs" premiered on PBS.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Carl Sandburg (1878-1967), poet; Tom Mix (1880-1940), actor; Sam Rayburn (1882-1961), U.S. politician; Khalil Gibran (1883-1931), poet; E.L. Doctorow (1931-), novelist, is 62; Lou Holtz (1937-), football coach, is 56; Bonnie Franklin (1944-), actress, is 49; Nancy Lopez (1957-), golfer, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, millionaire businessman Ted Turner purchased the Atlanta Braves for a reported $12 million.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I was up day and night with Lincoln for years. I couldn't have picked a better companion." — Carl Sandburg, on his biography of Lincoln.

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1966, the temperature in Pincher Creek, Alta. (Canada), rose from minus 12 degrees to 33 degrees and fell from 33 degrees to 7 degrees in two hours.
SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL® 1992 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Dec. 31) and full moon (Jan. 8).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
Take care to not be too kind to your congressman. The shock might kill him.
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The remote areas of New Zealand are known as "wop-wops."

Military determination will win war on drugs, Vuono says

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Success in the war on drugs is possible if the military uses the same determination it did to drive Iraq out of Kuwait, a retired general who served as Army chief of staff during the Persian Gulf war says.

Retired Gen. Carl E. Vuono made the remarks Tuesday during the opening talk of a two-day conference on the role of the military in the war on drugs.

The conference, co-sponsored by the Mosher Institute for International Policy at Texas A&M University, will publish a book on the conference in about 60 days and give it to officials of the Clinton administration and Congress, Ronald L. Hatchett, the institute's director said.

Hatchett said the military's role in the drug war is a controversial issue because the military was established to protect and to defend the Constitution and now the armed forces are being used to assist law enforcement agencies that in some cases are arresting U.S. citizens.

The military entered the war on drugs under the National Drug Control Strategy of 1989 and Congress provided funding of the Defense Department assistance to stem the flow of drugs into the nation as a matter of national security.

Hatchett said the military was being used in surveillance and tracking of drug traffickers.

He said officials are now considering whether the military should have the power of arrest to further assist law-enforcement agencies.

If that were allowed, he asked, "Can they shoot down planes (of drug trafficking suspects) who refuse to land?"

Vuono later said that he does not believe the military should be given arrest powers.

"I think it's very important to use the armed forces to do those things they do well," he said.

Military organizations shouldn't be expected to develop wholly new capabilities in pursuing their roles.

Segall to lead parade

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Steven Seagal is gearing up for another fearless role: celebrity grand marshal of one of New Orleans' most opulent Mardi Gras parades.

The star of such action movies as "Under Seige," "Marked for Death," and "Hard to Kill" will preside Feb. 20 over a 40-float extravaganza put together by the Krew of Endymion, Ed Muniz, captain of the parade club, sid Tuesday.

Places in the News

EGYPT

Radical Islamic militants in Egypt — opposed to the moderate government of President Hosni Mubarak — have escalated their long dispute with the government by launching a series of bloody attacks, specifically against foreign tourists.

The most recent incident, a machine gun attack on a bus carrying German tourists on Nov. 12, left five injured. Three weeks earlier, a British traveler was shot to death.

The booming $3.3 billion tourist trade is Egypt's most important industry. It is the principal source of foreign currency, provides jobs to one out of every 12 Egyptians and is the sole source of support to a million families. Sixty percent of new investment in Egypt is going into the tourist sector.

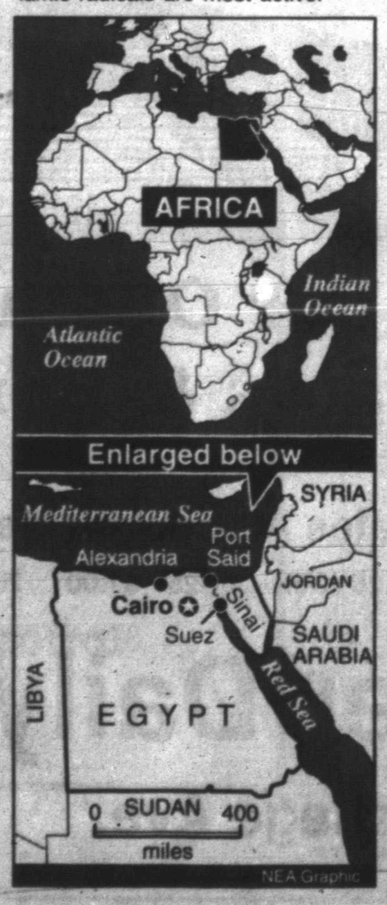
In response to the attacks against tourists, Interior Minister Abdel Halim Moussa has vowed to "eradicate" the extremists. Nearly 200 suspected Islamic activists have been arrested. Security forces from the army's best troops have also been dispatched to guard popular tourist attractions such as Luxor and Aswan.

On another front, the government has begun very tentative talks with the banned Islamic fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood, a 50-year-old group dedicated to replacing Egypt's secular government with one based solely on Islamic law. The group, however, has always renounced violence and advocates the spread of its fundamentalist vision by political means.

After the Nov. 12 tour bus attack, the Muslim Brotherhood publicly disavowed the extremists, and said that Islam forbids attacks against visitors who "come not as aggressors, but in peace."

Many influential Egyptians believe by legalizing the Muslim Brotherhood and allowing it to operate within the political system, more extreme fundamentalists can be isolated. The government does not appear to want to go that far but might relax its harassment of the group in exchange for help in fighting the militants.

In the meantime, the U.S. State Department has issued a travel advisory for Egypt. While not yet recommending that Americans avoid the country, Americans in Egypt, especially tourists, are warned to "avoid travel in the governorates of Assiut and Minya, which are located midway between Cairo and Luxor" in Upper Egypt, the areas where the Islamic radicals are most active.



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