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Ask Us

Q—In a recent Ask Us, you listed Snyder school board places up for election. Would you list city council seats? Also, is the election date the same?

A—Places on the city council up for election are the mayor's post, held by Paul Zeck, and the two at-large, held by Dayton Robertson and Ron Shaw. The election day is May 6, the same for school boards.

Local

SNS board

Snyder Neighbors Sharing board of directors will meet at 5:15 p.m. today at Sam Robertson's Insurance Office, 1926 26th St.

Snyder Oaks

The Benny Benitez Band will perform at 7 p.m. Friday at Snyder Oaks. Everyone is invited.

Gold Coats

A noon meeting of the Gold Coaters is set Friday at The Shack. Service awards for 1994 will be presented.

Model trains

Snyder Model Train Club will meet at 7 this evening in the Snyder Savings & Loan community room. Everyone is welcome.

Challenge

Snyder High School students Mark Bullard, Marc Sparlin, LaTrisha Lee and Veanna Clay recently competed in the KTXS Academic Challenge. The program will air on Channel 12 at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Appraisal

Scurry County Appraisal District board will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Agenda items include an audit report for 1993 tax collections, bills payable, collection reports and appointment of an appraisal review board member.

Partnership

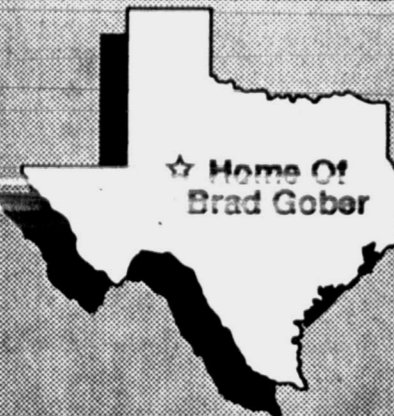
Parent/Teacher Partnership will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the West Elementary cafeteria. Topics for discussion will include the elementary schools' Junior Olympics, and a Points for Progress program sponsored by Don's Value King.

All elementary teachers, parents of elementary students and other interested citizens are invited to the meeting.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 46 degrees; low, 27 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 27 degrees; 23 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, .69 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the lower 30s. Light wind. Friday, partly sunny. High near 60. Light wind early, becoming south 5-15 mph. Almanac: Sunset today, 6:07. Sunrise Friday, 7:42. Of 18 days in 1995, the sun has shone 16 days in Snyder.



THURSDAY

Snyder Daily News



NEXT! — Ol' Wilbur keeps a close eye on 8-year-old Justin Cox as Justin grooms Big Red in preparation for the hog show which is set to begin at 5 p.m. today as the 51st Annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Show continues. Lamb judging will begin at 6 p.m. Friday and steers will be judged beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

BCD approves funds for airport renovation

Scurry Board of County Development on Wednesday approved \$25,000 to help renovate the old terminal building at Winston Field.

The funds will be used to replace the heating and air conditioning, re-roof and repaint the facility, and clean and make repairs to the interior.

BCD members had been discussing the project for several months before formally approving it Wednesday.

Much of the work will be done by inmate labor, provided through

the county. Just how many actual dollars the county will contribute to the project from its general fund, if any, hasn't been determined.

Meeting with the board Wednesday, Commissioner Jerry Gannaway noted that the BCD board is funded through county tax dollars. He said any additional county funds would represent double taxation.

However, Commissioner Ralph Trevey, who also attended the meeting, said he feels the airport has been entrusted to the county,

Defendant fighting extradition to U.S.

One of three defendants in a \$1 trillion banking scam is fighting extradition to the United States, and the legal battle is expected to push back the anticipated trial date.

A hearing for Heather M. Altschuler, 29, was held Jan. 13 in London, but the attorney for the Denver woman has asked for another hearing set for Feb. 3.

Altschuler was arrested Nov. 1 in London after she and two brothers were named in an 21-count federal indictment that includes charges of conspiracy, wire fraud, mail fraud and interstate transportation of falsely-made securities.

Also charged is Arlie Eicke, 42, of Snyder and his 39-year-old brother, Johnnas Eicke. Arlie Eicke is free on a \$5,000 bond while Johnnas Eicke has been denied bond and is being held in Lubbock.

The operation allegedly included the issuance of cashier checks on Central Dominion Trust, a non-existent Snyder bank. Total of the checks exceeded \$1 trillion, but only one — for \$50,000 — was ever cashed. One check for \$100 billion was sent to the U.S. Attorney's office in Dallas.

A tentative trial date of Feb. 6 has been set, but defendants must be in the federal court's jurisdiction for at least 30 days prior to trial.

The decision by Altschuler to fight extradition will delay the start of the trial until at least April.

Federal Prosecutor Stephen Sucusy said because a conspiracy is alleged, all three defendants will be tried together.

Also, U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings has ordered that Johnnas Eicke undergo psychological evaluation at the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Ill. No date for the competency evaluation has been established.

If convicted of all charges, each defendant could receive a maximum prison term of 110 years and a fine of \$5.25 million.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It isn't the things that go in one ear and out the other that matters as much as the things that go in one ear, get all mixed up and then slip out the mouth."

The newspapers have been full of distressing news.

Congress is back in session, and the state legislature has convened. Democrats are taking aim at Bush, and former Second Lady Marilyn Quayle is bad-mouthing a fellow Republican, Texas Phil Gramm.

We don't need all that stress. Then comes along the announcement that the fashion trendsetters have again decided to pad women's apparel. According to fashion experts, shoulder pads are making a comeback — just in time for the NFL draft.

And more stress for those keeping their New Year's resolve to get fit:

Dieting and exercise is hard enough without having to think. For those wanting to choose an exer-

and is the county's responsibility. "I think for us to simply delegate this (airport renovations) to someone else would be shortsighted," he said. "I think the county should look at sharing in the funding."

While leaving the question of direct county funds up in the air, the two commissioners praised the BCD for taking on the project.

Weeks ago, board member Tim Riggan questioned the project's applicability to the BCD. He said he was unsure if the project could fall under the board's plan to generate new business or industry, and also questioned if the project would not more aptly be considered under county maintenance. Wednesday, he said that after spending "a lot of time thinking and studying," he believes the project is a good one.

"It is the first thing people see when they fly in to the airport and it's not a very good impression," said Riggan. "I think (the project) is something that needs to be done."

Doug Hutchinson, DCOS executive director, had originally proposed that BCD approve the project. He called the airport "our front door" and a "very big player in economic development."

In the only other action Wednesday, the board welcomed new member Terry Hefner as well as Riggan, a newly re-appointed member. The board also approved

(See BCD, Page 8)

Stock show opens today

The 51st Annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Show officially opens this evening in the coliseum annex.

Weigh-in was held Wednesday for hogs and lambs and today at 1 o'clock for steers.

Some 300 hogs have been entered in this year's show along with about 120 lambs and 25 steers. Judging begins tonight with the hogs, followed by lambs on Friday and steers on Saturday. A buyer's meal is set for 12:30 p.m. Saturday and the show will wrap up with the auction, set to begin at 1:30. Tommy Marricle will be the auctioneer.

Scotty Windham of Abernathy will be the judge for today's hog show, scheduled to begin at 5 o'clock. Show superintendent is Clarence Spieker from Hermleigh.

The lamb show will begin at 6 p.m. Friday and will be judged by Billy Reager of Ozona. Show

superintendent is Jim Robinson of Snyder. Classifier is Ronnie Hirt of St. Lawrence.

Joel Cowley of College Station will judge the steer show which is set to begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. John Ward of Snyder is show superintendent, and classifier is Greg Jones of Crosbyton.

Championship trophies for all events have been given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Koonsman. Reserve Champion trophies for hogs are donated by Ezell-Key Feed and Seed, for lambs by Snyder Farm and Ranch and for steers by the Kiwanis Club.

Showmanship trophies for hogs will be given by Ezell-Key Grain Co., for lambs by Ricky and Marilyn Graves and for steers by Dr. Charles Church, DVM.

Championship buckles for hogs have been donated by The Shack, for lambs by Taco John's and for steers by Jaramillo's.

DCOS board meets at 7 o'clock tonight

A feasibility study and an incentive payment are among the agenda items for Development Corporation of Snyder board members, who meet at 7 this evening in the DCOS board room at American State Bank.

Consideration of payment of waste disposal fees as an incentive for Circle Mg is one item on the agenda. Circle Mg, a calcium carbonate plant, has recently opened adjacent to the former magnesium plant in western Scurry County. A proposal to fund a textile

feasibility study is also on the agenda. Information gained from the study would be used to present to various textile firms. The information would include accessibility to metropolitan areas, tax rates and other figures.

Also on the agenda is consideration of ad placement, payment of bills and approval of previous minutes.

Following regular session, the board will convene in executive session to consider land acquisition.

CMH board views positive financials

Meeting this morning, Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers approved a positive financial report and viewed a video tape on making Joint Commission reports available to the public.

Approval of accounts payable, routine reports and previous minutes were the only other items of business.

December's financial summary indicated a net income of the month of \$115,693, bringing the year-to-date net income to \$869,930. That figure compares to just \$3,800 over the same period in 1993.

Cogdell had a cash balance at the end of December amounting to \$949,830.

The monthly operating report showed an average daily census of 15, a long term census of 30.6, 109 surgical procedures, 18 newborns and 613 home health visits.

Board members viewed an 18-minute video outlining the Joint Commission on Accredita-

tion of Healthcare Organizations decision to "go public." Performance reports for hospitals surveyed since Jan. 1, 1994, will be available to the public on request for a \$30 fee. The Joint Commission will also publish an annual book in May of 1995, along with the performance reports and commentaries of all hospitals surveyed in 1994.

In the past, hospitals had considered their Joint Commission survey reports to be internal documents. The board of the Joint Commission decided to make information available to the public because employers, insurers, consumers, elected officials and others have increasingly called for the information.

Anyone can now request a hospital's performance report by calling the Joint Commission at 708 916-5800. Performance reports for hospitals surveyed before 1994 will not be available from the Joint Commission.

The Joint Commission is a private 28-member board which sets performance standards, evaluates and accredits hospitals, health care networks and other health care organizations. The three-to-five-day survey encompasses patient care functions, service providers and staff, safety and infection control, organizational leadership and management.

The Joint Commission surveyed Cogdell Hospital in May of last year, but a follow-up "focus" survey will be held later this year, presumably sometime between April and June. This would mean Cogdell's complete joint survey results will not be available until early 1996, local administrators said.

All board members were present this morning, to include Sue Mize, Bill Wilson III, J.B. Tate Jr., Jimmy McMillan, Ted Crenwelge and G.A. Parks.

cise tape, The Complete Guide to Exercise Videos, a catalog from a firm in Minneapolis, lists some 300 selections from a field of 2,000, in its "Post-holiday recovery edition."

Democrats in Congress are already fed up with the attacks on the White House. It caused one staunch defender to lash out against the press: "Half the lies they tell about the Democrats aren't true."

Gov. George W. Bush has indicated that he will replace Texas Education Commissioner Skip Meno, sending him back to New York.

One person to surface as a possible successor for the top TEA post is Lubbock ISD Superintendent Mike Moses.

Headline writers could have a field day with such an appointment: "Moses to lead schools into the promised land."

Lubbock voters to consider approving city-touted facility

LUBBOCK (AP) — Election officials have braced for a record turnout Saturday as voters decide whether to build the Buddy Holly Special Events Center.

Allies of the proposed arena say the city's existing coliseum is too small and run-down to accommodate big-name entertainment.

They claim the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum — built in the '50s and sporting a leaky roof and no air-conditioning — needs to be replaced.

Voters must decide whether to approve a half-cent sales tax to finance a facility expected to cost up to \$50 million.

Opponents call "Holly's Folly" an unnecessary project that will raise taxes on people who won't use it.

"The city is making it all hype and boosterism," said Mikel Ward, treasurer of the anti-arena group Fact-PAC. "We're out here trying to warn people about all of the implications."

Various business groups are supporting plans for an arena that could accommodate concerts,

tractor pulls, college basketball and other events.

Texas Tech University's decision to join the new Big 12 Conference spurred demands last year for a facility that could seat 15,000 people — roughly twice the capacity of the Municipal Coliseum.

But opponents believe the pro-arena faction has exaggerated the potential for a new arena to draw tourists and entertainment events to Lubbock.

"It's a craze all over the country," Mrs. Ward said. "There are only so many conventions and so many concerts, and they don't necessarily come to places that don't have a sufficient population base or natural destination appeal."

Another arena vote — this one in Lewisville, a fast-growing Dallas suburb — has primed that city into a contender to lure away Dallas' professional hockey and basketball teams.

Lewisville residents will decide Saturday whether to approve a half-cent sales tax increase to fund a \$40 million arena bond. That complex is estimated to cost up to \$150 million.

Lubbock city Councilwoman Windy Sitton said the increase would cost the average resident about \$1.75 extra a month in sales taxes.

That prospect could sway voters who also are being asked Saturday to approve a \$29.9 million

bond issue for construction and renovations in the Lubbock Independent School District.

But city leaders remain confident. And they dream of setting aside display space at the Buddy Holly Special Events Center for memorabilia from the Lubbock native who made rock 'n' roll history.

"People are very 'pro' about this," Mrs. Sitton said. "They see it will give us tools with which to compete with other cities."

Arena supporters include restaurant, hotel and banking groups. Mayor David Langston went on television to promote the proposal.

If a new facility gets built, Mrs. Sitton said, the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum could be returned to original owner Texas Tech for classes or intramural athletics. She said cost-effectiveness favors building a new arena rather than expanding and renovating the coliseum.

"What I'm hearing is that it's a very positive move forward for Lubbock," the councilwoman said. "My feeling is it will pass."

Rapper can't raise his bail

NEW YORK (AP) — Rapper Tupac Shakur is still \$1 million shy of getting out of jail.

Shakur, awaiting sentencing on a sex abuse conviction, is in the hospital ward at Riker's Island recovering from gunshot wounds inflicted during a street robbery.

On Tuesday, a judge refused a request by Shakur's attorney, Michael Warren, to lower the rapper's \$3 million bail. Warren said he had raised \$2 million.

Shakur, 23, and his road manager, Charles Fuller, 24, were convicted Dec. 1 of abusing a 20-year-old woman. They were acquitted of weapons and more serious sodomy charges.

Each faces up to seven years in prison. No sentencing date has been set.



WINNERS EAT PIZZA — Students in the classrooms of each elementary school that brought the most canned goods during the Goodfellows' drive were recently treated to a pizza lunch. Students pictured are in Mrs. Edilyn Smith's room at Central. From left are principal Jim Rosson; third graders, Falon Sisneros, Marco Aguirre,

Clyde De La O; and Goodfellow chairperson Polly Echols. Other winning classrooms were: West Elementary, Mrs. Gaylene Dobbs and Mrs. Gail Koening; Northeast, Mrs. Donna Farley; East, Mrs. Kay Echols; and Stanfield, Mrs. Margie Martinez. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Ira 'mathletes' will compete in nationwide competition

In professional football it is possible to score 6 points (a touchdown), 3 points (a field goal), or 2 points (a safety). If a touchdown is scored it is possible to score an additional point (the point after). What is the largest score that CANNOT be achieved in football?

In February, teams of seventh and eighth grade "mathletes" from schools throughout the state will tackle questions such as this one at MATHCOUNTS Chapter Competitions sponsored by the Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE) and NationsBank. Students will be competing for local acclaim, for prizes, and for the chance to advance to the playoffs — the State MATHCOUNTS Competition in Austin March 4.

Area schools registered include Ira ISD, David Brown, teacher/coach, 573-2628. Now in its twelfth year, MATHCOUNTS is a nation-wide coaching and competition program that makes math fun. The coaching manual is the annually updated MATHCOUNTS School Handbook, which features tips for teaching problem-solving and 30 sets of intriguing problems such as

the one above. TSPE provides the handbook free of charge to all middle and junior high schools (public and private) in Texas. This year TSPE members and other donors also funded national registration fees for over 550 Texas schools.

A total of 21 local teams will compete at the Abilene Chapter Competition on Feb. 11 at Abilene Christian University. Engineers and NationsBank employees will be on hand to proctor the exam, score the tests and present the awards. Prizes awarded at the local contests include trophies, T-shirts and door prizes. Students and teachers who advance to the state contest will be the guests of TSPE; funds for their travel, accommodations and meals will be provided by NationsBank, the state program's major contributor. Held on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin, the state contest features prizes such as Texas Instruments calculators, T-shirts, Compaq computers and scholarships to major universities in Texas.

The top four Texas mathletes at the March 4 contest will travel to the "super bowl" of math — the

National MATHCOUNTS Competition in Washington, D.C., April 27 through 30 — where they will match wits with top mathletes from the other 49 states, from U.S. territories, and from Department of Defense Schools worldwide. Texas teams have consistently placed among the top 15 in the nation, bringing home outstanding second- and third-place honors in 1993 and 1994.

For more information about MATHCOUNTS, contact the Abilene Chapter MATHCOUNTS Coordinator, David McWright, at (915) 673-8291, or call TSPE at 1-800-580-8973.

What is the largest score that cannot be achieved in football? Multiples of 2 will cover an infinite number of possibilities for even scores. Likewise, adding multiples of 2 to 3 will take care of all possible odd scores beyond 2. That leaves only scores of 1 and 0 to be considered. Obviously, zero is possible. Since a team may only make a 1-point play in conjunction with a touchdown (for a total of 7 points), 1 is the largest, and only, impossible score.

Lotto winner, estranged wife fight over remaining money

HOUSTON (AP) — Lotto Texas made Michael Hicks rich, but it apparently did nothing for his marriage.

The \$20 million lottery winner went to court Wednesday in a divorce case focused on whether his estranged wife is entitled to half the jackpot.

Hicks was one of two winners in a \$40.4 million Lotto Texas drawing last Dec. 10. He received a check of just over \$1 million and

will receive similar payments annually over the next 19 years, totaling \$20,193,861.41.

Tessie Hicks, the Lotto winner's wife of about 21/2 years, filed for divorce about two weeks after the lottery drawing and claims the winnings are community property. As such, she would be entitled to half.

Michael Hicks countersued for an annulment, a proceeding that if granted could release him from the

community property obligation. As grounds for the annulment, he claims his wife fraudulently induced him into marriage.

"We are seeking an annulment of that marriage. Not a divorce," said Michael Hicks' attorney, Judy Mingledorff.

Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press
No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$4 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 15, 24, 31, 42, 43, and 49.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$10 million.

Pick 3

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

3-1-9
(three, one, nine)

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MEMORIES THEME — Snyder Christian Women's Club members "walked down memory lane" in their recent meeting at the Snyder Country Club with Cathy Thompson, (from left) presenting the music; Susan Blackard, giving a program on preserving memories; and Helen Martin of San Antonio, guest speaker who spoke on "Something to Remember." CWC has scheduled a guest night to be held Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in the country club. A prayer coffee is set for 9:30 a.m. in the home of Temi Matthies, 3200 30th Street. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge By Phillip Alder

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 ♥ Q 8 5
 ♦ A J 9 2

WEST
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 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ K 9 6 4 3 2
 ♣ 7 6 5

EAST
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 ♥ 2
 ♦ 10 7
 ♣ K 10 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A 10 5 3
 ♥ A Q 10 7
 ♦ A J
 ♣ Q 8 3

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
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5♥	Pass	6♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 4

Phillip Alder's new book, "Get Smarter at Bridge," is available, \$14.95 from P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Hts., NY 11577-0169. © 1995 NEA



AFGHANS GALORE! — Clemev Andress, former Snyder resident, is shown with some of the many afghans she has crocheted. At least 47 afghans made a colorful backdrop for family photos at the Andress-Chambers family reunion in Colorado City on Nov. 26, 1994. (Contributed Photo)

Andress-Chambers reunion

COLORADO CITY — The Andress-Chambers family met in November, 1994, for the annual holiday reunion in the Activities Building of the First Baptist Church.

Approximately 47 family members brought their afghans, crocheted by Clemev Andress, and displayed them as a backdrop for pictures. Mrs. Andress of Ruidoso, N.M., and formerly of Snyder, has made over 50 baby, lap and full-size afghans over the last 22 years.

Following lunch, members participated in an auction of handmade craft items to raise money for the reunion fund. They also watched the Colorado City Christmas parade, played basketball and presented memory books to Mrs. Andress and Robert and Helen Chambers of Ruidoso.

Others attending were Joann Jameson of Abilene; David, Anne, Mary Anne and James Chambers of Roswell; Richard, Elynn and Lauren Kelly of Grapevine; Brenda and Mark Smith of Lubbock; Phillip, Patricia, Joshua, Jessica, Mary Katherine and Stephanie Smith of Big Spring; Tim Carrie, Ashley, Whitney and Chelsea Womack of Lubbock; Bob, Maria, Bobby and Ryan Waters of Clovis, N.M.; Ronnie, Sheila, Kristian and Jordan Womack of Abilene; Rodney, Lanna, Rachel, Thomas and Daniel Reeves of Sweetwater; Tim, Darcy and Andrew Shearer of Hobbs, N.M.; and Glenn and Clara Tate of Hermleigh.

The '90s office hours

NEW YORK (AP) — Office hours no longer need to be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A banking corporation with some 30,000 employees has introduced a Flexible Work Arrangements program in which some employees share jobs, some choose a compressed workweek and others work at home.

Certain employees at Chase Manhattan Bank, depending upon their individual circumstances and the type of job they hold, have the option of working from home (it's called telecommuting). Others, working part time, share a job with another employee. Still others can pick job hours arranged to allow a full week's work to be compressed into three or four days.

The bank's flexitime program is intended to help Chase managers attract and retain good employees and to help some employees balance business and personal responsibilities, if a particular job is adaptable to it.

The hard times get easier

Actors usually spend several years doing other jobs to pay the rent — unless nepotism or good fortune lends a helping hand. Spencer Tracy described it thus: "There were times my pants were so thin I could sit on a dime and tell if it was heads or tails."

In bridge, declarer tries for "heads I win, tails you lose" — as in today's deal.

North's four-diamond response was a transfer to four hearts, promising at least a six-card suit. When East overcalled four spades, South was tempted to double. But knowing of at least 10 hearts between the two hands, he decided to go for the vulnerable game. Now North, thinking South didn't have wasted values in spades, moved on to the slam.

Unwisely, Declarer won the first trick with the spade ace, discarding a diamond from the dummy. After drawing trumps, South faced the problem of avoiding two minor-suit losers. His first thought was to play a club to dummy's jack. However, if it lost to East's king and a diamond came back — as it surely would — South wouldn't know what to do. Should he finesse, or should he win with the ace and hope he had three club winners, on the last of which he could discard his diamond jack?

Then South saw he had a way to avoid this predicament. He ruffed a spade in the dummy, cashed dummy's club ace and led a club back toward his queen. Whatever the lie of the clubs, South could test the suit before, if necessary, falling back on the diamond finesse.

Olives and fat

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Fewer than half of all Americans understand how much fat they should eat, according to a report filed at the recent annual meeting of the American Dietetic Association.

The big stumbling block apparently is learning the difference between saturated and unsaturated fats, researchers said in reporting on a national study conducted for the California Olive Industry.

The study mentioned the need to distinguish between the types of fat to make correct food choices.

Among the recommendations was increasing consumption of monounsaturated fat, the type of fat that lowers the level of "bad" low density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol, while increasing "good" high density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol.

The findings prompted the olive industry to launch a consumer education program, explaining the link between fat and heart disease.

(For a free brochure and bookmark on the subject, write to: California Olive Industry, Dept. SF, 1903 North Fine 102, Fresno, Calif. 93727.)

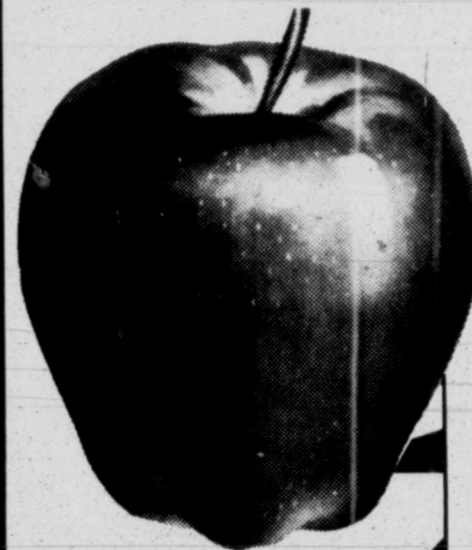
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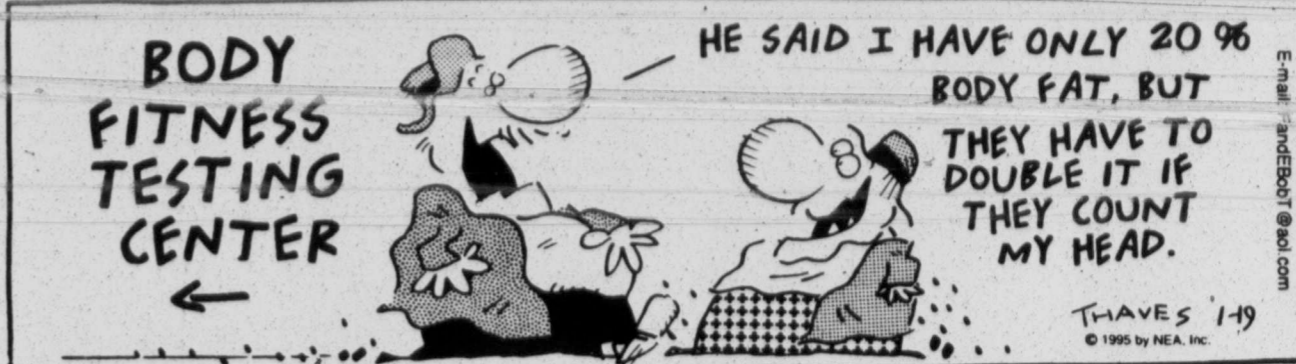
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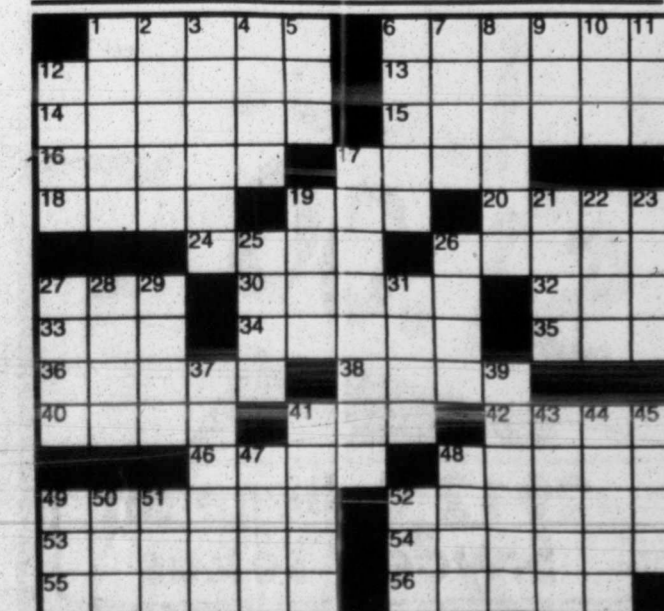
NEA Crossword Puzzle

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- 1 Behave theatrically
 - 6 Deny
 - 12 Radiator, e.g.
 - 13 Similar compound
 - 14 Foundling
 - 15 Appraises
 - 16 OPEC vessel
 - 17 Quarrel
 - 18 Forest animal
 - 19 Press for payment
 - 20 Believe — not
 - 24 Plant disease
 - 26 Honking birds
 - 27 Actor Brynner
 - 30 Habituate
 - 32 Did a marathon
 - 33 Former Japanese statesman
 - 34 Drier
 - 35 Gun grp.
 - 36 Pie fruit
- DOWN**
- 1 Weird
 - 2 Shade tree
 - 3 Ones left
 - 4 Rip
 - 5 Sea eagle
 - 6 Actor David
 - 7 Brother of Jacob
 - 8 Actress —
 - 9 Unit of mass
 - 10 Golf mound
 - 11 Hesitation sounds
 - 12 Little Red
 - 17 Type of horse race
 - 19 Sand hill
 - 21 Gull-like bird
 - 22 Gravel ridges
 - 23 Rockfish
 - 25 Intertwine
 - 26 Actor Richard —
 - 27 Cry of pain
 - 28 Southwestern Indians
 - 29 — shark (usurer)
 - 31 Decorate again
 - 37 Waxy ointment
 - 39 Slender
 - 41 Manicurist's board
 - 43 Supply with funds
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Sports

THE BIG GAME

WTC looks to topple arch-rival Howard

By TODD STANLEY
SDN Sports Editor

The Western Texas Lady Westerners have looked like a new team since returning from semester break.

After beginning the season with a 5-11 record, the team has undergone a complete transformation predicated on the maturity.

"This team has come a long way since the start of the season," WTC head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols said. "We are definitely playing smarter and that, along with the fact that I think they grew up a little over the break, has contributed to our success."

The maturation process of the Lady Westerners has led them to a 4-1 start in 1995, including wins over conference foes Odessa and New Mexico. Monday's three point 101-98 loss to Midland is WTC's sole loss in January.

Western Texas has unveiled, recently, a powerful scoring punch and tenacious defense, which when combined, can be lethal to its opposition.

Tonight, the Lady Westerners will find out how potent their brand of basketball has become when they take on arch-rival Howard College at 7:30 in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Howard, the No. 5-ranked team in the nation, boasts an impressive 19-1 record, including two wins over Western Texas. The Lady Hawks' lone loss came at the hands of Trinity Valley College, the nation's

No. 2-ranked team.

In the first meeting between WTC and Howard on Nov. 1, sophomore Amber Lacey knocked down 18 of 20 free throws for the Lady Hawks en route to a 73-67 win in Snyder.

An abundance of fouls, 70 in all, marred the game which Coach Nichols called, "extremely physical."

In round two, just three days later, eleven Howard players scored, including 10 from Lacey, as the Lady Hawks enjoyed a 71-48 victory.

The game, played at South Plains' Texan Dome, was a definite low point in the Lady Westerners' season.

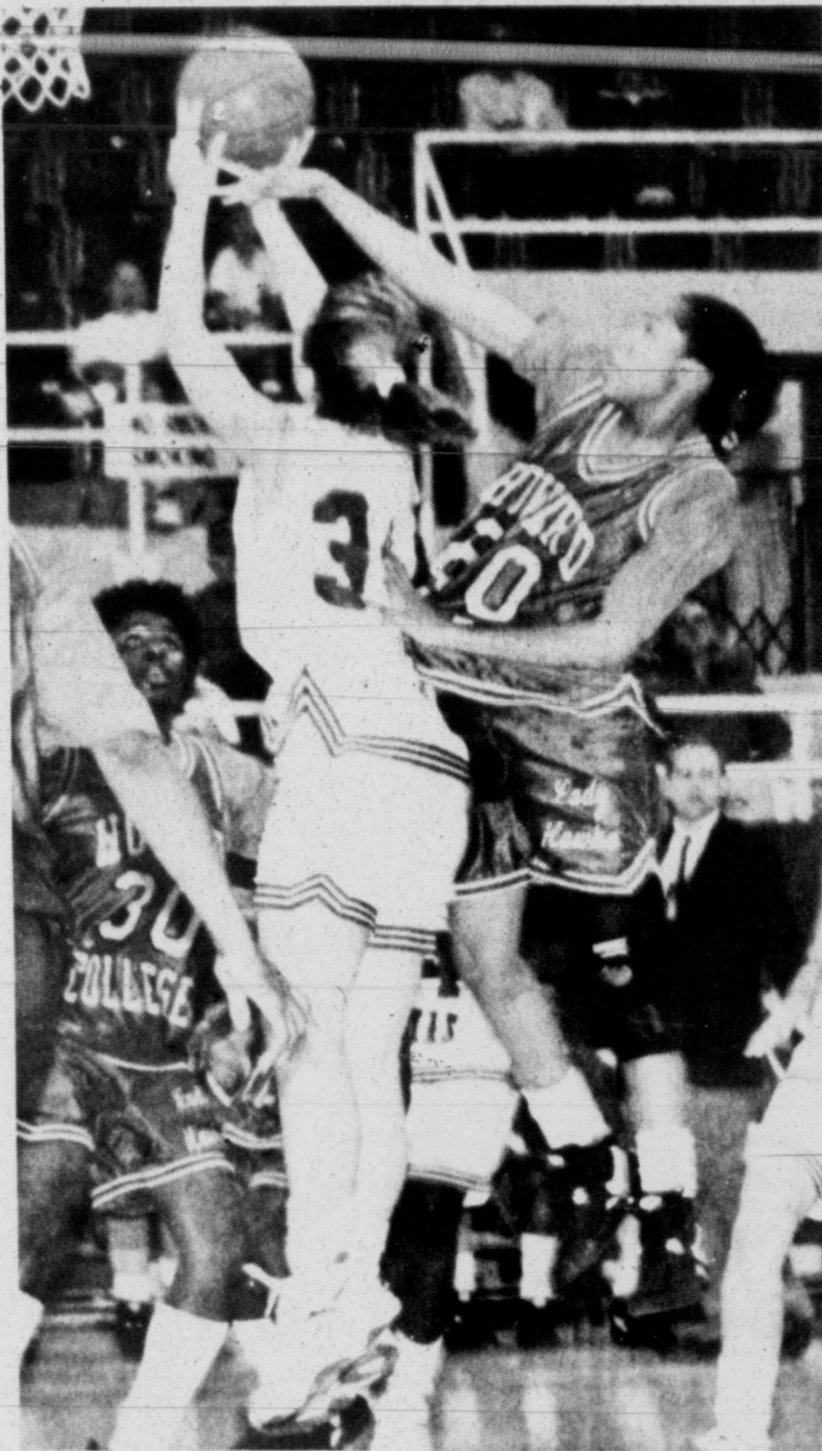
So, with two games already in the books, Western Texas looks to author a different chapter to the Lady Hawks-Lady Westerners saga.

"In this conference, anything can happen," Nichols said. "It is difficult, mentally, for a team to win three games in a row within the conference."

"With two wins already under their belt, I believe they (Howard) will be a little overconfident. We, on the other hand, understand what it will take to beat this team. Tonight's game should be extremely physical and very exciting."

According to Nichols, the key to the game will be Western Texas' ability to focus and play a full 40 minutes.

"We must play two complete halves of basketball," she said. "If we are able to do that we will win."



SHOVE OFF — Western Texas College's Cristy Cates gets a shove in the back from Howard College's Cathy Grice during the Lady Hawks' 73-67 win over the Lady Westerners in the two teams' first confrontation. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

Lady Bulldogs drop Borden County, 50-48

IRA — The Ira Lady Bulldogs put together a true team effort, as they outmuscled Borden County in the fourth quarter to swipe a 50-48 win Tuesday.

After trailing by as many as nine points, 40-31, going into the final stanza, Ira dug deep and responded by outscoring the Lady Coyotes 19-8 to steal a win at home.

Sparked by a host of players, the Lady Bulldogs moved one game above .500 (10-9).

Jody Rankin led the team with 10 points, while sister Jennifer scored nine. Misty Chance, Melissa Brasuel and Jennifer Northcott each scored eight and Kasey Calley finished with seven.

Ira's junior varsity girls dropped their game to Borden County 43-19.

In varsity boy's action, Borden County toppled the Bulldogs 73-40.

Led by Oscar Baeza's 19 points, the Coyotes started the game strong by outscoring Ira 21-6 in the first quarter.

Ira crept back in the second quarter with 17 points, but trailed 31-23 at the half.

In the third period, Borden County finished off the Bulldogs by outscoring them 22-4.

Ira (1-22) was led by Heath Mathis' 13 points. Todd Collom contributed 10 for the Bulldogs and Judd Rodgers had six.

The Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs are scheduled to play district foe Loraine next Tuesday. The girls are slated to begin at 6:30 p.m., with the boys to follow at 8.

Tech, Texas rebound from slow SWC start

by The Associated Press
Despite losses in their Southwestern Conference openers, Texas and Texas Tech are showing they won't be left out of the league race.

Tom Penders had his Longhorns running Wednesday night and they left Southern Methodist in the starting gate, handing the Mustangs their second-worst loss in school history and worst-ever at home 100-59.

Jason Sasser helped Tech end eight years of frustration at Hofheinz Pavilion as he scored 16 second-half points to catapult the Red Raiders to an 84-66 victory over Houston.

With their victories, Tech and Texas are 2-1 in league play and join Texas Christian in a three-way tie for second in the SWC behind Rice. The Owls are 3-0 after beating Texas A&M 66-62 Tuesday night.

TCU dropped into that tie Wednesday night by losing 98-90 to Baylor.

But the story of the night was Texas' eruption against an SMU squad that already had set the dubious Moody blowout record earlier this season with a 97-58 pasting by Kansas.

Texas (9-3) used its tenacious defense to trigger a 17-0 run as it built a 51-23 halftime lead.

NBA Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	31	7	.816	-
New York	21	13	.618	8
Boston	15	22	.405	15 1/2
New Jersey	15	24	.385	16 1/2
Miami	12	24	.333	18
Philadelphia	11	25	.306	19
Washington	8	26	.235	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Charlotte	23	13	.639	-
Cleveland	23	13	.639	-
Indiana	21	15	.583	2
Chicago	18	19	.486	5 1/2
Atlanta	16	21	.432	7 1/2
Milwaukee	13	23	.361	10
Detroit	11	23	.324	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	27	10	.730	-
Houston	22	12	.647	3 1/2
San Antonio	21	13	.618	4 1/2
Denver	18	18	.500	8 1/2
Dallas	16	18	.471	9 1/2
Minnesota	8	27	.229	18

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	28	8	.778	-
Seattle	25	9	.735	2
L.A. Lakers	22	12	.647	5
Sacramento	20	15	.571	7 1/2
Portland	18	16	.529	9
GoldenState	11	23	.324	16
L.A. Clippers	6	31	.162	22 1/2

Tuesday's Games

San Antonio 101, Boston 92
Orlando 109, Charlotte 98
Phoenix 129, Denver 113
Seattle 115, Cleveland 91
Sacramento 95, Portland 88

Wednesday's Games

Miami 121, Boston 93
Charlotte 111, San Antonio 110
Philadelphia 92, Atlanta 80
Utah 99, Detroit 86
Indiana 106, L.A. Lakers 105
Orlando 108, Dallas 97
Milwaukee 97, Chicago 93
L.A. Clippers 92, Cleveland 83



HANGING OUT WITH THE DIGBY BOYS — Hermleigh's Jimmy Digby, left, pictured here with younger brother Billy Joe, was voted in Monday as a second team All-State defender by the Six-Man football coaches association. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

Digby named All-State performer

Hermleigh defensive end named to second team

HERMLEIGH — Even though a coin-flip kept the Hermleigh Cardinals from getting state-wide exposure in the playoffs, at least one player, Jimmy Digby, got his moment in the sun.

Digby was voted in Monday by the Six-Man football coaches association as an All-State defensive second teamer.

Just a junior, Digby recorded 102 solo tackles in 1994 including

51 assists.

In addition, he caused nine fumbles, recovered four of them, and snared one interception.

"Jimmy deserves a lot of recognition because of all the hard work and dedication he has put forth," Hermleigh head coach David Rogers said. "He played hard and with a lot of intensity all year long. This honor is well deserved."

Hermleigh (7-3 overall, 3-2 in

district) was knocked out of a chance at the playoffs with an 18-13 loss to district champion Loraine in the season's last game.

Coach Rogers looks for Jimmy to be a big part of next year's Cardinal squad.

"I think he will be a great team leader next year," Rogers said. "He gives the other kids someone to look up to. Not only is he a good player, but he's also a great kid."

Youngstown coach turns down Miami

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Youngstown State football coach Jim Tressel today withdrew as a candidate for the Miami coaching job.

Tressel, who has led Youngstown State to three NCAA I-AA national championships in the last

four years, issued a statement saying he would remain at the school.

"I understand the possibility of coaching at a premiere institution like the University of Miami may come along once in a lifetime, but at this point in time, it is in the best interests of myself and my

family that I remain at Youngstown State University," he said.

Miami athletic director Paul Dee earlier denied a published report that Auburn coach Terry Bowden was interviewed for the Hurricanes' vacancy.

Shaq shakes up Mavericks

DALLAS (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal had 23 of his 42 points in the first half to send the Orlando Magic to its fifth consecutive victory, 108-97 over the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night.

O'Neal overpowered the smaller Mavericks inside, converting 10 of his first 11 shots and 17 of 25 overall as the Magic won its ninth game in the last 10 outings.

The Mavericks pulled to 85-81 with 8:13 remaining, but Dennis Scott's 3-point shot triggered a 9-2 run that included four points from O'Neal, and Orlando built its lead back to 94-83.

Jamal Mashburn scored 29 points to lead the Mavericks, who lost for the third time in their last four games. Jim Jackson added 23 points and Popeye Jones had 10 points and 19 rebounds for Dallas.

Charlotte escapes Spurs

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — After the Hornets blew a 22-point lead, Larry Johnson scored on a layup with 14 seconds remaining to lift Charlotte to a 111-110 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Wednesday night.

With the Hornets trailing 110-109 with 23 seconds left, Johnson converted the game-winning basket on a perfect feed from Muggsy Bogues.

San Antonio had one last chance to win it, but David Robinson's shot was blocked by Alonzo Mourning just before time ran out.

Charlotte, which has won nine of its last 10 games, got its 12th straight home victory.

Johnson led six Hornets players in double figures with 24 points. Bogues scored 12 points and added 15 assists.

College Basketball

By The Associated Press
TOP 25 SCOREBOARD

No. 3 North Carolina 79, No. 18 Virginia 76
No. 5 Kentucky 82, Mississippi 65
No. 7 Kansas 78, Kansas St. 74
No. 9 Arkansas 84, Georgia 82
No. 12 Michigan St. 93, Northwestern 56
No. 14 Iowa St. 70, Creighton 52
No. 16 Missouri 86, Jackson St. 72
No. 24 Florida 71, South Carolina 59

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 98, Texas Christian 90
Oklahoma 87, Oral Roberts 53
Texas 100, Southern Meth. 59
Texas Tech 84, Houston 66

MIDWEST

Akron 68, Kent 57
Ball St. 85, East. Michigan 68
Bowling Green 90, E. Michigan 88, OT
Xavier, Ohio 81, Wright St. 73

WESTERN TEXAS LADY WESTERNERS

(21 games, 9-12 overall, 2-1 conference)

Name	G	FG	Pct.	3pt	FT	Pct.	Reb	Ass	Stk	Blk	Pts	Avg
Esernack	18	23-79	.291	5-17	13-15	.867	53	32	33	4	64	3.6
Glenn	21	22-56	.393	2-3	14-28	.500	30	12	12	1	60	2.9
Williams	6	12-28	.429	0-1	4-13	.308	12	14	3	0	28	4.7
Veltenheimer	21	17-41	.415	0-0	22-34	.647	41	4	5	2	56	2.7
Moss	21	81-182	.445	35-89	35-53	.660	57	55	44	2	232	11.1
Ragland	10	9-28	.321	4-14	9-13	.692	15	7	7	1	31	3.6
Carrell	21	84-289	.291	12-33	64-87	.736	123	61	39	7	244	11.6
Reves	21	10-22	.455	6-12	9-11	.818	22	10	5	1	35	1.7
Thompson	21	29-93	.312	14-56	27-50	.540	53	50	37	3	99	4.7
Wilson	21	39-141	.418	18-50	39-61	.639	86	49	34	2	175	8.3
Cates	21	34-133	.406	0-2	84-121	.694	138	20	20	7	192	9.1
Wright	21	123-240	.513	25-54	49-87	.563	196	76	45	34	320	15.2
Brown	12	5-18	.278	0-3	18-27	.667	21	3	0	0	28	2.3
Gerate	15	8-19	.421	0-1	8-9	.889	22	2	2	1	24	1.6

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Billy Luna
Hermleigh Basketball

Billy triggered the Hermleigh offense by scoring 16 and 10 points for the Cardinals in games last week.

Erica Garvin
Snyder Basketball

Erica, a sophomore, had 14 points and controlled the boards in Snyder 32-22 win over Sweetwater.

Honor Roll

Heath Mathis* Ira Basketball	Brad Gober* Snyder Basketball	Jody Rankin* Ira Basketball	Jodi White Snyder Basketball
Ricky Soos* Hermleigh Basketball	Reagan Key* Snyder Basketball	Melissa Brasuel Ira Basketball	Bridget Moore Hermleigh Basketball

*previous winner

Witnesses describe bloody slaying of Texas professor

BANTEAY SREY, Cambodia (AP) — Trapped under a hail of gunfire from bandits, a University of Texas professor visiting Cambodia's ancient temples was unable to escape and succumbed after a bullet to the heart, witnesses said.

Susan Ginsburg Hadden, a professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs in Austin, was killed Sunday while touring the Banteay Srey portion of the Angkor Wat temple complex. Her husband, James Hadden Jr., was wounded and evacuated to Singapore for treatment.

The couple's Cambodian guide also was killed in the attack. But their driver, Pho Phay, 25, said Wednesday he was able to escape through the door on his side of the van.

"I saw armed men running from a house on the left side of the road firing a B-40 at the van in front of my vehicle," said Pho Phay. The bandits missed the vehicle in front and hit the Haddens' van, the last in a convoy of four tourist vehicles.

"I told the American couple (See DESCRIBE, Page 8)

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent
WASHINGTON (AP) — The line-item veto began showing up on White House wish lists when Ulysses S. Grant lived there. Now a Republican Congress may actually grant President Clinton the power to veto specific spending items without rejecting the entire bill that carries them.

But not without a struggle. Leaders of the GOP House and Senate will have to overcome a Senate filibuster, and Clinton will have to counter Democratic critics who see the line-item veto as a gimmick, a risky shift of power and an opening for horse-trading, even political extortion.

Republicans, Democrats duel over line item veto approval

and some simply because the power exists and pork barrel spenders would know it.

Clinton has said that was his experience as governor of Arkansas, one of 43 states that have versions of the line-item veto. He said he'd only used it nine times in 10 years because once wielded, it served as a check on spending proposals.

He ventured the \$9.8 billion estimate when he was running for the White House. The administration is more cautious now. "I can't give you a number on how much spending would be reduced."

Alice Rivlin, director of the Office of Management and Budget, told the Senate Budget Committee on Wednesday. "I think it would be significant but not enormous."

One reason is entitlement spending, which is automatic and doesn't have to be renewed in annual appropriations bills. It accounts for more than 60 percent of the budget and growing. While one version of the line-item veto would affect new or increased entitlements in the future, what's already on the books would not be covered.

Even then, there were proposals for a real line-item veto, and more have been made since. Now, after all these years, Republicans are trying to get it done in a hurry, with Democratic allies but also with formidable Democratic foes.

Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia, the senior Senate Democrat, is against any form of item veto as a surrender of powers that belong to Congress.

Sen. Mark Hatfield, the Republican who has just succeeded Byrd as the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, is another potent foe. He said the item-veto would hand presidents "a powerful political weapon" that would thwart Congress and let one person dictate priorities.

AP analysis

As it stands now, the president can propose rescinding specific spending items, but the spending stands unless Congress votes to agree. So inaction, which is the usual course, means the money has to be spent.

Actually, until 1974 presidents could block spending by simply refusing to spend the money, "impounding" it, in government jargon. But Congress took that power away after President Nixon used it extensively, not just to trim spending but to set priorities and policies.

But Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said his Budget Committee is going to get it done, and will go to work today writing a bill that can bridge differences in rival versions.

Rivlin said he wants the strongest possible version, as soon as it can be passed. That may be awhile, given the almost certain Senate filibuster. It is on the House Republican must-vote list for the first 100 days.

But even Republicans who want it done are wary enough to favor a sort of trial run, with a measure that would expire in four to eight years, so that Congress can see how it is used and how it works before making it a fixture.

Rivlin said Clinton would like it to be permanent from the start. At the White House, Domenici said, "they've wanted it forever, and they'd like it forever."

Teen flees before verdict

Youth convicted on murder charge

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A teen-ager described by a prosecutor as a "cold-blooded killer" fled from the Bexar County Justice Center shortly before he was convicted in the shooting death of a local jeweler.

Joshua Burns, 19, was convicted Tuesday in the Nov. 13, 1992, robbery and murder of Jorge Mancilla, 46. But Burns was not in the courtroom when jurors returned the verdict.

State District Judge Mary Roman issued a warrant for the arrest of Burns. He was free on \$20,000 bond at the time he fled.

For the shooting death conviction, Burns must serve 35 years in prison before becoming eligible for parole. Although he was tried as an adult, Burns could not be sentenced to death because he was 16 and legally a juvenile at the time of the murder.

Prosecutors Al Tavera and Jill Mata said the case was particularly sad because Mancilla left behind a daughter who was 9 at the time.

"Her mother died of cancer two years before this and so she was orphaned by this cold-blooded killer," Tavera told jurors.

Prosecutors said Burns was one of two robbers who ordered Mancilla and two employees to give them the money and jewelry. The robbers ordered the three to get on the floor, but Mancilla got up and lunged at one of the robbers.

Both robbers opened fire on Mancilla. The employees identified Burns as one of the robbers. Authorities believe they know the identity of the second robber, but he was wearing a mask and prosecutors have been unable to amass enough evidence to bring him to court.

Defense attorney Richard Langlois argued in court Tuesday that Burns did not intend to kill Mancilla and should not be convicted of capital murder.

Jurors did not know until after they returned their verdict why Burns was not in court Tuesday. After the verdict was read, the judge told the jury that Burns apparently had fled.

The defendant's mother said she dropped her son off at the Justice Center while she went to park, but he never went to the courtroom.

Hospital Notes

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EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Legislature wants to limit appeals

HOUSTON (AP) — Legislation that would cut the time condemned killers spend awaiting execution by limiting the number of times they can appeal their convictions was to be filed today by Texas lawmakers.

The legislation could cut the average time spent handling appeals from about eight years or more to as few as three.

It also would require the state to appoint and pay for lawyers to represent death row prisoners in their appeals, an idea one lawmaker says makes this bill a better idea than a similar one filed two years ago.

Any changes would not affect the 399 killers currently awaiting execution, officials say.

Gov. George W. Bush is considering declaring the issue an emergency, thus allowing the law to take effect immediately upon passage and his signature, a spokesman said Wednesday.

Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, was expected to file a bill in the House and Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, was expected to do the same in the Senate.

Gallego, who sponsored similar legislation in 1993, said he thinks a main reason such reform failed was that no provisions were made for how defense lawyers were to be paid.

One of the major criticisms of Texas' death penalty process is that the state has never provided or even required that lawyers be appointed for condemned killers who want to appeal.

The appeals lawyers would be appointed by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. They'd be paid for through increased court fees assessed against any person convicted of a felony or misdemeanor crime.

"Rather than making everyone pay for it or taking money away from education," Gallego said, "we decided to make criminals pay for it."

Attorney General Dan Morales, who advocates streamlining death penalty appeals, would not comment on the proposed legislation Wednesday because he was scheduled to announce the legislation at a press conference this afternoon.

Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for Morales, said the attorney general supports "ending the frivolous appeals."

"I think it's something we need to do and do quickly," said Judge Michael McCormick, who presides over the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Burglary, accidents investigated by police

Local peace officers enjoyed another relatively quiet day Wednesday and despite the early morning snow, city officers worked only three accidents. None were reported to be weather related or involved treatment at Cogdell Hospital.

A burglary was reported at 11:51 a.m. Wednesday by Lee Wright, who reported someone had broken into his residence at 4301 College Ave.

A major two-vehicle accident was reported at 2:49 p.m. at 42nd Street and Avenue U. Involved were a 1978 Oldsmobile driven by Sharon Robbins of 3741 Rose Circle and a 1989 Chevrolet pickup driven by John Adelman of 2313 41st St.

A woman notified officers at 4:23 p.m. that some juveniles had been bothering her juvenile son in the 1500 block of 27th Street.

Another major accident was reported at 4:57 p.m. in the 3400 block of Avenue E. Involved were three vehicles, including a 1988 Ford driven by Roseanna Delapaz of 125 Milburn, a 1985 Buick driven by Janie Winkle of 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 5-A4 and a 1990 Ford driven by Thomas Rowe of 411 35th St.

Officers were notified at 6:57 p.m. Wednesday that a bicycle which had been reported stolen on Jan. 1 from the 400 block of 29th Street had been located.

A minor accident was investigated at 11:16 p.m. in the Pizza Inn parking lot. Involved were a 1985 Chevrolet driven by Lionel Aviles of 2804 Ave. H and a parked and unoccupied 1978 Chevrolet Suburban owned by James Allison of 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 2-B2.

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Japan quake death toll surpasses 4,000

KOBE, Japan (AP) — The death toll from the catastrophic earthquake in western Japan has surpassed 4,000, making the quake the deadliest natural disaster in Japan in more than 70 years.



A SARAPED, SOMBREROED SNOWMAN — Hilda Molina and Sammy Ruiz put the finishing touches on a snowman that they built Wednesday morning during the brief snowfall. The city recorded .23 of moisture at the water plant which includes rain and the snow. (SDN Staff Photo)

Police said the death toll as of late today stood at 4,015, with 587 people still missing nearly three days after the quake.

The figure surpassed the official government tally of 3,769 who died in the 1948 quake in Fukui. The 1923 quake in Tokyo and the surrounding Kanto plain killed more than 100,000.

In Kobe, exhausted rescue crews worked around the clock, using picks, shovels, crowbars and bare hands to move tons of debris in search of survivors.

More than 21,600 people were injured in Tuesday's quake, which struck one of the country's most technologically advanced cities. Two days after the quake, about

275,000 people were living in 984 temporary shelters.

Many of them fled homes that survived the quake. The people were afraid aftershocks would destroy their dwellings.

More than 29,000 buildings were destroyed or heavily damaged.

"We've been working since last night," said Minoru Okubo, foreman of a 15-member construction crew. "We brought out two dead bodies, and this morning, one woman who was alive. She wasn't badly hurt at all."

Japan's Kyodo News Service said two elderly men, aged 74 and 94, were also found alive beneath the wreckage of collapsed houses

in the city of Ashiya.

The death toll was 3,684 by evening, and it appeared the final count would surpass the 3,848 people killed in an earthquake in Fukui in 1948.

A total of 652 people were still missing and more than 21,000 were injured, police said. More than 120,000 people were left homeless, and thousands of others found shelter elsewhere for fear their homes might not survive strong aftershocks.

Nearly 26,000 buildings were destroyed or heavily damaged.

The National Meteorological Agency recorded nearly 800 aftershocks since the magnitude 7.2 quake. More than 80 of the aftershocks could be felt by humans.

Interest wanes in trial...

In court of public opinion, verdict is against Simpson

NEW YORK (AP) — Most Americans think O.J. did it — and most don't care much about the case anymore, an Associated Press poll found.

More than half the respondents also said the jury should get a full accounting of O.J. Simpson's alleged history of wife abuse. The judge allowed important abuse evidence Wednesday, after the poll was completed.

Six in 10 said Simpson's fame would work in his favor at his trial, and half said the overwhelming media attention would work against him.

The national telephone poll of 1,003 adults was taken Jan. 11-15 by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultants. It has a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

The survey began hours after the court released prosecutors' explosive claims that Simpson abused Nicole Brown Simpson throughout their 17-year relationship. Simpson is accused of murdering his ex-wife and her friend Ronald Goldman on June 12.

Fourteen percent of the respondents said the murder charges against Simpson definitely are true, 43 percent said they're probably true, 14 percent said they

probably weren't true and 4 percent said they definitely aren't true. Twenty-five percent said they didn't know or wouldn't answer.

Simpson was judged a bit more harshly by men than by women. Sixty-one percent of men and 53 percent of women said the charges definitely or probably were true.

The poll also showed that the public's interest in Simpson's case has slid sharply.

An ABC News poll in July found that 60 percent of Americans said they were following the case very closely or somewhat closely. Only 38 percent said the same when asked the identical question in the new AP poll.

Polls by the Times Mirror Center for the People & the Press found that 48 percent of Americans followed the Simpson story "very closely" when it first broke. That proportion dropped to 30 percent in September and 25 percent in October in Times Mirror polls.

In the AP poll, only 9 percent said they are still following the case very closely.

Asked what would better serve justice, 54 percent favored full disclosure to the jury of Simpson's

alleged history of wife abuse; 35 percent said the jury should be shielded from abuse allegations that aren't directly related to the slayings.

Women were more inclined than men to favor disclosure of abuse allegations.

On Wednesday, Superior Court Judge Lance Ito ruled that several instances of violence in the Simpsons' marriage can be presented to the jury, including Simpson's no-contest plea to wife-beating and his 1985 baseball-bat attack on her car.

Pep Band will debut here tonight

Tonight's game between the Western Texas College Lady Westerners and the highly-ranked Howard College Lady Hawks will have a new "twist."

The game, which begins at 7:30 in the Scurry County Coliseum, will feature the debut of WTC's Basketball Pep Band. The band, organized this semester and offered as a one hour credit course through the Fine Arts Division, consists of full-time WTC students as well as volunteer high school and adult instrumentalists.

Their common bond is a love for "fun" music and a desire to show their support for the Lady Westerners.

The game will begin at 7:30 tonight at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Everyone is encouraged to support the Lady Westerners.

Describe

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and the guide to get out of the car. Then I quickly opened the driver's door to run away," Pho Phay said.

As the Cambodian guide scrambled to get out on the left side, from which the bandits were approaching, he was shot dead, the driver said. Hadden clambered into the driver's seat but was shot in the right shoulder and arm before he could drive off.

Mrs. Hadden was pinned down by the fire from the gunmen and shot several times, once in the heart, the driver said.

The bandits then entered through the van's sliding door and seized the Haddens' bags, said Pho Phay, who hid in the forests nearby. About five minutes later, government soldiers who had heard the gunfire arrived to fight off the bandits.

It Sarom, a witness who helped transport the couple into town, said Mrs. Hadden died en route to the hospital.

The 12th century temples are Cambodia's main tourist attraction, about 150 miles northwest of the capital of Phnom Penh. The attack is likely to reduce the number of tourists to the temples, costing the government much-needed tourist dollars. Airplanes to the area have been virtually empty since the attack.

Armed robbery is widespread in Cambodia because guns are cheap and accessible after more than two decades of armed conflict.

The bandits appeared to have no connection to the Khmer Rouge guerrillas who have been fighting various governments in Phnom Penh for over 15 years. Had the attack been by guerrillas, they would probably have killed James Hadden instead of leaving him wounded, local authorities said.

Heavy shelling noted in northwest Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Heavy shelling broke out today in what appeared to be a new offensive in northwest Bosnia, further pushing an unstable cease-fire toward collapse.

U.N. spokesman Paul Risley said more than 400 detonations were reported in a four-hour period near the town of Velika Kladusa in far northwestern Bosnia, a chronic trouble spot during a truce that went into effect Jan. 1.

It was not clear who was doing the firing, but it was in an area where Croatian Serbs from across

the border and rebel Muslims are fighting government forces.

U.N. officials reported Croatian Serb tank and troop movements in the area in recent days, and that it appeared the shelling was part of a Croatian Serb offensive.

No further information was available immediately on the fighting, which seemed likely to push the combatants closer to resuming full-scale fighting.

With the truce accord, meant to last for four months, not yet fully implemented but already fraying, Bosnian Serbs and the Muslim-led government have been sliding increasingly back into the sporadic fighting and pressure tactics that have characterized much of the 33-month-old war.

Serbs set up a roadblock outside the government-held enclave of Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia, said another U.N. spokesman, Lt. Col. Gary Coward.

The Serbs also refused to let the United Nations bring in materials to de-ice the runway at Sarajevo airport, vital for humanitarian aid flights, Coward said.

The government complained that the Serbs were delaying a planned prisoner exchange in Sarajevo.

Coward earlier today reported mortar fire along a frontline in northeast Bosnia; a brief artillery or mortar duel around Bugojno, in western Bosnia, where Croat forces allied with the government have been on the offensive against Serbs; and incidents of shooting in Sarajevo.

He also said 52 detonations were recorded west of the town of Bihac and 56 detonations near Velika Kladusa.

All shooting incidents are violations of a cease-fire that went into effect with the new year.

BCD

Continued From Page 1 \$40.17 in bills.

Riggan, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Max von Roeder, noted that the BCD has approximately \$89,500 in funds. This includes \$50,000 received in 1995 and \$39,500 from carryover in 1994 and 1993.

Board members present Wednesday were Riggan, Hefner and Pete Hester. Von Roeder and Mark McCormick were absent.

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Obituaries

Hazel Cox

1907-1995 SWEETWATER — Service is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church for Hazel Mankin Cox, 87, who died Wednesday in a Sweetwater hospital. Dr. Morris Poole will officiate and burial will follow in the Sweetwater Cemetery.

Mrs. Cox and her family owned Cox Jewelry, and had recently closed the Snyder store.

Born in Arkansas, Mrs. Cox graduated from high school in Fort Worth. She married John R. Cox Jr. in 1929 in Stanton. Mrs. Cox helped organize the Sweetwater Cemetery Trust Fund, was a member of the Sorosis Club and taught Sunday School at the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. John R. Cox III and Ronnie Cox, both of Sweetwater; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Sweetwater Cemetery Trust Fund in care of Sweetwater City Hall.

Fledgling networks face first ratings, detail new programs

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — UPN and its flagship show "Star Trek: Voyager" trounced WB in the first battle between the fledgling TV networks, but both were philosophical Wednesday.

"One week not a year makes," said Lucie Salhany, president of UPN, the United Paramount Network.

UPN posted a 9.9 average rating and a 14 share for its first two nights of programming, Monday and Tuesday, in "weighted average" overnight ratings from major TV markets, Salhany said.

The WB Network, in the more representative national figures for its debut last week, scored a 1.9 rating and 3 share. A national ratings point represents 954,000 TV households; share is the percentage of TV sets in use tuned to a

specific broadcast.

Jaime Kellner, the WB chief who helped launch Fox Broadcasting Co. eight years ago, said his network's low viewership was expected and mirrored Fox's launch.

"It's a tortoise-type (business) plan," Kellner said of WB.

UPN's sendoff included the latest "Star Trek" spinoff on Monday and the dramas "Marker" and "The Watcher" on Tuesday. National ratings will be available next week.

WB is offering four Wednesday night comedies: "The Wayans Bros.," "The Parent Hood," "Unhappily Ever After" and "Muscle."

Reviews generally were harsh, a fact remarked on by series stars who met Wednesday with mem-

bers of the Television Critics Association.

"You know, this is kind of like an ugly baby christening. No one's being honest," said Bobcat Goldthwait, who provides the voice of a talking stuffed rabbit on "Unhappily Ever After."

Kellner and Salhany both said they would be patient in allowing shows to develop an audience. But both networks have shows in development for replacements as well as for future expansion.

At UPN, an adventure series is shooting that stars "MacGyver" star Richard Dean Anderson as a dime novelist in the Old West, said Michael Sullivan, UPN entertainment president.



FRITZ RECEIVES PLAQUE — Ricky Fritz recently received a plaque and a gift of appreciation from the Senior Citizens Center where he has served on the Advisory Council for 3½ years.

Fritz assumed his duties as county judge Jan. 1. Making the presentation is council president C.J. Smith, and interim director Norma Laywell. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Girl born 95 days after her twin brother was born in '94

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Celeste Keys slept quietly in her mother's arms a few hours after being born, reunited with the twin brother who entered the world 95 days earlier.

Celeste's arms were curled up to her chest. Timothy's were straight out in front, his fingers spread.

"He always has his hands out," said their mother, Simone Keys. "We just say he's praising God all the time."

The Keys praise God, too — and their doctors. Not only did Timothy survive a difficult, premature birth, but Celeste's birth was delayed until she could be deliv-

ered at full term Wednesday.

The twins are expected to go home together Friday.

"It's just a miracle," said the twins' father, the Rev. Thomas Keys.

The 95 days between births is the longest period in which all babies in a multiple pregnancy survived, according to doctors at Ochsner Foundation Hospital who delivered Timothy and Celeste.

The previous record — 56 days — was for twins born in 1953 to a woman with a double uterus. A Canadian woman carrying triplets had a Caesarean delivery 99 days after the first child was born, but only the third survived.

Celeste, who weighs nearly 6 pounds, outweighs her older twin by three-quarters of a pound. She's healthier, too: She doesn't need a breathing monitor like her brother, and she's not at risk of such problems as learning disorders and mild cerebral palsy.

Timothy's hospital bills are \$225,000. Celeste's are \$850.

"You can imagine these kids 10 years later — 'He's my twin but he was born in 1994 and I was born in 1995, three months later.' That's the kind of 'Ripley's Believe It Or Not' part of it," said Jay Goldsmith, one of the doctors who resuscitated Timothy after his vaginal birth Oct. 15.

Although the Keys' 4-year-old

son, Thomas III, was born without problems, the couple had known this pregnancy might be more difficult. Mrs. Keys had a history of high blood pressure, a heart rhythm irregularity and childhood rheumatic fever, all of which can complicate pregnancy — as can twins.

Doctors wanted to prevent a premature birth, but Mrs. Keys went into labor Oct. 11 without realizing it and taught a full day of 10th- and 11th-grade English.

"The whole day, all of my students were telling me I was in labor," she said. "I kept saying, 'Y'all don't know what you're talking about.' ... By the time I got to the hospital for my appointment, I had been in labor all day."

Doctors were able to delay Timothy's birth only a few days. He weighed 1 pound, 14 ounces and had to breathe through a tube in his throat.

While Goldsmith and his team kept Timothy alive, other doctors worked to keep Celeste in the womb.

Drugs quieted Mrs. Keys' contractions and the delivery table was upended so her head pointed to the floor. Dr. Douglas Montgomery trimmed Timothy's umbilical cord as close as possible to the mouth of the womb, then stitched the cervix closed.

"After Timothy came out, Dr. Montgomery said, 'Nothing's happening,'" Keys said. "I said, 'What do you mean, nothing's happening?' That's when he told us we could try this procedure."

It was weeks before Mrs. Keys was taken off the last of the drugs to prevent labor. She went home in November but made weekly visits to a doctor, and got weekly visits from another medical team. Timothy stayed in the hospital and was on a breathing machine for seven weeks.

In the 1970s and '80s, doctors felt that it was best to deliver all babies at once from a multiple pregnancy.

"We don't think that way any more," said Dr. Al Robichaux, Mrs. Keys' obstetrician.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

HIV prevention is the best route

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In regard to your recent column about HIV, I suggest you become better informed than you are. The traditional medical community has a long history of refusing to acknowledge alternative medical procedures that have proved to be successful. You seem to have fallen off the banana boat on this one.

DEAR READER: I'm always eager to become better informed than I am. However, with respect to the "alternative treatment" of HIV, the purported cause of AIDS, no reputable study has shown any benefit whatsoever, unlike standard therapy with drugs such as AZT.

HIV infection is a scourge, an international epidemic, for which — unfortunately — no treatment has been shown to be consistently effective. Therefore, prevention — using safe-sex practices — remains the single, most appropriate public health measure, along with avoiding blood transfusions whenever possible.

If you are aware of studies that show success for "alternative" thera-

py, I urge you to submit them to the Food and Drug Administration or the National Institutes of Health for verification. Until then, I'll continue to side with the medical authorities that condemn the use of untried, untested and unproved treatments for HIV infection.

DEAR READER: What is your feeling about taking Tagamet for stomach ulcers? I am on this regimen. However, I recently experienced an irregular heartbeat following medication. Is this a side effect or something unrelated?

DEAR READER: Tagamet, like other drugs in its class, has been reported to cause slow pulse, rapid pulse and certain forms of heart block. These reactions are extremely unusual, however, and the reason is unknown.

Ordinarily, Tagamet is an excellent treatment for peptic disorders, such as ulcers, because it reduces the formation of stomach acid and, in most patients, is free of complications.

You should mention your symptom to your doctor, who may wish to obtain an electrocardiogram and

other tests, and — if necessary — change your medication or treat any independent heart condition that may exist.

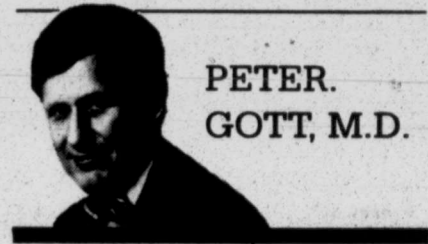
An irregular pulse could be related to your Tagamet therapy, although — as I mentioned — this would be rare.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Peptic Ulcers." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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Astrograph By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday Friday, Jan. 20, 1995

Creative endeavors may occupy a considerable amount of your time in the year ahead. Your success rate could be startling, even though attainments might come the hard way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Although you might desire to be alone today, it probably won't happen. Others may seek you out even if you're trying to avoid them. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You are currently in an achievement cycle where truly significant objectives can be realized. Do not hesitate to aim for more difficult targets.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A considerable friend might pass along some valuable data today. From this information, you'll ascertain that certain facts are actually the opposite of what you had believed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Those in the position to do so are more likely to respond to your requests now than they have in the past. Do not be afraid to make your needs known.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Good deeds you do today will be readily noted and appreciated by your contemporaries. Your positive actions will keep chalking up points for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might make a discovery about yourself; you have a strong sense of resolve you never knew you possessed. It will help you accomplish something important.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Bold measures might be called for today when dealing with someone who has ignored the terms of an agreement. This person can be brought around.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You could be unusually lucky at this time in your work or career. Put forth your best effort and Lady Luck will back you up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you'll make a good impression on those you deal with directly. You shouldn't have any trouble selling yourself or anything you represent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Even though it could be inconvenient, take charge of situations personally today instead of delegating tasks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) When you speak from your inner self today, listeners whose attention you seek will sit up and take notice. Put away the notes and talk from your heart.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will be at your best today when bargaining, bartering, buying or selling. You have a strong chance of making or saving money.

DATE BOOK

Jan. 19 1995

Today is the 19th day of 1995 and the 30th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1869, Susan B. Anthony was elected president of the American Equal Rights Association.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Watt (1736-1819), inventor; Robert E. Lee (1807-1870), Confederate Army general; Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849), writer; Paul Cezanne (1839-1906), painter; Jean Stapleton (1923-), actress, is 72; Phil Everly (1939-), singer, is 56; Janis Joplin (1943-1970), singer; Dolly Parton (1946-), entertainer, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1937, Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying across the United States in just under 7-1/2 hours.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I would define, in brief, the poetry of words as the rhythmic creation of Beauty. Its sole arbiter is taste. With the intellect or with the conscience, it has only collateral relations. Unless, incidentally, it has no concern whatever either with duty or truth." — Edgar Allan Poe

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1994, the coldest morning in many a year crossed the Eastern Corn Belt, Ohio River Valley and Great Lakes. A temperature of minus 37 degrees at New Whiteland, Ind., set the state's all-time record cold.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 16) and last quarter (Jan. 23).

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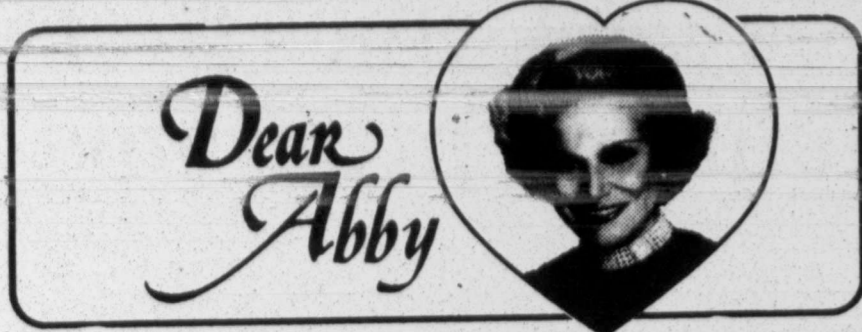
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Round One for Dempsey Stamp Begins With Reader Requests

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I have enjoyed your columns for many years. My late husband, the heavyweight boxing champion Jack Dempsey, also enjoyed them.

I followed with interest the series of letters about the amounts charged for a baby's delivery. Jack told me that a midwife delivered him in Manassa, Colo., on June 24, 1895, for 25 cents!

Jack was an inspiration to so many young athletes. He rose to the top of his field despite many obstacles, and continued to set a shining example for the youth of America throughout his life. He never had a formal education, but lectured on the importance of getting one. He saved Boys Town in Nebraska from closing, and helped many fine young students through school when they couldn't afford it.

Abby, would you please ask your loyal readers to write Mr. Marvin T. Runyon Jr., postmaster general of the United States in Washington, D.C., and suggest that the Postal Service consider issuing a stamp commemorating the 100-year anniversary of Jack Dempsey's birth? (Unfortunately, the stamp would not be worth the same 25 cents it cost to bring this fine man into this world.)

Thank you very much for your kind consideration, and please keep up your wonderful work.

DEANNE (MRS. JACK) DEMPSEY

DEAR MRS. DEMPSEY: What a wonderful idea. Your husband was not only a role model for other prizefighters, Jack Dempsey was also a hero to several generations of boxing fans.

However, all nominees for stamps must be approved by a 15-member Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, which meets for only two days four times a year. Of the 40,000 requests the committee receives

from the public each year, only about 100 subjects are selected. All of the images for 1995 were unveiled on Nov. 17, 1994, at the U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C.

It's not too late, however, to nominate him for a 1996 commemorative stamp, so at the sound of the bell, start writing!

DEAR ABBY: I'm responding to the letter in your column from the 34-year-old husband who asked if computer sex was harmless.

Why do people write to you hoping to justify their behavior? Obviously, they know better, or they wouldn't be seeking approval.

The answer to his question is simple — all he has to do is ask himself two questions: "Would my wife approve of what I am doing?" and, "Is it something I would feel comfortable telling my wife about?"

Unless he can answer "yes" to both questions, then he has his answer.

Things often look different when we put the shoe on the other foot. If we made a practice of doing that and listening to our conscience, we could figure out the answers ourselves.

V.L.D., GARLAND, TEXAS

DEAR V.I.D.: You said a mouthful. Your problem-solving technique could be helpful to almost all, providing they aren't too close to the problem to see it clearly. For those who are too close — that's what I'm here for.

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

Judge will allow evidence of abuse in Simpson's trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The world has heard them. Now the jury will, too.

Chilling allegations that O.J. Simpson beat, stalked and humiliated his ex-wife for years before her murder can be introduced as evidence in Simpson's trial, Superior Court Judge Lance Ito ruled Wednesday.

The decision hands prosecutors their biggest victory yet and lets them use a crucial piece to their puzzle — a motive. Prosecutors say Simpson killed Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman in a jealous rage on June 12.

Ito also set opening statements for Monday.

The abuse ruling presents defense attorneys with two difficult decisions: whether to let Simpson testify to counter the accusations, and whether to try to sully Ms. Simpson's image in an attempt to put some of the blame for the abuse on her.

The ruling "puts enormous pressure on him to take the stand," said University of Southern California law professor Erwin Chemerinsky.

Defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. said Simpson has always wanted to testify, but no decision has been made. "This (ruling) doesn't tip the scales one way or the other," he said.

Cochran also said the defense will challenge every allegation of abuse.

"I think the prosecution is trying to engage in character assassination," he said. "And in a number of instances, there will be strong evidence to the contrary. We're preparing as we speak. There are people ready, able and willing to testify to the contrary."

Ito admitted 29 of 44 incidents submitted as evidence by the prosecution, saying they were relevant to "issues of motive, intent, plan and identity." He denied the use of 12 allegations; his ruling didn't mention three others.

Prosecutors initially submitted

62 allegations, then withdrew 18. The defense didn't contest 10 of the allegations.

Jurors were sequestered before the hearing began. Ito allowed prosecutors to tell the jury about:

— A 1989 New Year's fight that sent Ms. Simpson to a hospital. Simpson later pleaded no contest to wife beating.

— A dramatic 911 call in 1993 in which Ms. Simpson pleaded for help after Simpson broke down a door to her home. Ito said jurors won't hear Ms. Simpson tell the 911 operator that Simpson was going to "beat the s--- out of me" because she wasn't actually hit on that occasion.

— Evidence that Simpson stalked his ex-wife.

— Claims that Simpson told a friend he knew a "secret way" to Ms. Simpson's house through a back alley.

— An accusation that Simpson once spotted his ex-wife having coffee with Goldman and another man, then stopped his car in the middle of the street and motioned for Ms. Simpson to come to him. Ito said this showed evidence of "jealousy and motive."

The only evidence Ito barred was Ms. Simpson's statements that she was afraid of Simpson, including a call to a battered women's shelter hot line complaining that her ex-husband was stalking her. The call was made five days before she was killed.

Loyola University Law Professor Laurie Levenson predicted the defense would challenge the credibility of the allegations and tell the jury, "If you have doubt about these incidents, that translates into reasonable doubt about the entire case."

Other developments Wednesday:

— Ito replaced two jurors with alternates, saying only he had found "good cause" to dismiss a Hispanic female postal worker and a black male employee of the Hertz Corp., Simpson's former employer.

Comedian awarded over \$40,000 in suit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge ruled Wednesday that a magazine fabricated parts of a 1990 story portraying Rodney Dangerfield as a vodka-guzzling, pot-smoking womanizer, but awarded the comedian only \$45,002 in damages.

U.S. District Judge Robert S.W. Lew ordered the Star magazine to pay the 72-year-old Dangerfield \$45,000 in damages, \$1 for emotional distress and \$1 for defamation.

Dangerfield's lawyer, Barry Langberg, called the ruling "ridi-

culous" and said he expects it to be overturned on appeal. Dangerfield had sought \$1 million in compensatory damages and \$3 million in punitive damages.

Vincent Cox, an attorney for the Star, called Lew's ruling "severe."

"We take seriously any finding that our client acted with malice toward any plaintiff," he said. "Our client is not in the business of producing false information. And we're going to look at it very seriously."

The story ran Sept. 11, 1990,

under the headline "Rodney Dangerfield 'Swills Vodka by the Tumblerful, Smokes Pot All Day and Uses Cocaine.'"

It quoted employees at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, as saying Dangerfield danced nude with naked women and trashed his hotel room during a 1988 stay. The story also said Dangerfield wielded ice tongs and chased a female employee, yelling that he wanted to rip her clothes off, and that he verbally abused a fan seeking an autograph.

"This is a case of outright fabri-

cation," Langberg said.

In his ruling, Lew said had Dangerfield pursued his claims for loss of wages he likely would have won on those grounds.

He said he was precluded from awarding punitive damages because of the way the Star's parent company is organized. The magazine is essentially a shell company with no assets and therefore technically has no ability to pay such damages, the judge said.

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