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Ask Us

Q—How many dollars worth of food stamps were issued in Scurry County last year?

A—For the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1994, some \$1,638,129 in food stamps were issued in the county, according to the Texas Department of Human Services.

Local

West FNO

West Elementary Family Night Out is this evening at Subway.

Genealogy

There will be a genealogy meeting at 7 this evening in the county library. Edna Miller will be the guest speaker. Visitors are welcome.

4-H judging

4-H horse judging practice will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Karen Nachlinger residence. Call 573-2039 after 5 p.m. for directions to the residence.

Brown Bag

The public is invited a "Brown Bag" Concert from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Wednesday in Room 102 of the Fine Arts Building at Western Texas College.

In performance will be students of Jon Palomaki, including music majors and members of the community. Poetry readings from students enrolled in creative writing are also planned.

Year-end

Parents of Snyder Junior High eighth graders will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Savings & Loan to plan an end-of-school party. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Vaccination

A rabies vaccination clinic will be held from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at the National Guard Armory.

The shot is \$7. The city is waiving a \$2 tag fee. Other shots will also be available.

Book sale

Scurry County Library will hold its annual book sale Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily.

Items for sale include hardbacks, paperbacks, National Geographic, childrens books, encyclopedias and more.

Weather

Snyder temperatures: High Monday, 65 degrees; low, 39 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 46 degrees; .05 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, 2.19 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy with areas of fog. A 50 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms. Low in the upper 30s. East wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday, cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the mid to upper 50s. East wind 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 7. Sunrise Wednesday, 6:37. Of 86 days in 1995, the sun has shone 79 days in Snyder.



TUESDAY

Snyder Daily News

Senate passes education reform package

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate on Monday stood by education reform proposals to ease the no-pass, no-play rule and to allow disadvantaged students to get public money to attend private schools.

Senators considering a massive education overhaul bill also decided to continue state adoption of textbooks, although school

districts could get waivers to buy alternatives and have much of the cost of those books paid by the state.

The Senate worked late into the night on the measure, which is aimed at loosening state control over schools and giving parents more choices in educating their children.

School board, administrator

and teacher groups immediately promised to fight a pilot program in the bill that would allow thousands of students to get state and local tax money to attend private schools, including religious schools.

"This sets up the potential for the widescale application of unsound, untested educational policies and the potential for fraud

and student abuse," said Charlotte Travis, president of the Texas PTA and spokeswoman for the coalition opposing the so-called vouchers. No other state offers vouchers to religious schools, she said.

Sen. Bill Ratliff, the bill's sponsor, said the provision applies to at-risk students and gives top priority to those in districts with

the worst academic ratings. Schools accepting state vouchers would have to abide by some state rules.

"I can't understand why anybody would want to deprive these children of the opportunity to at least try something different," he said. The Senate voted 17-13 against a proposal by Sen. See SCHOOLS, Page 8



HORTICULTURE PROGRAM— Snyder Garden Club toured the horticulture department at the Price Daniel Unit Thursday, directed by Western Texas College instructors Mike Squires and Jerry Halre. Club members and their guests observed classrooms and the greenhouse. Pictured from left are Halre, Squires, guest Norma Thompson and Gertrude League. (SDN Staff Photo By Jo Ann Nunley)

May elections...

Ballot order set; 1 drops from race

Election officials at Snyder City Hall and Hermleigh ISD have drawn names for ballot order for the May 6 elections.

Meanwhile, the Hermleigh trustees' race has been shortened by one candidate.

Snyder and Ira public schools are also having elections May 6, but have no contested races.

Burton Sandefur, a farmer and oilfield pumper, has withdrawn from the Hermleigh school board race, leaving seven candidates running for two at-large positions.

Ballot order in the HISD elec-

tion was held this morning. Candidates, in the order they will appear on the ballot, are Tony Lambaren, an employee of E.D. Walton Construction; Joe Roemisch, a sales representative for Production Pump; Larry Bridges, a Price Daniel Unit employee; Jimmy Barnes, a Santa Fe Railway employee; Ted Mireles Jr., a Scurry County employee; Sherene Digby, manager of Allsup's; and Jimmy R. Hudgins, a farmer.

Four men are seeking two seats on Snyder City Council. In the order in which they were drawn Monday, the candidates are Ron Shaw, an incumbent and postal employee; Stanley Noah, a former council member and retired businessman; Ron Baker, manager of L&L gasoline station; and Dayton Robertson, an incumbent and an engineer with Y-Z Industries, Inc.

In the mayor's race, local businessman Lynn Gardenhire will be first on the ballot, followed by David Holt, former councilman and president of Fluid Transports and Snyder Area Contractors.

Running for Snyder ISD board are unopposed incumbents Luann Burleson and Charles Anderson. Also unopposed are Ira ISD candidates Sid Wall, for the unexpired Place 1 term, and incumbents Keith Clements for Place 6 and R. Douglass White for Place 7. Early voting begins April 17.

Pre-bid conference set Friday

Contractors interested in the Learning Resource Center project at the Price Daniel Unit are invited to a pre-bid conference at 1 p.m. Friday.

The meeting of interested contractors will be held at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice unit east of Snyder and will be conducted by Lubbock architect Hal Schauer.

Final bid documents and building specifications received approval last week following review by the TDCJ's engineer and design department.

The 3,600-square foot metal building will be used as a chapel and counseling center and is being built by the Scurry County Area Foundation by funds donated by local citizens which matched a \$100,000 gift from The Meadows Foundation of Dallas.

Estimated cost of the facility is \$175,000. A fund-raising effort that began last October in Snyder to raise \$75,000 was completed in January.

It is estimated that construction would take some three months. When completed, the building would then be donated to the TDCJ. The building will include a large area for religious services that can be divided into three smaller classrooms. The building will also contain an office for the chaplain and three counselors.

Ira one-act area bound

Ira High School's one-act play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," will move on to area competition after being selected Monday to advance from the District 13-A contest.

Ira will join Trent High School, which also advanced from Monday's competition in Klondike. Trent's entry is "The Boys Next Door."

Adam Davis and Judd Rogers were selected for the district all-star cast Monday. Classmates Misty Chance and Stacey Taylor were honorable mention.

The area contest has been set for April 8 at Sterling City.

Commissioners hire mechanic

Scurry County commissioners voted unanimously Monday afternoon to hire Vance Lee Reynolds as the new mechanic for the county.

Reynolds' application was one of five considered by the court in an hour-long meeting when commissioners reconvened after recessing at 11:30 a.m.

The court set Reynolds' salary at \$19,200 plus benefits.

A Hermleigh resident, Reynolds is a graduate of Texas State Technical Institute and has been employed by Production Pump in Snyder, Merchant's Fast Motor Lines and Gypsum Transport.

While under the jurisdiction of the entire court, he will answer directly to commissioner Jerry Gannaway.

Reynolds' position is a new one which was set up to try and save

the county money on vehicle repairs. He will also be able to issue state inspection stickers after being certified.

Earlier in their meeting, the commissioners also tabled two items relating to the Snyder Girls Softball Association.

The court is expected to act next week on a request to have a water tap installed at Cates Field and to waive the fee required to hold a tournament at Winston Field.

House GOP dozens of votes shy in their attempt to restrict terms

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans headed into a tough debate over their own careers still short dozens of votes in their drive for a constitutional amendment limiting terms in Congress.

Despite and perhaps because of deep divisions within the GOP leadership, House Speaker Newt

Gingrich said Monday there would be no arm-twisting in advance of this week's historic vote. Debate is scheduled to begin today.

Supporters of limiting House tenure "are not going to try to muscle" their GOP colleagues, Gingrich said after an appearance in Georgia.

"On constitutional amendments, people have to be allowed to vote their conscience," he said.

The abstention pledge, however, does not extend to the grassroots. Radio talk shows are filled this week with guests from several term-limits lobbying groups. They are dispensing advice on how to

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TxDOT hosts minority workshop here tonight

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a minority workshop at 6:30 this evening on the third floor of the Scurry County Courthouse.

The workshop is designed to recruit Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB).

The workshop is free to the public.

The meeting, conducted by TxDOT and the Texas Engineering Extension Service of Texas A&M University, is designed to both recruit minority and women owned businesses that sell products and/or services needed by TxDOT and help educate those who wish to start their own

business.

According to the TxDOT officials, TxDOT wants to maximize business opportunities available for doing business with grantees of TxDOT and TxDOT itself.

TxDOT is the third largest state agency in Texas with an annual budget of approximately two billion dollars. More than 600,000 checks to vendors and contractors are processed annually.

Persons will be available during the workshop to assist business owners in obtaining their DBE or HUB certification. A small business must be at least 51 percent owned by members of a minority or women to qualify for certification.

Refreshments will be served.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Stuff done with a minimum of effort likely will yield about the same results."

We finally got around to looking at one of the almanacs for 1995. Best we can figure out, the pages about the weather can be ignored.

We did find a list of first facts, some trivia that you can use to impress your brother-in-law at the next family gathering.

--First U.S. census was in 1790 and showed a population of 3,929,214.

--Washbas, Ind., in 1880, claims to be the first city in the U.S. to be lighted by electricity.

--The first diesel engines were built in 1895.

--First inauguration ceremony broadcast was that of Calvin Coolidge in 1924. The network consisted of just 24 stations.

--First radio telegraph service transmitted over water between San Francisco and Honolulu was put into operation in 1912.

--The first automobile driver jailed for speeding

was held for five days in the Newport County Jail in Rhode Island in 1904.

--Detroit was first to install a radio in police cars.

--First three-cent stamp in the U.S. was issued in 1851.

--Probably the first tooth extraction assisted by nitrous oxygen or "laughing gas" was performed in 1844.

--Herbert Hoover was the first engineer and the first Quaker to become president of the U.S.

--First English Bible was translated in 1535.

--First time for an automobile to cross the country under its own power occurred in 1903. It took the Packard 52 days.

"Firsts" remind us of the excited dad whose wife was having labor pains. He excitedly called the hospital to report, "My wife is on her way...she's about to have a baby."

The nurse tried to calm him and asked, "Is this her first baby?"

"No," he shouted, "this is her husband!"

'Forrest Gump' captures best picture award

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Forrest Gump" has done what no runaway hit has ever done: come out on top at the Oscars. With six Academy Awards on Monday night, including best picture, "Forrest Gump" became the highest-grossing release to win the top award. Not even "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" or "Star Wars" won the coveted picture prize.

Paroled man is arrested for murder

CHESTNUT RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — A paroled killer has been charged with murder for the second time since leaving prison last July.

Reginald McFadden was indicted Monday on a charge of killing Robert Silk, a 42-year-old Long Island man who had been missing since Sept. 6. His body was found March 11 by a boy fishing about 50 miles northwest of Silk's home.


McFadden, 41, is accused of abducting Silk, beating him to death near his home and using his automatic teller card to withdraw money, said Rockland County Prosecutor Kenneth Gribetz.

McFadden was serving a life sentence in Pennsylvania for a 1969 murder when his sentence was commuted in July by then-Gov. Robert Casey.

He was arrested in October on charges of robbing and raping a 55-year-old South Nyack woman as she took out her garbage. A short time later, he was charged with stabbing a 78-year-old Long Island woman to death after following her home from a train station.

Authorities also are investigating whether McFadden was involved in a third killing. He is being held on \$2 million bail.

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Said director Robert Zemeckis backstage: "Miracles happen every day."

Indeed, "Gump's" journey has been almost as serendipitous as its title character's triumphant march through history. It's now No. 4 on the all-time box office list, with more than \$317 million in North American ticket sales.

"I don't know if it was destiny or if it was chance that brought together the talented cast and extraordinary crew of 'Forrest Gump,'" co-producer Steve Starkey said in accepting for best picture. "But maybe, as Forrest said, 'Maybe it was both, maybe both were happening at the same time.'"

"Gump's" Oscar night was largely anticlimactic: It was favored to win picture, actor, director and adapted screenplay — and it did. Yet before the film was made, few expected it to connect so well with moviegoers.

One studio passed on the project, and it was more than nine years coming to the screen. "I would like to thank motion picture audiences all around the world," Zemeckis said. "In historic numbers you have embraced a film that at its heart offers a human, life-affirming hopeful story."

The film also won for editing and visual effects, and star Tom

Hanks became the first performer since Spencer Tracy to win consecutive Oscars for best actor.

"I can never get through one of



TOM HANKS
Best Actor

these moments without my lower lip quivering," Hanks, who won last year as a lawyer with AIDS in "Philadelphia," said after another emotional acceptance speech.

The night was not a total success for "Gump." With a leading 13 nominations, it lost in seven categories. "Pulp Fiction," "Bullets Over Broadway" and

"The Shawshank Redemption" each received seven nominations, but won just two Oscars among them.



JESSICA LANGE
Best Actress

There was little controversy in the show, which dragged on for more than three hours. A handful of participants voiced support for the National Endowment for the Arts, but even politically outspoken presenters Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon held their tongues.

New host David Letterman

proved to be only occasionally successful with the Academy audience. He dragged out some of his "Late Show" gags, including a stupid pet trick and a street-cam bit.

He also tried to be Hollywood-hip with references to the new DreamWorks studio and, in a 10 Top list, the Academy's failure to nominate the documentary feature "Hoop Dreams."

The winner of that category — "Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision" — is likely to renew debate over how non-fiction films are selected for Oscar consideration.

The film's co-producer, Freida Lee Mock, chairs the Academy's documentary committee. Even though she recused herself from the nomination voting this year, her film was poorly reviewed and a surprise pick.

Lost in the "Forrest Gump" triumphs were several notable wins.

Jessica Lange won the best actress prize for "Blue Sky," whose release was delayed three years by a studio bankruptcy.

"This is such a wonderful honor, especially for a little film that seemed to have no future," said Lange, who won a best supporting Oscar for the 1982 comedy "Tootsie."

In another salute to patience, veteran actor Martin Landau took home his first Oscar, for best supporting actor in "Ed Wood."

"What a night, what a life, what a moment, what everything!" Landau said.

Dianne Wiest's Oscar for best supporting actress ("Bullets Over Broadway") was her second in that category and her second for a Woody Allen film. She also won for 1986's "Hannah and Her Sisters."

"This is as surprising and marvelous as it was the first time," Wiest exclaimed as she began reading her acceptance speech. "Although this time I need glasses."

"Burnt by the Sun," directed by Russia's Nikita Mikhalkov, was heralded as best foreign language film of 1994. "Pulp Fiction" won for best original screenplay.

Meanwhile, Disney animated films continued to clean up in the music categories. "The Lion King," the year's second-highest grossing feature, won twice, for best original score, by Hans Zimmer, and for original song, "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," by Elton John and Tim Rice.

"Ed Wood" and the thriller "Speed" also were double winners.

Smithsonian seeks corporate sponsors

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Smithsonian Institution plans to rely on corporate sponsors to finance its 150th birthday celebration, including a roadshow of its museums' best-known treasures.

The traveling exhibit — featuring George Washington's sword, Thomas Edison's light bulb, Dizzy Gillespie's trumpet and Judy Garland's ruby slippers — is the centerpiece of a \$100 million package of events planned for 1996, Smithsonian officials said Monday.

"This will be the first time that the Smithsonian will bring to the American people, where they are, so many true icons of their heritage," Smithsonian Secretary I. Michael Heyman told reporters. The 150-item exhibition will be free to the public, just like the museums in Washington, Heyman said. Many of the items have never left the museums.

To cover the cost, Smithsonian officials hope to enlist 10 "corporate partners," who will pay \$10 million each. So far they have signed up one — Discover Card — and are negotiating with several others, they said.

The Smithsonian and other museums often seek corporate donors to finance exhibitions, occasionally sparking controversy.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-8-5 (zero, eight, five)

sy. But this plan is a milestone: the first time corporations will be allowed to use the Smithsonian name and logo in their advertising.

Ed Able, chief executive officer of the American Association of Museums, called the plan "innovative and quite different from the normal relationship between a corporation and a museum."

Heyman said the Smithsonian was "in for a period of lean federal funding" that was evident even before recent moves in Congress to slow the institution's growth.

Florida arrests deadbeat dads

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — One father was chased through the woods, another was found in a closet and several hid in their showers during Florida's first statewide sweep for deadbeat parents.

The two-day crackdown, which officials called the largest in the nation, netted 842 arrests and more than \$305,000 in back child support. About half the parents arrested Thursday and Friday were still in jail Monday because they hadn't come up with the money they owed.

"Some of these people just have to be hit over the head with the proverbial 2-by-4 to get the message that we are serious," said Larry Fuchs, director of the state Department of Revenue.

Deadbeats must pay all or part of the back child support to be released, depending on what a judge determined was a good-faith effort.

"We simply are going to have to be more reliant on the private sector," he said.

But Heyman acknowledged that he and others within the institution initially were hesitant to allow sponsors to use the institution's name and logo.

"We talked and talked and talked it through, and once I became convinced, as I am, that we have real control about how they're used and when they're used, I'm really not worried," he said following a news conference.

Heyman said there won't be any product endorsements — such as the Official Walking Shoe of the Smithsonian. And cigarette and beer makers need not apply.

Heyman said the corporate sponsors would have no say in the content of the traveling show, which is to stop in 12 cities over two years, or in any other Smithsonian exhibit.

Officials said the corporate partners may influence where the traveling exhibit goes, however. "Some of the partners are located in certain cities, and that's one of the factors," project director Michael Carrigan said.

As many as 100 cities are vying for the exhibit, Smithsonian officials said. So far, only two of the sites have been selected: It will start in Los Angeles in February, then head to Kansas City, Mo. The Smithsonian was founded

with private money — a \$500,000 bequest from British scientist James Smithson. Its birthday is Aug. 10, 1846, the day President James K. Polk signed legislation creating the institution.

To mark its anniversary, the Smithsonian plans a festival on the National Mall, nationally televised specials, and all kinds of lectures and exhibitions.

Between 8 million and 10 million people are expected to see the traveling show drawn from the Smithsonian's 16 museums and galleries and its National Zoo.

Displays will include: a Wright brothers' plane; works of Civil War photographer Matthew Brady; Shawnee Chief Tecumseh's tomahawk; dinosaur fossils; Amelia Earhart's flight suit; the Apollo 14 command module; and first ladies' gowns.

"They'll provide a true Smithsonian experience for visitors who have been to the Mall and those who have not," Heyman said. It might lead to a permanent traveling exhibit, he said.

DATE BOOK

March 28, 1995

Today is the 87th day of 1995 and the ninth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1930, the city of Constantinople changed its name to Istanbul.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Saint Teresa of Avila (1515-1582), religious reformer; Maxim Gorky (1868-1936), writer; Nelson Algren (1909-1981), writer; Edmund S. Muskie (1914-), U.S. politician, is 81; Freddie Bartholomew (1924-1992), actor; Dianne Wiest (1948-), actress, is 47; Reba McEntire (1955-), singer, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1903, the first international cross-country championship race was held in Glasgow, Scotland.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Lies — there you have the religion of slaves and taskmasters." — Maxim Gorky

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1984, a tornado outbreak in North Carolina spawned 22 twisters. Almost half of the 57 deaths occurred in mobile homes.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 23) and new moon (March 30).

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Scurry County Genealogical Society News

Burial grounds for Civil War victims was the topic of the program for the recent Scurry County Genealogical Society.

Polly Underwood concentrated on Camp Nelson Confederate Cemetery, nestled in the woods near Cabot, which is the burial place for Nathan Green Underwood and his brother, John G. Underwood.

On Jan. 28, 1861, General Allison Nelson, representing Bell and McClennan Counties in the Texas Legislature, exuberantly cast his vote for secession, returned home to Waco, and enlisted in the Confederate Army. Appointed to the rank of Colonel, he commanded a well outfitted regiment of volunteer infantry and cavalry, gathered from central Texas. His force was soon joined by Capt. John Lauderdale's 10th Texas Infantry from Washington County.

In August, 1862, Nelson's troops were camping at Argenta, Ark., when news arrived that Union forces were mounting an offensive from Pea Ridge, with the assurance that he would be resupplied. But the promised supplies never came. They were dispatched on an ill-fated, 55 mile trek to the east; across the swamps of Grand Prairie to Clarendon Heights on the White River. They arrived there in a heavy rainstorm on Oct. 4 and almost at once, were told the enemy was moving up the Arkansas River; the weary and ill-clad troops packed up and started back to Argenta, through the mud and knee-deep water.

The first night on the trail they endured a hail storm, followed by rain and sleet. Fighting the cold and sick with fever and chills, they arrived back at Argenta; only to learn that the Yankee offensive was a false alarm.

The awful irony of the Camp Nelson Cemetery, was that men died because of typhoid and the

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The awful irony of the Camp Nelson Cemetery, was that men died because of typhoid and the



POLLY UNDERWOOD

dreaded black measles. Some say 1,500 men died there, others say there were as many as 3,500 deaths, without a shot fired.

When Gen. John G. Walker assumed command of the troops, known as "Walker's Greyhounds," they went on to gain lasting fame throughout both the Confederacy and Union.

Then, Earl Cherry, a Cabot native and the grandson of James M. Gately (who donated the land in 1905) cleaned up the Cemetery and restored a semblance of dignity to the gravestones that were in need of repair, due to mischief of mindless vandals and ravages of nature.

In 1979, J.O. Isaac, a military retiree noticed an item in a newspaper that Congress had passed an act stating that Confederate soldiers were to be considered veterans of the Union and would be entitled to veteran's benefits, also a provision for placement of proper monuments of Confederate graves. The sum of \$23,000 was raised to help put the cemetery in proper order, then as interest spread, the Arkansas legislature provided an annual appropriation of \$10,000 for continuing upkeep of the burial site.

Today, Camp-Nelson Confederate Cemetery, the only all-Confederate cemetery in Arkansas, sits in a clearing in the woods off Cherry Road. During holidays, three flagstaves carry the flags of Arkansas, Texas and the Confederacy. Beneath the flags, a 12-foot obelisk stands guard over rows of marble gravestones, each inscribed with the Confederate Cross of Honor and the words, "Unknown Soldier CSA."

The stark white stones, tops gabled so that "no damn Yankee can sit on 'em," mark the graves of 428 unsung, but no longer forgotten, heroes of the Confederacy.

Underwoods program was documented by the magazine, "Confederate Veteran," November-December 1992 issue, and personal visits made by she and her husband, Ned.

The public is invited to the next meeting at 7 p.m. on March 28 at the Scurry County Library.

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LaToya Jackson gets cold feet

READING, Pa. (AP) — LaToya Jackson was supposed to take off all her clothes — but her feet got cold.

She cut off her strip tease Monday before baring all, leaving an angry crowd at Al's Diamond Cabaret tossing insults and beer cans after her. Police were called in to eject about 40 upset customers who had paid \$20 each to see Jackson disrobe.

Michael Jackson's older sister has appeared nude in Playboy magazines and videos. Her appearance at Al's was billed as the start of a new career.

Jackson and manager-husband Jack Gordon said it was all a misunderstanding.

"I don't want people to think I'd ever take my clothes off. I would never do that," Jackson said.

"When she strips," said Gordon, "she gets the big bucks."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Basic slam techniques

If you would like to polish your slam bidding, a good place to start is the 34-page booklet "Modern Slam Bidding Simplified" by Bobby Wolff and Joe Musumeci. It is available for \$6.95 from Box 831861, Richardson, TX 75083.

The booklet covers the common forms of Blackwood (except Roman Key Card), Gerber, the Grand Slam Force, cue-bidding and splinters in such a way that the reader may try them with his regular partner. Once comfortable with the basics, the partnership can read more advanced works on these topics to hone their methods.

Here is a deal from many years ago that persuaded Ely Culbertson to adopt the Grand Slam Force. After North raised to four spades, South was interested only in the top trump honors. Jumping to five no-trump asked partner to bid seven with two of the top three spade honors — here, the ace and king.

South ruffed the opening heart lead and drew trumps. Then he took his two top diamonds. When the queen didn't drop, South cashed his three top clubs, discarding dummy's remaining diamonds. At this point, South claimed. He told the opponents he would ruff a diamond in the dummy, bringing down East's queen, ruff a heart in hand, ruff the club five in the dummy, ruff dummy's last heart and cash the diamond jack.

Note that South also succeeds if the diamonds break 4-0. If East has all four he can be finessed out of his queen. If West has all four, after dummy's last three diamonds have been discarded or the clubs, South takes a ruffing finesse through West.

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

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

American Cancer Society; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th; for information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Beta Delta Phi; 7 p.m.

Dialogue, cancer support group; Cogdell Memorial Hospital board room; 7 to 8 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

SOS (Singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Life Center; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3308 or 573-2101.

Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.



BABY SHOWER — Mrs. Clay (Emily) Jacobs of Abilene, formerly of Snyder, was honoree at a baby shower held recently in the fellowship hall of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. From left are Faye Tomlinson, grandmother of the honoree from Lamesa; Zelma Irons, her mother of Snyder; Melda Jacobs of Lubbock, the future father's mother, and his sister, Melanie Songer, also of Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

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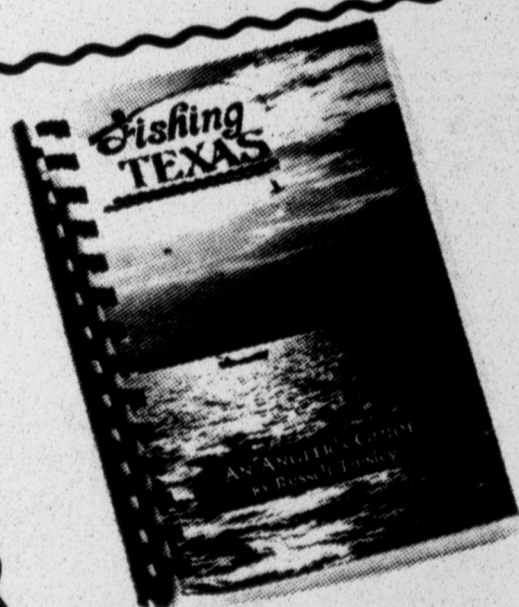
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Sports

All-district team boasts area players

Ira's Rankin is MVP

After weeks of waiting, District 26-A coaches finally found the time to set this season's all-district basketball teams.

A district championship and a trip to the playoffs enabled the Ira Lady Bulldogs' starting five to be selected to the first team and junior Jody Rankin was named the district's Most Valuable Player.

Jennifer Northcott, Jennifer Rankin, Misty Chance and Casey Calley were named first team all-district.

Three Hermleigh girls, including two sophomores, found their way to the first team, as well. Sophomores Kelly Gonzalez and Michelle Roemisch joined teammate Bridget Moore on the all-district squad.

On the boys' side, Ira's Heath Mathis, the Bulldog's lone all-district pick, joined three Hermleigh players on the first team.

Senior Ricky Sosa and juniors Jimmy Digby and Jack Hudgins were selected to the first team by the district coaches.

Loraine's Michael Moore received Most Valuable Player honors.

Scurry County honorable mention recipients included: (Ira) Melissa Brasuel, Stacey Taylor, Machea Chaney, Rikki Wilkes; (Hermleigh) Joey Sanchez, Michael Breitweiser, Chris Roemisch and Lori Anderson.



IRA ALL-DISTRICT SELECTIONS — Ira's all-district and honorable mention selections include from left, top, Stacey Taylor, Rikki Wilkes, Machea Chaney, Melissa Brasuel, Heath Mathis, bottom, Misty Chance, Jennifer Rankin, Jody Rankin, Jennifer Northcott and Casey Calley. (Contributed Photo)



HERMLEIGH ALL-DISTRICT SELECTIONS — Hermleigh's all-district and honorable mention selections include from left, top, Michael Breitweiser, Jimmy Digby, Jack Hudgins, Ricky Sosa, Chris Roemisch, Joey Sanchez, bottom, Michelle Roemisch, Kelly Gonzalez and Bridget Moore. Not pictured is Lori Anderson.

Golfers clobber competition

SWEETWATER — It didn't take long for the Snyder boys golf team to snap back from a sub-par performance a week ago, and the Lady Tigers continued their steady pace atop the district standings as both teams won Monday at the Sweetwater Country Club.

The boys claimed a first place finish with a 307, just three shots ahead of Lamesa. Lamesa remains the district leader by 21 strokes after two tournaments.

Snyder's Page Patterson and Carl Stelecki tied for medalist in the second district meet with matching scores of 73.

Patterson now trails Lamesa's Bryan Hawkins by just one stroke (148 to 149) in the district race. Stelecki remains tied for third at 152 with Sweetwater's Jay Moore.

Individual Snyder scores include senior Bryan Word, who finished with an 80. Matt Parker improved to 14th in the district standings with an 81 Monday to match last week's 84. Shane Robinson finished with an 87.

Snyder's junior varsity was eighth in the tournament (380) and also stands eighth in district standings.

James Pilgrim led the Snyder junior varsity Monday with 90. Troy Allen finished with a 92 and Craig Billingsley shot a 97. John Purcell ended the day with a 101 and Jeff Levens was five shots back at 106.

Snyder Coach Bob O'Day said he was proud of the Tigers' first place finish.

"The A team score of 307 was good since it was cool and windy," he said. "Our kids came back from a poor start last week at Lamesa. Page (Patterson) and Carl (Strecki) both played outstanding golf."

With the first place finish, Snyder gained three strokes on Lamesa, and with three district matches to go, O'Day said his team is far from being out of the race.

On the girls side, the Snyder varsity increased its district lead to a whopping 68 strokes (690) over Lamesa (758) with a 34-stroke win Monday. The Lady Tiger junior varsity remained in third place at 792.

Brooke Lowrance continued her reign as the premiere golfer in the district with an overwhelming nine-stroke win over her closest competitor, Shelly Brannon of Lamesa.

Lowrance fired a 75 to go along with her 78 last week to maintain a 13-shot lead in the district standings over Brannon (153 to 168).

Snyder's Kayla Drain moved into third place in district by shooting an 87 and Kelly Lacik is now fourth after a 90.

Other individual SHS players include Daysha Weaver, who shot an 87 to move into sixth in the district race. Julie Doolittle finished with a 101 and Brooke Kubena improved upon last week's 101 with a 92. Misty Williams shot a 110, Alissa Wells finished with a 103 and Cassie Drain ended the day with a 120.

In all, eight Snyder girls currently occupy the first 14 places in the district individual standings.

Snyder girls Coach Matt Glenn said he thought his team did a terrific job on a tough course.

"Yesterday was the first time I've seen that particular golf course and I must say that course layout was a lot tougher than what I expected," he said. "Anytime this team can shoot in the 330s on this kind of course, I'm pleased."

Coach Glenn said he plans to continue to switch his team members from the varsity to the junior varsity and back, in an effort to qualify both teams for the regional tournament.

Both Snyder's girls and boys teams travel to Lubbock Monday to play at the Frenship Tournament Monday at Elm Grove Country Club. Tee time is 9 a.m.

Hermleigh boys track team takes eighth

ASPERMONT — The Hermleigh boys track team placed eighth overall Saturday with 22 points at the Aspermont Double Mountain Relays.

Stamford came in first with a total of 144 points.

Junior Jimmy Digby lead the Cardinals with a second place finish in the shot put (40-3) and a third in the 110 hurdles (16.95). He also took fifth in the 300 hurdles (45.95).

In the two mile, Alvin Koski ran

a 12:53.04, good enough for a fifth place finish.

Scott Smith's time of 2:27.76 placed him fifth in the 800 meters.

Ricky Luna was sixth in the 400 with a time of 58.58.

In the girls division, Hermleigh placed 14th out of 20 teams and got on the board with two points.

Haskell won the girls division with a total of 166 points.

The Lady Cardinals' lone points came from Michelle Roemisch's fifth place finish in

the 100 (14.12).

Hermleigh head coach Wayne Poehls said that despite the low score, his entire team worked hard.

"Cassie Elder, Misty Perry, and Brandy Smith all competed hard," Coach Poehls said. "With additional hard work, they will just continue to improve."

Hermleigh's next track meet is slated for Saturday at Roscoe. Preliminaries are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.

Snyder relishes rematch with Granbury

By Todd Stanley
SDN Sports Editor

The Snyder Lady Tigers hope the old adage about paybacks comes true today as they host the Granbury Lady Pirates.

In the last meeting between the two teams, Granbury (2-10, 2-2), outlasted Snyder (9-8, 4-1) in eight innings.

"We've been waiting for this rematch a long time," Snyder head coach Billy Hicks said. "It will be nice to have them on our field."

In the March 10 game, Snyder

got out to an 8-1 lead by the fourth inning, but the Lady Pirates swashbuckled their way back.

Granbury scored seven runs in the bottom of the inning off starting pitcher Joanie Wemken and reliever Amanda Huff.

Snyder forced the game into extra innings with two runs in both the sixth and seventh innings.

However the Lady Pirates' Morgan Finneran knocked in the winning run in the eighth with a bases loaded single.

In the game, the Lady Tigers issued 22 free passes, including 19 walks and three hit batsmen.

Wemken (4-2) is scheduled to take the mound for Snyder today at 4:30 p.m. The Lady Tigers will most likely face Granbury's Brandy Linney (2-9).

NBA Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Orlando	52	17	.754	-
x-New York	44	23	.657	7
Miami	27	42	.391	25
New Jersey	27	42	.391	25
Boston	26	42	.382	25½
Philadelphia	18	50	.265	33½
Washington	18	50	.265	33½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	Midwest Division			
	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-San Antonio	49	18	.731	½
x-Utah	51	19	.729	-
Houston	41	27	.603	9
Denver	33	36	.478	17½
Dallas	23	37	.389	20
Minnesota	19	50	.275	31½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
	x-Phoenix	49	19	.721
x-Seattle	48	20	.706	1
L.A. Lakers	42	25	.627	6½
Portland	36	31	.537	12½
Sacramento	33	35	.485	16
GoldenState	21	47	.309	28
L.A. Clippers	14	57	.197	36½

x-clinched playoff berth.

Monday's Games
San Antonio 114, Detroit 93
Indiana 98, New Jersey 87
Utah 128, Washington 102
Denver 113, L.A. Clippers 104

Tuesday's Games
Golden State at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at Portland, 10 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
New Jersey at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Hartford at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Clemson	25-1	498	2
2. Cal St. Fullerton	26-4	497	1
3. Miami	25-4	491	3
4. Oklahoma State	25-3	488	5
5. Louisiana State	20-4	487	4
6. Auburn	21-3	484	8
7. Florida State	23-7	483	6
8. Arizona State	24-7	479	7
9. Tennessee	19-5	475	10
10. Texas Tech	28-4	472	12
11. Texas	28-7	469	13
12. Oklahoma	16-7	465	14
13. Wichita State	16-5	463	17
14. Fresno State	21-10	460	15
15. Stanford	15-12	455	18
16. North Carolina State	22-6	453	19
17. Florida	20-7	452	24
18. South Alabama	20-6	449	20
19. Rice	22-8	447	21
20. California	15-11	445	-
21. Mississippi	19-6	444	-
22. Texas Christian	17-12	441	-
23. Mississippi State	16	440	11
24. Georgia Southern	20	437	22
25. Lamar	19	435	-

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	Atlantic Division			
	W	L	T	Pts
Philadelphia	17	10	4	38
Washington	12	12	7	31
New Jersey	12	13	6	30
N.Y. Rangers	13	15	3	29
Florida	13	16	3	29
Tampa Bay	12	16	2	26
N.Y. Islanders	10	16	4	24

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts
	Quebec	22	6	3
Pittsburgh	21	9	2	44
Boston	15	12	2	32
Hartford	13	14	4	30
Buffalo	12	15	5	29
Montreal	11	15	5	27
Ottawa	4	21	4	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	Central Division			
	W	L	T	Pts
Detroit	20	7	2	42
Chicago	19	9	2	40
St. Louis	17	10	2	36
Toronto	15	12	6	36
Dallas	11	14	5	27
Winnipeg	9	16	5	23

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts
	Calgary	15	12	5
Edmonton	12	16	3	27
Los Angeles	10	14	6	26
Vancouver	9	13	8	26
San Jose	11	16	2	24
Anaheim	8	17	4	20

Monday's Games
Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 2, OT
Toronto 4, Edmonton 3
St. Louis 3, Dallas 2

Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Quebec at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

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St. Louis at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

College Baseball

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball poll, with records through March 26, point totals and previous ranking (voting by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors):

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Clemson	25-1	498	2
2. Cal St. Fullerton	26-4	497	1
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10. Texas Tech	28-4	472	12
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12. Oklahoma	16-7	465	14
13. Wichita State	16-5	463	17
14. Fresno State	21-10	460	15
15. Stanford	15-12	455	18
16. North Carolina State	22-6	453	19
17. Florida	20-7	452	24
18. South Alabama	20-6	449	20
19. Rice	22-8	447	21
20. California	15-11	445	-
21. Mississippi	19-6	444	-
22. Texas Christian	17-12	441	-
23. Mississippi State	16	440	11
24. Georgia Southern	20	437	22
25. Lamar	19	435	-

Strike nearing end

Judge could issue injunction Friday

NEW YORK (AP) — After three weeks of quiet, the baseball talks sprung to life just hours after a federal judge scheduled a hearing for Friday that could lead to the end of the strike.

U.S. District Judge Sonia Sotomayor, who was assigned the case Monday, could issue a preliminary injunction that would end the 7½-month strike mere hours before the season is set to start Sunday night with replacement players.

A few hours after Sotomayor's 30-minute scheduling session, players and owners returned to the bargaining table for the first time since March 4. Management took a step toward players, proposing to play 1995 under the old business rules.

"I would say to you after a lot of agonizing, that this proposal is much less than the clubs hoped to achieve," acting commissioner Bud Selig said. "But the clubs recognize that we are at the point in this dispute where both side must swallow hard to make an agreement."

Starting next year under the plan, the portions of payrolls above \$44 million, or 108

percent of the average, would be subject to a 50 percent luxury tax. That threshold where the tax would begin is \$3.3 million, or 8 percent, more than the owners' previous proposal.

Owners, using many of the recommendations mediator W.J. Utery made Feb. 7, also offered to either keep the current system of salary arbitration and free agency, or to eliminate arbitration and lower the threshold for unrestricted free agency from six years to four. If arbitration is kept, they proposed having a panel of three arbitrators hear each case instead of one.

In their last offer, owners wanted to eliminate arbitration in exchange for restricted free agency for those with four to six years of service.

"The economics are changing and getting more negative on a daily basis," Selig said at a late-night news conference. "And that's why we strained to make this offer. But after the season starts — Sunday night — we can't any more calculate what's going to happen. So this offer has got to be accepted by this weekend."

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HJHS track finishes strong

ROSCOE — Hermleigh Junior High's boys and girls track teams competed in the Roscoe track meet Saturday, and despite a lack of participants, the teams came away with strong performances.

The girls put together 23 points and the boys had eight.

In the girls division, the Lady Cardinals' Randi Kay Herrington finished the meet with a third place in the discus (61-7) and two sixth place finishes. She was sixth in the triple jump (25-9½) and the 100 meter dash (15:13).

Jennifer Roemisch was fourth in the 100 meter hurdles (19:55) and sixth in the shot put with a throw of 21-11.

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The application proposes to inject salt water, H2S, and CO2 into the Canyon Reef Formation, Salt Creek Field Unit (05254) Lease, Well No.(s) E43W and H53W. The proposed injection wells are located 7 miles NW from Clairemont in the Salt Creek Field, in Kent County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6150 to 6750 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas: 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6790).

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American industry made more toxic waste during 1993

Amount of pollution declined

WASHINGTON (AP) — The volume of toxic wastes generated by American industry increased slightly in 1993, but the amount of pollution vented into the environment declined, according to industry reports to the government.

The Environmental Protection Agency said Monday that, nevertheless, more than 2.8 billion pounds of toxic chemicals, including 180 million pounds of cancer-causing substances, were released into the air and water and onto land.

The releases in 1993, the latest year for which data have been gathered, reflect a 12.6 percent decline compared with the previous year in toxic emissions from 20,000 industrial plants and refineries nationwide.

But Fred Hansen, the EPA's deputy administrator, expressed some concern that companies continued a trend toward generating more wastes.

Industry reported producing 33.5 billion pounds of toxic waste in 1993, slightly more than the previous year, Hansen said. About two-thirds of the waste was either recycled or treated at the facilities.

It was the third consecutive year that toxic releases declined among the industries required to make annual reports to the EPA under a 1988 law. In 1992, about 3.2 billion pounds was reported escaping into the environment compared with nearly 3.4 billion pounds the year before that.

But some of the reductions reflect the fact that more wastes are being shipped away from factories for off-site disposal or recycling. Many of these facilities, in turn, are not subject to the annual reporting process, EPA officials said.

Congress in 1988 required the toxic release inventory data from only certain industries, including chemical plants, paper mills and certain manufacturing plants.

Ironically, many waste processors or disposal plants are not required to report releases of any of the 313 chemicals covered by the law.

Although the reports come from more than 20,000 facilities in every state, Linda Goldman, the EPA's assistant administrator for toxic substances, acknowledged

the statistics provide only a partial picture of toxic pollution. The agency has proposed nearly doubling the number of chemicals and expanding the types of industries that must participate.

In 1993 more than 4.7 billion pounds of wastes were shipped off site for treatment, disposal, recycling or burning in energy incinerators. Because many of those facilities are not covered by the reporting law, any releases that might occur as part of the recycling or disposal process are not included in the federal statistics.

Such off-site shipments are increasing annually.

While the amount of toxic releases into the air, water and land declined in 1993, an additional 318 million pounds of wastes were shipped to recycling facilities, an increase of 11 percent. The amount of wastes sent to off-site disposal companies jumped 23 percent to 325 million pounds.

According to the EPA, the industries reported releasing: —Nearly 1.7 billion pounds of toxic pollutants into the air, about 60 percent of the total.

—271 million pounds into lakes, rivers and streams, a decline of 2 percent, but still 9.7 percent of the total.

—289 million pounds onto land, a drop of 15 percent. It accounts for 10.3 percent of the total.

Another 576 million pounds continued to be injected into deep underground wells, accounting for just over 20 percent of the total.

As in previous years, the highest concentrations of toxic releases were in regions with concentrations of chemical companies. The five states with the most releases into the air, water and land were Louisiana (293 million pounds), Texas (161 million), Tennessee (126 million), Ohio (112 million) and Alabama (105 million).

Chemical manufacturing accounted for 1.3 billion pounds of releases, or 43 percent of all releases into the environment.

Other industries accounting for large amounts of releases were primary metals, paper, transportation equipment manufacture, and plastics.

Popular ulcer drug step closer to being sold over counter

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — The popular ulcer drug Tagamet is a step closer to becoming a nonprescription heartburn remedy.

A panel of scientists unanimously urged the Food and Drug Administration Monday to allow a special low-dose formula of Tagamet to be sold without a prescription for occasional heartburn.

But the FDA advisory committee insisted that manufacturer SmithKline Beecham include warnings that the drug might interact with some prescription medicines.

The FDA is not obligated to follow advisory committee recommendations, but it usually does.

The vote was welcome news for SmithKline, as its Tagamet patent expired last year and its chief competitor, Glaxo Inc., also is seeking FDA approval for a nonprescription heartburn formula of its drug Zantac.

Prescription-strength Tagamet, with annual sales of \$1 billion, is known for fighting ulcers. Its nonprescription formula would be at a much lower dose — 200 milligrams, a maximum of twice a day — that has proved modestly effective at easing occasional heartburn. In tests against a dummy pill, it alleviated heartburn in between 12 percent and 25 percent of patients, the FDA said.

The FDA committee rejected Tagamet as an over-the-counter medicine just last year because of concerns it would interact with certain prescription drugs. At prescription strength, Tagamet

increases the blood levels of the drugs warfarin (a blood thinner), phenytoin (a seizure medicine), and theophylline (an asthma drug). But no one knew if the lower, nonprescription doses would cause the same effect.

So SmithKline did chemical analyses to answer the question and found that low-dose Tagamet slightly raised the blood levels of theophylline, but not enough to be dangerous.

SmithKline said that although any risk would be rare, it still would label the nonprescription formula with warnings that such patients should ask their doctors before taking over-the-counter Tagamet.

Committee members said the FDA must insist on some warnings, but were split over how specific they should be. Some members feared strong warnings would needlessly scare consumers, and FDA even chief Dr. Robert Temple was asked if SmithKline was adding the warnings simply for legal concerns.

"The real message is this is hardly ever important," he said.

But other panel members noted that SmithKline studied only very healthy people, leaving open the question of whether sicker patients could be adversely affected.

"I don't believe we've got any good information," said Dr. Alan Sinaiko of the University of Minnesota Medical School. "I kind of worry about setting this drug loose on the market" without strong warnings, he said.

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Playing Lotto finally paid off for Pitts

AUSTIN (AP) — Donnie Pitts says he has purchased tickets for every Lotto Texas drawing since the game began in November 1992. It finally paid off Monday. Lottery officials awarded the 55-year-old Baytown chemical plant supervisor and his family the grand prize from Wednesday's \$4.2 million drawing. Nora Linares, executive director for the Texas Lottery Commission, presented the Pittses with a \$221,832 check Monday. The family will receive \$212,000 checks annually for the next 19 years, she said.

Pitts has been playing the same 10 sets of numbers in every Lotto Texas drawing. But it was one of the five extra tickets he bought using the Quick Pick computer that generated the winning numbers: 7, 9, 19, 22, 24 and 39.

Those numbers almost won him big money in the California and Kentucky lotteries, he said.

He bought California Lottery tickets through a brother there until 1989, when he switched to the new lottery in Kentucky, where a brother-in-law lives.

"The very next drawing in California, my numbers would have won \$56 million," he said.

The Lotto Texas game drew Pitts away from the Kentucky Lottery. Two drawings later the Kentucky game drew his numbers, he said.

Pitts, who is scheduled to retire later this year, said he intends to use his newly won wealth to pay off the mortgage on his Baytown home and buy a farm "with ponies for the grandchildren."

The jackpot for Wednesday's Lotto Texas will be an estimated \$4 million.

The wheel world

Top-10 metro areas by number of bicycle commuters per 1,000 total commuters, 1990.

Metro	Bicycle commuters per 1,000 total commuters
Chico-Paradise, CA	49.7
Santa Barbara, CA	41.2
Bryan-College Station, TX	37.2
Gainesville, FL	35.2
Eugene-Springfield, OR	32.9
Madison, WI	29.5
Boulder-Longmont, CO	24.5
Champaign-Urbana, IL	21.6
Sacramento, CA	19.6
Santa Cruz, CA	19.1

Source: Tabulation of census data from 1990 Public Use Microdata Sample by Jim Williams at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. NEA Graphic.

In 1990, four of the top areas for bicycle commuters were in California. In Chico-Paradise and Santa Barbara, there were 40 bike commuters for every 1,000 commuters.

Obituaries



EDESSERY

Ed Essery

1928-1995

Service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Marion Edward "Ed" Essery, 66. Officiating will be the Rev. Marvin Applin, pastor of Gentle Dove Ministries, with burial to follow in the Polar Cemetery.

Mr. Essery died at 12:30 p.m. Monday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

Born in East Texas, Mr. Essery married Nellie Goodman in January, 1956 in Union. She died in 1993.

Mr. Essery was a retired oilfield worker and had lived in Snyder since the early 1950s, moving here from East Texas. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Essery, Ben Essery and Eddie Essery, all of Snyder; a daughter, Connie Essery of Snyder; a brother, Kenneth Essery of Clayton, Tex.; and five grandchildren.

Michael T. Scott

1973-1995

ROBERT LEE — Services are set for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Southside Church of Christ for Michael Todd Scott, 21, of Ft. Stuart, Ga., formerly of Robert Lee. Burial will follow in the Robert Lee Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mr. Scott died at 9:30 p.m. Saturday in Robert Lee from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

He was born on Sept. 22, 1973, in El Paso. Following graduation from Robert Lee High School in 1992, he enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Jean Scott of Snyder; a daughter, Kayla Renee Scott of Snyder; a stepson, Michael Zane Strong of Snyder; his parents, Matthew Scott of Urbana, Ohio, and Lori and Johnny Sevier of Robert Lee; one brother, Jayson Scott of Germany; and two sisters, April Scott of El Paso and Jennifer Scott of Robert Lee.

Bennie Black

1907-1995

COLORADO CITY — Funeral service is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church for Bennie E. Black, 87, who died Sunday in Mitchell County Hospital. Officiating will be Dr. Ted Spear with burial to follow in the Spade Cemetery.

Born in Mason, Mr. Black had lived in Mitchell County since 1925. He married Jessie Jane

Woodward in 1927, and she preceded him in death.

A member of the First Baptist Church, Mr. Black was retired from Robertson Drilling Co.

Survivors include a son, A.J. Gerandt of Ira; two daughters, June Petty of Colorado City and Joyce Bynum of Big Spring; a sister, May Lee Woodward of Odessa; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Donald Marx

1937-1995

LAMESA — Service for Donald Wayne Marx, 57, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Branon Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Lamesa Cemetery.

Mr. Marx died Monday at his home. Born in Acuff, he was a Baptist.

Survivors include his mother, Beulah Marx of Lamesa; a brother, Lonnie Marx of Colorado Springs; four sisters, Iva Mae Martin of Snyder, Viola Corbitt of Winnsboro, Ruby Hollers of Woodrow and Dovie Rice of San Rafael, Calif.

Coach admits cheating in 1994 contest

CHICAGO (AP) — A teacher who admitted slipping answers to his high school students as he coached them for an academic competition last year has been suspended temporarily from his \$40,000-a-year job.

Jerry Plecki, an English teacher at Steinmetz High School, was removed as its academic coach last week and suspended with pay while disciplinary authorities consider other possible penalties, including dismissal, school Superintendent Argie Johnson said Monday. Johnson said school officials already have begun the long process of trying to fire Plecki.

Plecki has admitted to cheating at a 1994 regional competition of the Illinois Academic Decathlon, which tests students' knowledge in 10 areas, from math and science to the fine arts. He said he found test answers lying on a desk at the school where the event was held.

He and his 1995 team deny that they cheated this year — even though the team last week was stripped of a statewide title, Principal Constantine Kiamos said.

This year, Steinmetz won the state championship round by scoring 49,500 of a possible 60,000 points. It was 9,400 points more than it had scored in the regionals.

The school was stripped of its title Thursday after the team refused to take another test. The Illinois Academic Decathlon Association said the variations in the team's scores, when analyzed statistically, were not normal.

Whitney Young High School, which had placed second this year, will represent Illinois in the national tournament April 20. Whitney High had won the competition the previous nine years.

About 5,000 students competed nationwide in the day-long oral and written exams.

Australian football came into being in 1943, combining the American game and the Aussie brand.

Public transportation halted in Philadelphia due to strike

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Transit workers chanted and cheered as they went on strike early this morning, forcing 350,000 daily passengers to find alternatives to the city's buses, subways and trolleys.

About a dozen pickets were burning wood in trash cans this morning at a north Philadelphia bus terminal, blocking the entryway with the smoky fires and three parked cars.

"We're disgusted that we're out here. We are out here because of poor management," said bus driver Lee King. "This is nothing personal against the public. We're sorry for the inconvenience, but they have to understand that this is our livelihood we're dealing with."

With more than 80 percent of the region's public transit shut down, heavy traffic was reported on highways, and many parking lots in the central business district were filled by 8 a.m.

"You're keeping me from my job and that isn't right, either!" commuter Emma James shouted at pickets outside Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority offices downtown.

The strike began just after midnight, about 2½ hours after last-ditch negotiations broke down. Picket lines went up at SEPTA depots as buses started returning from their routes.

At a downtown depot, workers counted down the last 10 seconds before midnight, then picked up their picket signs and started chanting "No contract, no work." Drivers left their buses lined up on streets outside the depot, where pickets blocked the entrance.

The union has been working without a contract since March 14.

The main stumbling block in the strike was the 5,200-member union's demand for a 3 percent wage increase in each of the next three years, similar to raises approved this week by Pittsburgh transit workers. The transit authority is offering raises of 2, 2 and 3 percent. The two sides also are split on pensions, sick pay and other benefits.

SEPTA estimated the two sides were \$37 million apart. General Manager Louis Gambaccini has said the transit authority couldn't meet the union's demands without major cuts in service or other cost savings.

Maryland's tough anti-smoking laws take effect today

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Maryland's tough anti-smoking law went into effect today after a last-minute compromise excluded taverns, hotels and restaurants.

The law, one of the strictest in the nation, applies to almost all workplaces, including factories, stores, malls, colleges, prisons, and even company vehicles occupied by two or more people.

The regulations also would have prohibited smoking in taverns, hotel and motel rooms, and all restaurants.

The Legislature approved a bill exempting hotels and motels, and all businesses with a liquor license. Gov. Parris Glendening threatened to veto that bill, saying it went too far.

On Monday, just two hours after the state Court of Appeals ordered an end to an injunction obtained by the tobacco industry, the governor and legislative leaders worked out a compromise. The revisions allow smoking in taverns, hotel and motel rooms and, with some restrictions, in all restaurants.

The measure was quickly approved by legislators and signed by Glendening.

California, Vermont and Utah also have tough anti-smoking laws, and those states prohibit smoking in all restaurants.

At McGinn's Restaurant and Irish Pub in downtown Baltimore, patrons were grateful for the bar exemption, but said that even considering prohibiting smoking in such establishments seemed ridiculous.

Bartender Keith Duncan said 95 percent of his customers smoke and a ban would have been difficult to enforce. "What are they going to get, the smoking police?" he said as he lit up a cigarette.

The law requires employers to maintain a smoke-free work environment. Violators can be fined up to \$7,000 per offense, though administration officials don't expect to begin strict enforcement for at least three months.

Glendening said the ban is one of the nation's toughest even with the exemptions. "Keep your eye on the big picture," he said. "We have ended up with something that protects 95, 96 percent of our workers."

"What that says to me is that no matter what hazards there are for our workers, it's more important to protect" the restaurant industry, Steve Buckingham, a leader of the anti-smoking forces, said. "There's no protection whatsoever for waiters, waitresses, bartenders."

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Chian Hernandez, Roby; Martha Jones, 410 31st; Opal Smith, Dunn.

DISMISSALS: Paul Gray, William McGlaun, J.D. Taylor. Census: 43 (Med-14, Long-term Care-29).

Markets Middy Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last		High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	65 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/4	1/4	Lubrizol	21 1/2	21 1/4
AirTouch	52 1/2	52	52 1/4	1/4	Maxus	5 1/2	5 1/4
Altria	27 1/2	27 1/4	27 1/2	1/4	MayDeptStn	36 1/2	36 1/4
Altria	31 1/2	31 1/4	31 1/2	1/4	Medtronic	70 1/2	70 1/4
Alltel	28 1/2	28 1/4	28 1/2	1/4	Mobil	91 1/2	91 1/4
AmStores	25 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	1/4	Montanto	79 1/2	79 1/4
Ameritech	43 1/2	43	43 1/4	1/4	Motorola	57 1/2	56 1/2
Amoco	62 1/2	62 1/4	62 1/2	1/4	Nationsbk	50 1/2	49 1/2
AndrPr	43 1/2	43 1/4	43 1/2	1/4	Navistar	12 1/2	12 1/4
Arco	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/2	1/4	NoramEngy	5 1/2	5 1/4
Arco	115 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	1/4	Nynex	41 1/2	40 1/2
AT&T	18 1/2	18 1/4	18 1/2	1/4	OryzEngy	11 1/2	11 1/4
Aviall	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/2	1/4	PacTelStn	30 1/2	30 1/4
BakerHughes	20 1/2	20 1/4	20 1/2	1/4	PacTelStn	22 1/2	22 1/4
BancTexas	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/2	1/4	PennPly	45 1/2	44 1/2
Bell	54 1/2	54 1/4	54 1/2	1/4	PepBoys	47 1/2	47 1/4
BellSouth	60 1/2	60 1/4	60 1/2	1/4	PepsiCo	40 1/2	39 1/2
BethSteel	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2	1/4	PhelpDodge	56 1/2	55 1/2
BrillPet	81 1/2	81 1/4	81 1/2	1/4	PhilPet	35 1/2	34 1/2
Caterpillar	52 1/2	51 1/2	52 1/4	1/4	PilgrmPrd	8 1/2	8 1/4
CesSoWst	23 1/2	23 1/4	23 1/2	1/4	Polaroid	35 1/2	34 1/2
Chevron	47 1/2	47 1/4	47 1/2	1/4	Praxair	22 1/2	22 1/4
Chrysler	39 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	1/4	ProctGamble	69 1/2	68 1/2
Coastal	28 1/2	28 1/4	28 1/2	1/4	PubSrvMx	12 1/2	12 1/4
CocaCola	57 1/2	57 1/4	57 1/2	1/4	RoyalDutch	118 1/2	117 1/2
ColgatePalm	67 1/2	67 1/4	67 1/2	1/4	SFEPCo	22 1/2	22 1/4
Comcast	25 1/2	25 1/4	25 1/2	1/4	SaraLee	27 1/2	27 1/4
Cooper	39 1/2	39 1/4	39 1/2	1/4	SearsRoeb	52 1/2	52 1/4
CyprusAmx	27 1/2	27 1/4	27 1/2	1/4	SherrinW	34 1/2	33 1/2
Dalminc	17 1/2	17 1/4	17 1/2	1/4	SmbHchADS	40 1/2	40 1/4
DeltaAir	62 1/2	61 1/2	62 1/4	1/4	SmbHch eqt	40 1/2	39 1/2
DigitalEq	36 1/2	35 1/2	36 1/4	1/4	SouthernCo	47 1/2	47 1/4
Dillard	26 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	1/4	Sway3C	18 1/2	17 1/2
DowChem	69 1/2	69 1/4	69 1/2	1/4	SwhArt	43 1/2	42 1/2
DresserInd	21 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	1/4	Sprint	31 1/2	31 1/4
DuPont	59 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	1/4	SterlingChm	29 1/2	28 1/2
EastmanChem	54 1/2	54 1/4	54 1/2	1/4	SunCo	15 1/2	15 1/4
EastKodak	53 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/4	1/4	TNP Ent	47 1/2	47 1/4
Eljerd	5 1/2	5 1/4	5 1/2	1/4	Tandy	45 1/2	44 1/2
Enserch	14 1/2	14 1/4	14 1/2	1/4	TempIn	46 1/2	45 1/2
Entergy	20 1/2	20 1/4	20 1/2	1/4	Tenneco	66 1/2	65 1/2
Exxon	66 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	1/4	TexasIn	36 1/2	35 1/2
FlowerInd	18 1/2	18 1/4	18 1/2	1/4	TextInst	97 1/2	96 1/2
FordMotor	26 1/2	26 1/4	26 1/2	1/4	TextUtil	31 1/2	31 1/4
GTE Cp	34 1/2	34 1/4	34 1/2	1/4	Textro	55 1/2	54 1/2
GenDynam	46 1/2	46 1/4	46 1/2	1/4	Travelers	39 1/2	38 1/2
GenElec	54 1/2	54 1/4	54 1/2	1/4	TrinityInd	34 1/2	34 1/4
GenMotors	63 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	1/4	TritonEngy	34 1/2	34 1/4
GenMotors E	43 1/2	43 1/4	43 1/2	1/4	Tyler	3 1/2	3 1/4
GlobalMar	77 1/2	77 1/4	77 1/2	1/4	US West	41 1/2	40 1/2
Goodrich	45 1/2	45 1/4	45 1/2	1/4	USX Delhi	9 1/2	9 1/4
Goodyear	35 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/4	1/4	USX-Murtha	16 1/2	16 1/4
GratPac	22 1/2	22 1/4	22 1/2	1/4	USX-USA	32 1/2	32 1/4
Hallibur	37 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	1/4	UseCard	32 1/2	31 1/2
Hanson ADS	18 1/2	18 1/4	18 1/2	1/4	UnitedTech	53 1/2	52 1/2
Houston	38 1/2	38 1/4	38 1/2	1/4	Unocal	28 1/2	28 1/4
IBM	84 1/2	84 1/4	84 1/2	1/4	WalMart	24 1/2	24 1/4
IntPaper	73 1/2	73 1/4	73 1/2	1/4	WatGarc	20 1/2	20 1/4
Johanna	61 1/2	61 1/4	61 1/2	1/4	WestgHl	14 1/2	14 1/4
K mart	13 1/2	13 1/4	13 1/2	1/4	WindXite	56 1/2	56 1/4
Kroger	27 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	1/4	Woolworth	17 1/2	17 1/4
Litton	35 1/2	35 1/4	35 1/2	1/4	XeroxP	120 1/2	119 1/2
Lowes Cos	33 1/2	33 1/4	33 1/2	1/4	Zenith	12 1/2	12 1/4

4 arrested by officers

Four people were taken into custody Monday in Snyder. All of the arrests were alcohol related.

An 18-year-old female was arrested at 8:17 a.m. Monday in the 300 block of Coliseum for mandatory suspension for driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old male at 8:18 p.m. in the 2400 block of Avenue N at for public intoxication.

A call from the 4000 block of Eastridge at 11:32 p.m. in reference to a possible prowler resulted in the arrest of two men on public intoxication charges. Taken into custody were a 31-year-old and a 35-year-old.

A report of Class B theft was made at 10:29 a.m. Monday from the 3000 block of Avenue F in reference to a former renter removing some door knobs.

Ken Jones contacted police at 3:47 p.m. Monday in reference to burglary of Ken's Place at 3414 Ave. M. The building was entered and coin-operated machines were broken into. Taken was a miscellaneous amount of change.

Russia fertile ground

U.S. corporations seeking bargains

NEW YORK (AP) — Russia has become fertile shopping ground for American corporations seeking basement bargains — and they aren't looking for caviar and vodka.

Companies are on the prowl for new Russian technology, which has become astoundingly cheap as political changes and economic problems leave many scientists and research institutes without government funding. High-quality research and development is now for sale in areas ranging from rocket science to computer screens.

"You can hire a researcher in chemistry or biology for one-tenth of what it's costing you here," said Jan Vanous, president of PlanEcon Inc., a U.S. investment consulting firm.

Some U.S. companies have hired entire units of research institutes in the former Soviet Union. Others are negotiating deals to license and market hundreds of Russian inventions in the United States and abroad.

AT&T Bell Laboratories, among the first to take technological advantage of the Soviet breakup, has arranged three deals with Russian scientists since 1992.

The first, with the General Physics Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow, gave Bell Labs access to fiber-optics research and 200 scientists. AT&T paid their salaries — about a paltry \$720 a year for each one.

For Russia, the U.S. companies represent opportunities to market Russian work worldwide and replace money that used to come from the government.

The U.S. bargain hunters range from entrepreneurs to major corporations, including Corning Inc., Unisys Corp., United Technologies Corp., Ford Motor Co., General Electric Co. and the B.F. Goodrich tire company. And many Russian scientists are actively peddling their ideas.

"We are overloaded with all kinds of proposals from Russians," said Tanya Golub, project manager for Washington-based Kiser Research Inc., which is in the technology brokering business.

Mark Taylor, a vice president with another broker, East-West Technology Partners Ltd., said the Russians offer access to unique technologies that can complement existing research efforts. That helps companies get new products to the market cheaply and faster.

Houston-based SI Diamond Technology Inc. recently acquired the services of 200 scientists and engineers working for a subsidiary of a Russian natural gas conglomerate known as Gazprom.

The Russian company paid \$5 million for up to a 20 percent stake in SI Diamond. The Russians also turned over the rights to years of research work to the company, giving SI Diamond one of the largest programs in computer flat panel display technology.

The Russians are years ahead of other countries in some science and technology fields, such as space research, metallurgy and materials technology. But they lack the skills to market their ideas, making them reliant on Western help.

Russian researchers have done work in areas requiring advanced computer analysis. And, ironically, since they lacked the help of sophisticated computers, they have developed efficient algorithms that can now add to the power of supercomputers.

They have found a way to join metals by bonding their atomic structures — a method that's stronger than welding. They also have made computer chips out of aluminum, allowing circuit boards to be built more compactly because aluminum conducts heat better than standard ceramics.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

IV is best therapy for histoplasmosis

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: An acquaintance of mine suffers from histoplasmosis. The treatment consists of IVs lasting several hours, several days a week. Since this causes physical hardship, is there any other method of treating the disease?

DEAR READER: Histoplasmosis is a chronic infectious disease caused by a type of fungus. It can affect any organ, most commonly the lungs, liver, intestine, and lymph glands.

In many instances, the infection is mild and patients recover completely without treatment. For example, in certain parts of the country (chiefly the Ohio and Mississippi River valleys), histoplasmosis is often discovered by accident in routine chest X-rays.

However, the disease is not always benign. It can be fatal in persons with immune deficiencies, such as AIDS. In these cases, the infection leads to disabling lung disease and other serious consequences.

The generally accepted therapy for histoplasmosis is the IV anti-fungus

drug amphotericin B. If your acquaintance has so-called "disseminated" (advanced) histoplasmosis, intravenous amphotericin B treatment, although inconvenient and expensive, will offer the best chance of cure.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is your opinion of avascular necrosis of the knee? I had arthroscopy done about a year ago on the recommendation of an orthopedic surgeon. After three months, the pain returned. A new knee was then recommended. I had to get a second opinion, and that doctor said I should wait a year or so since the damage was to only one-fourth of my knee, and it might improve with time and exercise. May I have your comments?

DEAR READER: Avascular necrosis of any organ means that some tissue has died because of an inadequate blood supply. This can be serious and difficult to treat when it affects bone.

I do not know why you developed avascular necrosis of your knee, unless you had a major injury to the joint. I don't believe that the arthroscopy was to blame. During this procedure, an orthopedic surgeon introduces a small tube into the knee

joint and removes damaged material.

If the second specialist advises you to wait, I'd do so. He may have thought that your knee would recover its proper circulation over time. If the pain and necrosis persist, you can always opt for knee replacement in the future.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." 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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Lawmakers can make it hard to enforce home school rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The scene was intimidating for any career government worker: two congressmen and six aides gathered in an ornate wood-paneled room in the Capitol, demanding that the Education Department unconditionally approve a New York college's takeover of a bankrupt school.

Later, a department enforcement official's internal memo called the three-hour-and-45-minute meeting "politically charged" and "volatile," adding that there had been "unprecedented political pressure" in the case.

Interviews and government documents show that when Congress wonders about the billions of dollars lost to bad student loans and wasted education grants, it needn't look far. Often it is lawmakers themselves who are making it hard to enforce the rules on home-state schools.

The April 28, 1993, meeting cited in the memo came at the behest of Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., who was lobbying the department to approve Mercy College's proposed takeover of the bankrupt Center for Media Arts in New York.

The college wanted to use CMA as a satellite campus, but wished to avoid having to repay \$900,000 in federal tuition refunds due CMA's students. The department was insisting the students — and the taxpayers — be protected as a condition of the takeover.

Nadler, Rep. Ben Gilman, R-N.Y., and six aides to other New York lawmakers pressured the four Education Department officials until 8:15 that evening. "The department was pointedly and repeatedly asked to compromise any liabilities" and ignore its rules about loan default rates, the memo said.

Nadler acknowledged being forceful, but said he simply was "trying to get a bureaucracy to interpret their rules reasonably" for a constituent. He had no leverage over the department's budget, and made no threats, Nadler said.

Ultimately, the takeover bid failed and the media school folded.

David Longanecker, the department assistant secretary who oversees student aid, said he sees the pressure as part of the normal give and take between the department and Congress. Most of it is "wholly appropriate," he said, although he acknowledged it can feel threatening to enforcement personnel.

He said only once during his two-year tenure has he felt truly uncomfortable with a request from a member of Congress, "where a person suggested retribution. I thought the overture from the congressperson was out of line. There was clearly a sort of quid

pro quo suggested."

Other recent cases demonstrate just how much pressure lawmakers can apply on the Education Department when it comes to enforcement of financial aid rules. For instance:

— Former Rep. Donald Lukens, R-Ohio, was indicted last month on charges he accepted bribes in return for interceding with the Education Department on behalf of a Cincinnati-based chain of trade schools. The indictment charges he contacted the department to help keep student loan and Pell grant money flowing to the schools, despite their failure to meet department requirements. Lukens has pleaded innocent.

— A main focus of the 1993 hearings was millions of dollars that had flowed to certain orthodox Jewish schools in and around New York City for ineligible programs or students. When the department began to investigate by visiting some of the aid recipients at home, Sens. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., and Arlen Specter, R-Pa., wrote Education Secretary Richard Riley asking him to back off. Riley refused, saying the interviews had uncovered "serious violations." Officials of some of the schools had made campaign contributions to New York lawmakers.

— For years, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., has defended Jordan College in his home state from a cutoff of student aid despite its high loan default rates. Department officials say default rates are their best tool for policing whether student aid dollars are well spent. Levin argues that the school serves mostly poor and minority students, and shouldn't be penalized for educating the disadvantaged. The department now says it will terminate Jordan's aid eligi-

Visitors permitted

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Now the not-so-rich-and-famous can visit Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, too.

The flamboyant financier and hotel owner has agreed to allow once-a-year visitors to the estate, which was designated an official National Historic Landmark Monday by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Under the agreement, Trump also promised never to demolish the mansion or other buildings on the estate, built by cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post in 1927.

Bush intends to be part of the cultural shift in the state

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush says he wants "to be part of a cultural shift" in the state.

Addressing members of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association Monday, Bush reiterated the four issues that formed the cornerstone of his winning 1994 campaign.

By pushing for the reform of Texas' tort system, welfare system, education laws and juvenile justice system, Bush said he was trying to herald in a time when "each and every Texan ... must be held accountable for his or her behavior."

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney also appeared before the annual convention, addressing a variety of subjects before the Legislature.

In the area of branch banking, for instance, Bullock said the Senate likely would follow the House's lead in opting out of a federal plan that would allow national banks to open branches in Texas without acquiring a state charter.

The House recently voted 142-0 against following the federal proposal, but Bullock said he believes the state should join the plan.

"Thinking about the future, I think probably ... we ought to stay in the system, but by the same token over in the Senate, I don't see those votes over there. I think it runs pretty well like it runs over at the House," Bullock said. "Let's face it. Big banks got whipped, whipped bad, over in the Texas House."

The area of judicial selection

Lancaster still seeking city manager

LANCASTER, Texas (AP) — The search for city manager is wide open again since the City Council has rejected both finalists, including one candidate hoping to become the first black man to hold the post.

The decision Monday not to hire either finalist came after a

was also on the mind of some of the newspaper representatives.

Courts across the state are facing a case backlog. At the same time, the Justice Department is blocking many proposed new courts, claiming the direct, partisan system for electing judges violates the federal Voting Rights Act.

Bullock has endorsed the work of a bipartisan task force he appointed, which suggested the Legislature replace the present elections with a new system under which district judges would be chosen in nonpartisan elections and appellate judges would be appointed by the governor.

Bush, the state executive committees of both the Democratic and the Republican parties and many legislators and judges opposed the proposal.

The issue of judicial selection has been placed on the back burner, while the Legislature considers education reform, appropriations and other priorities.

But Bullock recently endorsed a bill by Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, that would institute night courts to address backlog in eight urban Texas counties.

"You bet that night court bill was designed for one thing: to eliminate a problem and to get those judges off their duff and get busy on an agreement," Bullock said.

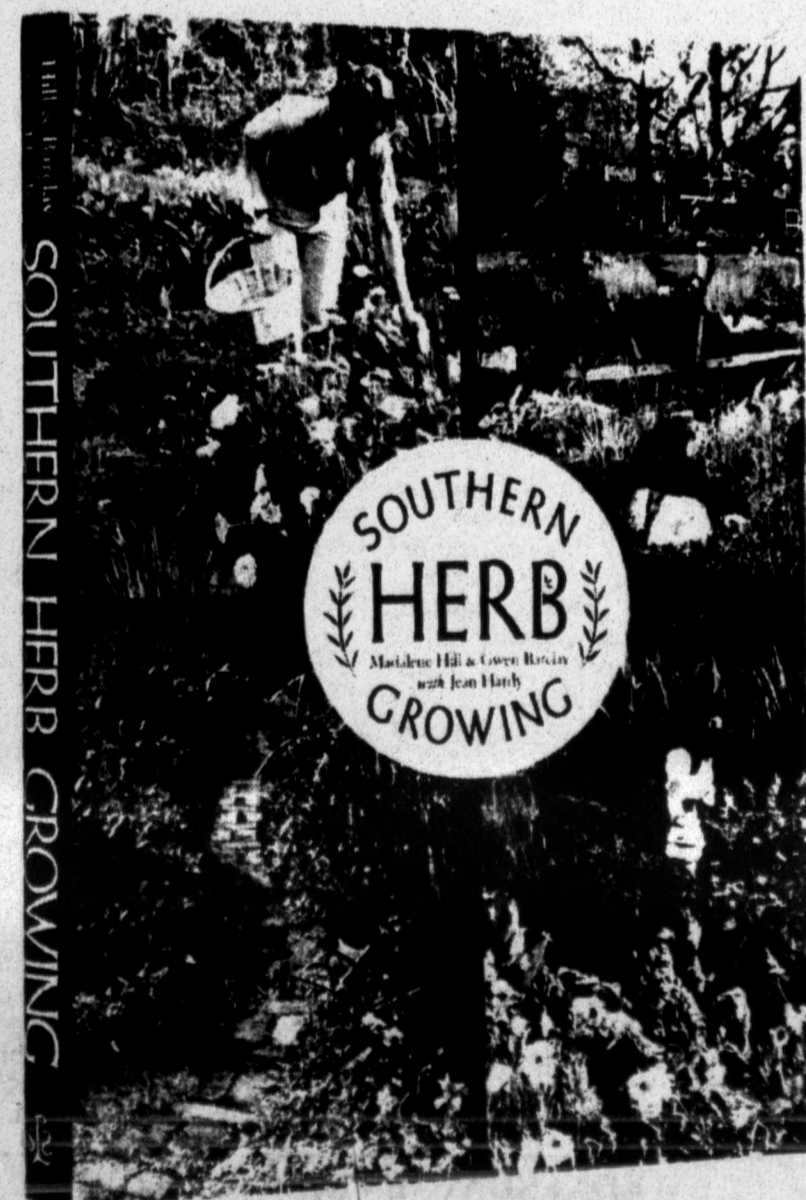
Bush said he endorses keeping the current selection system, but said Monday he would like to see campaign finance reform.

bitter clash among council members, who decided to resume the search and to reject Darryl Mayfield, who is black, and Gus Pappas.

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Politicians often use humor on purpose

By **WALTER R. MEARS**
AP Special Correspondent
WASHINGTON (AP) — Sometimes, politicians are funny on purpose.

Only sometimes. It's the laughs they don't want that can make humor an occupational hazard. But in early spring, which Franklin D. Roosevelt once called the stiff shirt season in Washington, top figures in government turn comedians, or try, at formal dinners sponsored by the journalists who cover them.

"It's only 11:15 and I've gotten my second wind," President Clinton said Saturday night at the white-tie dinner of The Gridiron Club, which has been satirizing and listening to the leaders of government for 110 years. "I guess I'll finish the State of the Union message."

The original ran a marathon 81 minutes. Clinton also said he's decided to propose a "three boring speeches and you're out bill."

"Thank God that's not retroactive," said the president, who has been known to run on frequently enough to be past that quota. At an earlier formal dinner, he jokingly put an egg timer on the lectern while he spoke, briefly.

"Well, I could go on forever," he said at another. "But you know that already, don't you?" Clinton had said earlier that he'd been told being president was like running a cemetery. "There's a lot of people under you, but nobody's listening."

Self-deprecating lines are sure winners when politicians turn comics, and that is doubly so when they come from the president. Or

the first lady, who wasn't even there.

Hillary Rodham Clinton appeared on videotape, in a five-minute takeoff on the movie character "Forrest Gump." "Hi, my name's Hillary, Hillary Gump," she drawled. "You can call me Hillary Rodham Gump. That's what everyone calls me except on the Connie Chung show."

AP analysis

That was the program on which Newt Gingrich's mother confided in a whisper, then televised on CBS, that the House speaker once had called Mrs. Clinton a bitch. At the head table, even Gingrich, who has said he does not recall saying such a thing, was laughing.

She has her box of chocolates until the close, when Clinton sits down on the bench, takes them all when she offers one, and asks for some french fries as well. Hillary has them handy.

It was a show-stopper, a performance reminiscent of the image-repairing spoof song Nancy Reagan sang in the same setting 13

years ago, when she was being criticized for receiving expensive gowns from fashion designers. Her number was "Secondhand Clothes."

In his Gridiron talk, Clinton said he was reinventing the House GOP's "Contract With America," into one of his own. "The 'I hate the federal government more than you do' contract," he said. "Our motto is 'If it ain't broke, break it.'"

With that, he parodied the Republican version. For example: "Replace food stamps with E-mail stamps, available to the poor on their computers, where they can order virtual food and download it from the Internet."

And: "Pass a law that would prohibit any law from being passed that would reverse a law that would prohibit another law from being passed."

William Bennett, the former education secretary and drug czar, spoke for the Republicans and joked about their plan to cut federal funding for public television. Bennett said he doesn't watch a lot of TV, "C-SPAN mostly, Newt span," and once in a while, PBS.

Kerouac's survivors plan to contest will in court fight

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — One of Jack Kerouac's last works was a letter to his 21-year-old nephew, written the day before he died, insisting his estate be left to his mother to keep it in the hands of his own flesh and blood.

"And not to leave a dingblasted ... thing to my wife's one hundred Greek relatives," Kerouac wrote Paul Blake Jr., on Oct. 20, 1969.

Twenty-five years later, in the midst of a resurgence in interest in Beat generation writers, Kerouac's estate is controlled by his wife's relatives. Now Blake has joined his blood kin in a long-deferred fight to get a share.

"I hope we can fully receive what is just ... even though I know a lot of damage has been done" to the collection, Blake said Monday, announcing he was joining a lawsuit filed last year by Kerouac's only child, Jan Kerouac.

In the typed letter, made public years ago, Kerouac expressly said he didn't want his estate to go to his third wife, Stella Sampsas, who nursed him through the final stages of alcoholism. He also said he planned to divorce her or annul their marriage.

When Kerouac died in Florida at age 47, state law required him to leave a third of his estate to his wife. Everything else went to his mother, Gabrielle Kerouac. When she died, she left everything to

Sampsas, who had cared for her after Kerouac's death.

Kerouac's original will ignored Jan, his daughter by his second wife. Kerouac only met her twice — including once for blood tests he demanded to prove his paternity.

Jan Kerouac decided to challenge the will left by her grandmother, which she claims is a fake. If her grandmother had died without a will, her estate would have gone to Jan Kerouac and Blake.

Sampsas died in 1990. Her family, which controls the estate, claims Kerouac's letter to Blake is a fake.

While Kerouac's estate was only valued at about \$53,280 when he died, it now has millions in earning power.

At issue are the pocket spiral notebooks, teletype rolls and parchment scrolls on which Kerouac recorded his first rumblings about the disaffection, alienation and rebellion in America after World War II.

The rough manuscripts for "On the Road" and some other works that came to define the Beat generation currently are on loan from the estate to the New York Public Library; notebooks and other material remain in the private collection of the estate.

One estimate values the estate at \$10 million if sold piecemeal,

Chrysler will replace door latches

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Seeking to allay fears that the rear doors on 4 million Chryslers Corp. minivans can pop open in rear-end crashes, the automaker has agreed to replace the door latches.

Chrysler stressed that the move is not a recall and that it does not believe the latches are defective on 1984-94 Dodge Caravans, Plymouth Voyagers and Chrysler Town & Country minivans.

"We're doing this because the growing awareness surrounding this issue is causing concern among our owners," said Arthur C. Liebler, vice president of marketing and communication. "This is something we do not want and cannot have."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that at least 28 people have died in accidents in which the liftgates opened and passengers were ejected. NHTSA released a statement commending Chrysler's action, leading the No. 3 automaker to express hope that an 18-month federal investigation will end.

Chrysler said the rate of fatal

accidents involving ejections is lower for its minivans than for all minivans and for all passenger cars built during the same decade.

The automaker will replace the old latches for free with the stronger design it installed in its 1995 models.

The company will notify owners of the affected minivans by mail and through television and newspaper advertisements. Chrysler also will order its dealers to replace the latches on 1984-94 minivans brought in for service.

The company doesn't know how much replacing the latches will cost or how it might affect Chrysler's financial performance, Liebler said. Automakers usually have reserves for such expenses.

Chrysler has 18 pending liability lawsuits against it stemming from the latch, and has settled eight or nine others in the past year, said assistant general counsel Lew Goldfarb. Five or six class-action suits also allege the resale value of Chrysler minivans has suffered because of the controversy, Goldfarb said.

Dear Abby



People Afflicted With Herpes Can Still Lead Happy Lives

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Regarding your Feb. 22 letter from "Sorry Now," whose fiancé had infected her with genital herpes — I know what she's going through and I sympathize with her.

At the age of 18, I got herpes from my first sexual partner, and all he said was, "Oh, well." (I ended the relationship.) Some people are very irresponsible; that's how a lot of these diseases get out of control.

It is devastating when you find out. You feel as if your life is over, that you are "defective." But there are worse things that people can catch. Of course, you should tell all potential partners that you have herpes.

Eventually, "Sorry Now" will find someone who loves her and will not care that she has herpes. Some men left me because of it, but the one who stayed made the effort to learn about herpes and how it would affect us.

We have been married for more than 10 years, have a son and daughter, and my husband has not contracted herpes because we are always careful. I hope that "Sorry Now" has a full and happy life. I know it's possible — I am living proof.

BEEN THERE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR BEEN THERE: Thank you for writing. Over the years, thousands of people with herpes have written to me and found it very comforting to know that they were not alone.

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for your recent column providing encouragement to people with genital herpes, and for referring them to our Herpes Resource Center. Because of you, thousands of people have contacted us for information and support.

So far, we have received approximately 2,000 calls on our toll-free number requesting our free literature on herpes, and we have sched-

uled additional counselors to meet the demand.

Often, people with herpes do not know where to turn for help in managing the infection. (We frequently hear from callers whose doctors have told them very little about herpes and how it is transmitted.) It is important for them to know they are not alone, and that it is possible to live and love fully — even with herpes.

Abby, our warmest thanks for your support. We are deeply grateful to you for putting us in touch with those who need our help.

PEGGY CLARKE, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN SOCIAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

DEAR MS. CLARKE: I am gratified that the information reached so many who needed it. For those who may have misplaced the telephone numbers, the National Herpes Information Hotline is (919) 361-8488. The toll-free number to request free literature is (800) 230-6039.

DEAR ABBY: I just read with disgust the letter from "Sorry Now," who contracted herpes from her former fiancé. Her letter indicated that he intentionally infected her so that no one else would want her.

"Sorry Now" is the victim of an injury that was clearly inflicted out of malice. She should seriously consider litigation against this despicable reprobate for the intentional and permanent harm he caused her.

PETER W. SINGER, ATTORNEY AT LAW

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Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, March 29, 1995

Do everything you can in the year ahead to improve your executive skills. Promising situations will arise, so you should prepare.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make time today to do a little soul searching about a disturbing issue you've been unable to resolve. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and a SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Positive thinking can make you a winner today. Concentrate on your hopes and expectations rather than on reasons why something might unravel.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The odds favor you today in mental competitions, especially if something important is at stake. Ask questions, but have faith in your ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The edge you have over others today is your ability to see situations as a whole rather than as fragments. Take advantage of this perspective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Act sensibly today about things you cannot personally alter or change. Adapt yourself to shifting conditions instead of playing the role of victim.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are capable of substantial achievements today, but not from your efforts alone. A helpful ally could tilt the scales in your favor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Single-minded assignments or tasks will be your cup of tea today. When you totally focus on something, the odds are you'll get it done and done right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) When deciding on recreational activities today, avoid anything sedentary. Instead, do things that keep you active physically and mentally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try to find constructive outlets for your restlessness, or you will be difficult to get along with and irritable all day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your nimble mind and wit will enhance your abilities as a problem solver today. However, you mustn't be intolerant of those who don't think as fast as you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Even though you might not have all the resources you'd like today, you'll still be very good at making your dollars do double duty.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Protect your personal interests today, but not to the extent that you think only of yourself. Be mindful of the needs of others as well.

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