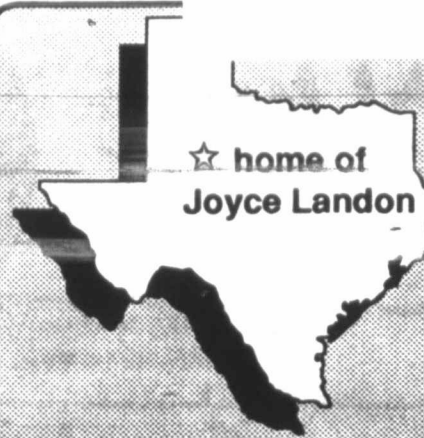


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Ask Us

Q—What is the best way to kill web worms in trees?
A—A high pressure hose must be used to break the web and then an insecticide should be sprayed. This process sometimes requires the services of an exterminator, according to local nursery officials.

In Brief

Woman killed

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — No suspects have been arrested in what a police official said is an "absolutely senseless" death of an Austin woman. Linda Robbins, 46, was killed instantly when a rock thrown from an Interstate 20 overpass in southwest Fort Worth struck her in the head, police said. Fort Worth police Sgt. Paul Kratz said the rock was 16 inches wide and 4 inches thick. "This is a senseless, an absolutely senseless murder we've got here," Kratz said. Minutes later, shots were fired at a car driven by Henry Cruz Jr., 38, of Fort Worth.

Local

Workshop

Snyder public schools board of trustees will meet at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the administration building for a budget workshop.

Reception

West Texas Girl Scout Council and the Snyder Girl Scouts invite the public to a reception to meet the new service team for Snyder. It will be from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday in the community room of American State Bank.

Program set

Snyder business owners and managers are invited to a program scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the chamber of commerce. Norma Hunnicutt, Lights Fantastic coordinator from Johnson City, will present a program detailing how a Christmas lighting program brought thousands of tourists to the town of 600 during the holiday season.

DARE swim

All former DARE students and incoming Snyder sixth graders and Ira and Hermleigh fifth graders are invited to a swim party sponsored by DARE and the Scurry County Sheriff's Department. The party will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Tottle Park Pool. Students should bring money for refreshments.

Weather

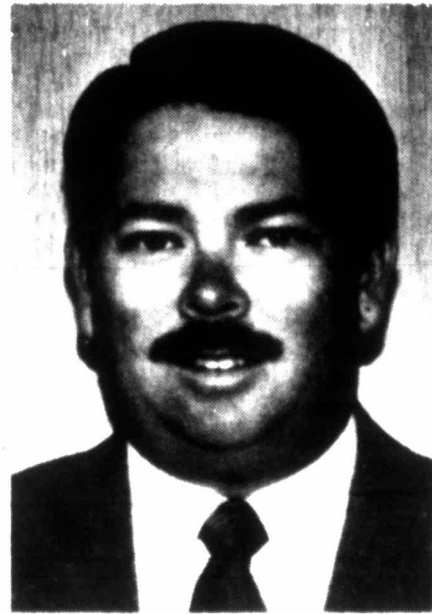
Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 95 degrees; low, 68 degrees; high Sunday, 99 degrees; low, 70 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 75 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1991 to date, 9.98 inches. Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the upper 60s. South to southeast wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High in the mid 90s. South wind 10-20 mph. Almanac: Sunset today, 8:46 p.m. Sunrise Tuesday, 6:52 a.m. Of 201 days in 1991, the sun has shone 196 days in Snyder.

Community centers topic of discussion for commissioners

Scurry County community centers could be turned over to community associations to determine rental and cleanup fees, it was suggested Monday. The idea came from County Judge Bob Doolittle during this morning's meeting of county commissioners at the courthouse. The meeting was to discuss current community center policies and possible changes with center managers. Today's meeting was another in series of meetings on the issue. Commissioners have said that the use of community centers has declined since commissioners court imposed users' fees. Commissioners have now proposed taking away the fees. Instead of users' fees, commissioners are considering having those that use the centers to make a cleaning deposit of \$35. The proposal to give daily responsibility of centers to community associations would include the county continuing to pay utilities and maintenance on the facilities. The community association would be responsible for setting fees and daily upkeep. Managers are currently paid \$50 monthly for booking activities and events at the centers and keeping the key. In addition, they are responsible for ensuring the facility is clean. In return, they keep users' fees. Under the proposal, the community association would be responsible for any additional monies paid to the manager. Because of a mistake in the agenda, it was previously reported that the commissioners would meet with managers during a 7 p.m. meeting today at Tottle Park Barn. However, the meeting tonight at the barn will be a county-wide meeting to discuss community center policies. The only action taken by court was approving the minutes and paying bills. Judge Doolittle presided at the meeting. Present were commissioners C.D. Gray Jr., Roy Idom, Duaine Davis and Jerry Ganaway.

Ira superintendent job goes to Howard

Rick Howard is looking for a replacement — for himself. Howard, who took over as Ira public schools principal on May 1 last year, was last week chosen to replace Ted Bedwell as the district's superintendent. Bedwell has accepted the position of superintendent with the Euless school system. Howard said applications for principal will be taken through Friday. A screening committee made up of teachers, board members and parents will then review the applications and make a recommendation to the board of trustees. "We want to hire someone as quick as possible," said Howard. The district will also look to name an assistant football coach in charge of girls basketball and boys baseball in the near future. Howard said the application period has passed, but that a review process was delayed until after a superintendent was chosen. Howard came to Ira from Snyder, where he served for 12 years in the public school system. He was hired as high school athletic trainer in 1978 and served in that capacity for seven years before becoming physical education instructor at East Elementary. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from East Texas State University, and received his mid-management degree in 1986. His wife is a music teacher at North Elementary in Snyder. They have two children, Jeremy and Katie, who attend Ira schools.



RICK HOWARD

Local cowboys ride tall at county rodeo

Snyder cowboys Adam Brewster and Darren Cook were among the top contestants at the Scurry County Rodeo, which concluded here Saturday. Brewster won the bareback event with a fine 76 score while Cook took home top money in the bull riding with a 73. Brewster also split third place money in the bull riding with Keith Adams of Lubbock. Both scored 70s, behind Lubbockite Kenneth McKee's second-place 71. Aspermont's Monte Jones scored a 72 in the saddle bronc on Thursday — the first night of the 56th annual rodeo — and it held up to win the event. Snyder's Leddy Lewis and Rosenberg's Jeff Davis split second place with 70s. A 9.025-second time set by Sylvester Mayfield of Clovis, N.M., won the calf roping. Juan Flores of Iraan took second with a 10.046. The top barrel racer for the rodeo was Big Spring cowgirl Terra Kay Bynum, who clocked in at 17.173 seconds. Tammy Mulanax of Midland placed second in 17.365. Karen Smith of Lubbock won the breakaway roping with a quick 3.656-second time. Second was Cody Newman of Stanton in 3.906 seconds. Almost as quick were John Carrol and Tim Fryar of Rosenberg in the team roping. They got the job done in 4.832 seconds. Carrol joined Trey Pope to also win second place, in 5.290.

Two injured during rodeo

A Snyder man is recuperating at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock after being injured in the bull riding competition at the Scurry County Rodeo. Roy C. White, 24, of 3606 Kola St., was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital at 10:30 p.m. Friday after being injured in the bull riding event at the three-day rodeo. He was transferred to St. Mary at 12:15 a.m. Saturday, suffering from a broken leg. (see INJURED, page 8)



LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE VISITOR — Pierre Yves Vieilvoye, 18, of Belgium, left, is living in Snyder. Arrangements were made through the Lions Club Youth Exchange Program. He is currently staying with C.A. McCown, right, and his wife, Mary. Before leaving in August, Pierre will also stay with Dennis and Blanche Chisum. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lions Youth Program...

Belgian visits Snyder

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor
Pierre Yves Vieilvoye, 18, from Belgium is visiting in Snyder this summer as part of the Lions Club Youth Exchange Program. A high school graduate, Pierre was delighted when he was picked to come to Texas because he had always heard stories of the hospitality and friendship shown to other foreign exchange students.

Sessions set for teachers

Elementary school teachers interested in learning how to prepare classroom instructional materials and activities for their students will have an opportunity to attend two different workshop offerings this summer here. The first workshop, co-sponsored by Abilene Christian University, will focus on the gifted and talented child. Regular elementary classroom teachers will learn about motivating the bright-child, differentiating the curriculum and individualized instruction. Approval for awarding AAT credit is currently in process. A \$10 registration and materials fee is required to participate in the workshop, which will be held in the high school library on July 31 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. To register, teachers must go to the Snyder ISD administration building. The last day to register will be Friday, July 26.

The workshop will be limited to 30 pre-K through grade 6 teachers. A second professional development workshop planned for elementary teachers is a summer creative drama theatre arts workshop on Thursday, Aug. 8. Registration is currently going on at the SISD administration building. The workshop will be held in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College and is limited to 40 Snyder teachers. There is no cost for the activity, and six hours of advanced academic training credit will be awarded to participants. The workshop is co-sponsored by the Texas Educational Theatre Association and the Creative Drama Network of Austin. Partial support for the project is being made available by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts to the Texas Educational Theatre Association.

Teachers in grades pre-K to grade 6 will participate in various creative drama activity, enabling them to implement appropriate theatre arts essential elements instruction to their students. Pierre has also been introduced to different foods such as Mexican food and a different type barbecue, banana pudding, and fast-food restaurants such as McDonald's and Pizza Hut. One of Pierre's "assignments" is to get an American recipe which he will then prepare for the Lions Club in his country which helped arrange his stay here. Pierre really likes the banana pudding but he isn't sure if that recipe will work since he may not be able to obtain a prime ingredient — Cool Whip — in his native land. Before arriving in Snyder, Pierre spent three days in New York City. Since all the people he met there were "very busy and not very friendly" he was more than ready for a different way of life in Snyder. Of all the wonderful things Pierre has encountered since coming to Texas, he said he values "the people and learning about a new way of life" more than anything else. Pierre speaks several languages, French, Dutch, German, Oxford English and some Italian. French and Dutch are the languages spoken most often in his country. He has studied Oxford English for two years. Pierre was picked to participate in the Lions Youth Exchange Program because of his high academic standing. The Lions Club pays all his traveling expenses but he is responsible for spending money. Pierre went to school in Liege and when he returns to Belgium he will be ready to enter the university in September. He has one brother who is 15. His father is an architect and his mother is a kindergarten teacher. This is his first trip to the United States.

Excursions to Austin and San Antonio may also be on the itinerary before Pierre's brief stay comes to an end.

Death ruled suicide

A 30-year-old woman was pronounced dead at 9:15 p.m. Sunday at her Snyder residence. Peace Justice Wanda Rushing has ruled the death of Shehala Denise Snowden a suicide by hanging. A caller advised police at 8:53 p.m. of an attempted suicide at a mobile home in the 2000 block of Ave. O. Snyder EMS personnel and Rushing were called to the scene. Snowden, a Hermleigh native, was found dead by her roommate in a bedroom of the residence. Rushing said the subject had been dead for approximately an hour before being discovered. Graveside services were to be held at 4 p.m. today at Hermleigh Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

School district...

Sweetwater residents vote to roll back taxes

SWEETWATER — Sweetwater public schools will have to slash more than \$600,000 from next year's budget after residents soundly voted to roll back the district's tax rate Saturday. The outcome means the tax rate for the fiscal year 1991-92, can be no higher than \$1.07 per \$100 property valuation. This year's rate is \$1.34 per \$100 valuation. Residents voted 1,262 to 814 to roll back taxes. School board president Pat Gerald said the rollback means the district will lose \$650,000 from next year's budget. Citizens for Fair Taxes had campaigned for the rollback election after successfully petitioning the courts to force the school board to do so. Reportedly, the citizen's group spent about \$10,000 in legal fees in petitioning the district court of appeals to force the school board to call the election. Sweetwater ISD spent almost \$21,000 fighting the move. The school board had passed a resolution capping its tax rate at \$1.17 for next year's budget, providing the school finance reform bill is declared constitutional.

1/4 of underground tanks might leak

HOUSTON (AP) — New regulations on fuel storage tanks are a strain for gas stations, operators say, but state officials maintain the rules were designed to plug the dangerous leaks that may be occurring in one-fourth of the state's hundreds of thousands of tanks.

"We have a reported leakage rate of about 10 a day," said Jack Kramer, director of the water commission's Petroleum Storage Tank Division.

At last count, 137,581 tanks holding billions of gallons of gasoline, oil and diesel fuel had been registered with the commission.

The widespread leakage of fuel containing the carcinogen benzene and other toxic and explosive compounds ranks as one of Texas' biggest environmental menaces, officials say.

By Dec. 22, 1998, every tank

and its piping must have corrosion protection and spill- and overflow-control equipment. Any tank purchased in the meantime must have such equipment before it goes into the ground.

The choice, then, is to yank an old tank from the ground and fix it, or buy a new one.

Scott Fisher, vice president of government relations for the Texas Oil Marketers Association, predicts that as many as a third of the state's 12,000 service stations will go out of business by 1994, in large part because of the new tank regulations.

"It has been very difficult, especially in rural areas and smaller cities, where the stations' volumes are lower," said Fisher, whose group represents smaller wholesalers and retailers.

Brooks Smith has closed two of his Houston-area stations since

early 1990 for that very reason.

The regulations have been a "tremendous strain," said Smith, president of Bay Oil Co., which still owns and operates eight stations. A new tank costs about \$15,000, installed, and a typical service station has four of them, he said.

Kramer won't speculate on how many unregistered tanks — and unknown or unreported leaks — may be out there.

"We've beaten the bushes as good as we can, trying to get people to register," Kramer said. "But a lot of tanks were abandoned in the '50s and '60s, and nobody remembers where they are. We uncover those regularly," he told the Houston Chronicle.

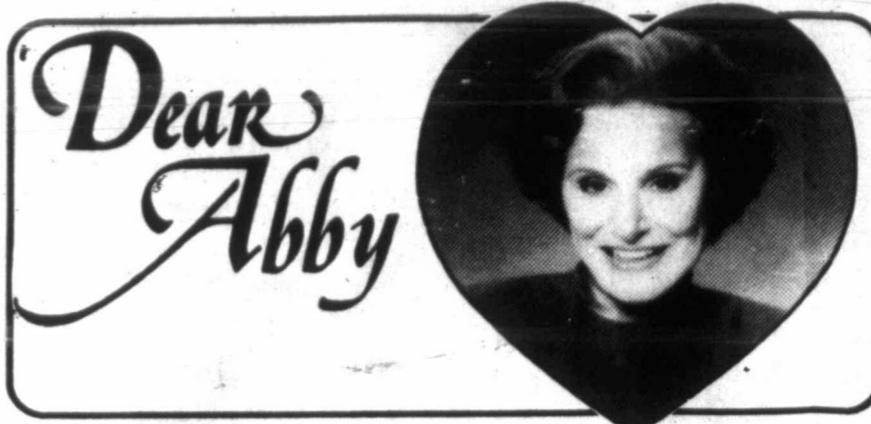
There have been 7,482 confirmed leaks in Texas since September 1987, when the state began keeping a tally.

In the North Texas town of Quanah, a number of private wells were tainted in the summer of 1988 after a "multisource" gasoline spill invaded an aquifer. The water commission first provided residents bottled water, then installed carbon filters on their taps to get rid of the gasoline.

Most leaks contaminate only soil, or soil and groundwater not used for drinking. But even those leaks require costly cleanups and tank replacements or improvements that can drive small-scale retailers out of business.

When leaks occur, the state now helps to clean them up. The Texas Legislature created a fund in 1989 to help pay for cleanups of fuel-contaminated sites. The fund, fed by fees assessed at bulk fuel terminals, now stands at \$67 million and is the largest of its kind in the United States.

Before the fund existed, tank owners had to pay for cleanups, and many simply couldn't afford them. Now an owner pays a deductible — ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000, based on the size of the operation — and the state absorbs the rest of the cost.



Dear Abby

Grandparents' Bad Grammar Is Painful Music to Mom's Ears

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: As a first-time mother, I want to give our child the best. Since Nicholas is now 19 months old, he will soon be spending more time with his paternal grandparents. They crave all the time they can get with him, and he loves them dearly. It would also give my husband and me a much-needed break if Nicky could spend weekends and vacations with his grandparents.

The problem is their grammar. It is atrocious! The double negatives, the "ain'ts," the sloppy way they speak ("It's gonna rain Sa-erde"), etc., just drive me batty! I don't want Nicky to speak that way. And suppose he picks up incorrect grammar from his grandparents — am I to say, "Your grandparents are ignorant?"

Compounding the problem is the fact that I'm raising Nicky to be bilingual. I speak to him in Greek, and thus far that's the only language he speaks. He is sure to pick up English from playmates and other sources.

In spite of the rubbish that exists around most children today, I am determined that Nicky will speak properly, so I am at painful odds what to do about his grandparents' speech. Can you help me?

NICKY'S MOTHER

STIFLED

DEAR STIFLED: You must tell your neighbor that just because you are home all day does not mean that you are not working; explain that you work for your husband during the day.

Suggest that she do volunteer work — there are numerous good causes in every community. And if she continues to leave messages, do not return her calls.

CONFIDENTIAL: To those readers who have tried without success to locate the Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Southern Minnesota, the address is: 285 18th St. S.E., Owatonna, Minn. 55060. The telephone number is (507) 455-1190. Child abuse is everyone's problem, but by working together, parents and professionals can break the cycle.

DEAR ABBY: My neighbor lives a few short steps from my back door; we have adjoining yards, yet she calls me on the phone intermittently all day long — just to chat. I wouldn't mind if she called once for a brief

Everything you'll need to know about planning a wedding can be found in Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Horse rustling on the rise to meet demands

FORT WORTH (AP) — The demand for horsemeat abroad has Americans rustling to fill the order.

Horsemeat's popularity in France, Switzerland, Italy and Japan has pushed its price so high that some people are stealing horses for slaughter, law enforcement officials in some parts of the country claim.

"The price is at an all-time high," says Diane Owens, head of the packers and stockyards division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Fort Worth office.

Horses now bring as much as 70 cents a pound at slaughterhouses, due mainly to the growing demand for horsemeat abroad. Selling horsemeat in the United States is illegal, but U.S. slaughterhouses export about 125 million pounds each year. In 1990, horsemeat exports brought \$24 million more than the year before, even though the same amount of meat was shipped.

Ms. Owens said Europeans became accustomed to horsemeat during the beef shortages of World War II. France, which is now the No. 1 importer of American horsemeat, prefers meat with less fat than beef.

"The French have become more health conscious," she said.

Law enforcement and private agencies that monitor horse thefts claim that rustling has increased along with the price of horsemeat.

"It kind of runs in cycles," says Jody Henderson, director of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association headquartered here. "A month or so ago there was a surge in horse thefts."

A 1,000-pound horse would bring \$700. Most of the time, the horses are in poor shape from age, illness, or in some cases, being stoned on locoweed.

Authorities can't come up with the number of horse thefts, but the Cattle Raisers Association maintains a 33-member force of certified lawmen to track down stolen horses and cattle. Last

year, they recovered 72, down from 93 the year before.

Most stolen horses eventually end up in a horse-packing plant and one of the largest in the country is in Fort Worth, just a few miles from the Cattle Raisers Association.

The Beltex Corporation plant slaughters and processes about 50,000 horses a year and company officials say they cooperate with ranchers in trying to identify stolen animals.

"We don't have any problems with them," Ms. Henderson says. "If you think your horse has ended up out there, they'll invite you out to look around."

Texas, Nebraska and Canada are the largest suppliers of horsemeat in North America.

American ranchers have not yet begun to breed horses for slaughter, as cows, pigs and sheep are bred, but some traders buy thin animals and fatten them for resale to packing houses, Ms. Henderson said.

Religious service held

MOSCOW (AP) — The Dalai Lama climbed a Siberian mountain sacred to Buddhists to hold a religious service, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

The Buddhist leader on Sunday ascended Mount Alkhanai, where a Buddhist prayer is said to be visible on the surface of the granite mountain, the news agency said.

Novelist lends voice to quiet librarians during budget woes

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Gwen Davis raises her voice, librarians don't say "Shhhh!"

The San Francisco novelist is appalled at sharp cuts in library services around the country, as states and localities grapple with a deepening budget crisis. And she's worried that librarians are too reticent to sound the alarm.

So Ms. Davis has volunteered to make some noise.

"Librarians are very nice people, but they aren't vocal," she said. "They are so used to keeping silence in the stacks that they don't know how to scream their outrage, but I do."

She has forged an alliance with the American Library Association to demand more government support for the nation's 15,481 public libraries and branches, which get 80 percent of their funds from the states.

Ms. Davis flew to the capital recently to attend a White House conference on libraries (which also urged a boost in federal subsidies) and join ALA President Patricia Schumann for some lobbying on Larry King's TV talk show.

Out of gratitude for a rave review of her latest novel, "Jade," in the *Library Journal* — which libraries use as a book-buying guide — Ms. Davis decided to donate half of the royalties to the association's save-the-libraries fund.

She's asking fellow authors to

follow her example. So far, she said, she has persuaded writers Charles Champlin, Eric Lax and Joanne Greenberg to contribute a percentage from their next books.

"If Danielle Steele gave only 1 percent, she could save the libraries in San Francisco," Ms. Davis said. "Philip Roth could save New York, Norman Mailer could save Brooklyn, Stephen King could save New England and Jackie Collins and Sidney Sheldon could save Beverly Hills, if it needs saving."

Ms. Schumann said librarians already are speaking out, but she welcomed Ms. Davis' vocal support and her "extremely generous" financial offer.

Ms. Davis fears that the worsening budget squeeze might lead to the demise of such a hallowed pastime as spending a lazy summer afternoon browsing in the cool sanctuary of a neighborhood library.

"To realize that libraries are going out of business was spiritually more than I could ignore," she said.

Already, the portents are clear. A 50-state survey by the library association in May disclosed widespread layoffs, branch closings and reduced hours at libraries nationwide.

While first lady Barbara Bush promotes reading books, President Bush has proposed slashing federal library funds next year

from \$142 million to \$35 million.

The House rejected Bush's proposal and approved a modest boost in federal aid, which accounts for less than 2 percent of public library spending. The Senate version would provide a \$2.5 million increase next year.

Exterminator hunts killer bees at night

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — The arrival of Africanized bees here has worried citizens calling fire departments, agricultural extension agencies, beekeepers and pest control businesses.

That's when Edgar Claus makes his move.

Claus, 40, is a professional pest exterminator who says the best time to attack the so-called killer bees is by the light of the moon, when they're all at home.

"If you do it during the daytime, you're going to miss a lot of bees because many of them are going to be out pollinating," said Claus, who insists on suiting up in protective gear each time he goes bee-busting.

"In the evening and at midnight, the majority of bees are back at the colony," he said.

Claus finds where the bees are nesting and then delivers a deadly spray of resmethrin aerosol gas into walls, pipes or trees. Exterminating at midnight is also one way Claus gets threatening honey bees to buzz off and stop bothering homeowners.

Since getting into the business, Claus has had many calls, four of them involving Africanized honey bees.

Before starting a job, Claus inspects a prospective job site — a wall with a hole, a tree or an unused pipe — and occasionally consults with bee experts.

He then gives homeowners the choice of either having the bees gassed and taken out dead or removed alive by placing a bee box nearby.

The second option takes 30 to 60 days and involves taking honeycombs, a queen bee and brood cells from a colony and placing them in a frame inside a box.

Most of the time homeowners, fed up with the insects or after having been stung, opt for instant eradication — death by gas.

"Some people want them out, and they want them out immediately," he said.

Bees can penetrate the thick, cotton suits. For that reason, Claus sometimes considers wearing two suits. But even with double protection, there's always a risk of being stung.

Claus, who has been stung a few times on the job, said he's never been blitzed by thousands of bees but thinks a lot about it.

"If I were to trigger the defense action when coming across an Africanized honey bee colony, and I was on an 18-foot ladder, I really couldn't do anything. I'd have to let them sting the suit."

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a retired senior citizen with angina for which my doctor has prescribed Procardia and digoxin. During the hot, humid months in Florida my condition is aggravated and something as simple as dusting a table causes the chest pains to begin, limiting me to a minimum of physical exertion. Do I have to live with this debilitating situation, or is there some help for me?

DEAR READER: Angina is pain caused by cramping of the heart muscle due to inadequate oxygen supply. The symptom almost always reflects arteriosclerotic narrowing of the coronary arteries.

Because the oxygen demands of the heart vary according to activity, angina typically appears during stress, exertion or exposure to cold. The pain is usually relieved by rest and medicine, such as nitrates, which reduce cardiac work.

Today doctors have an astounding array of drugs to treat angina: nitrates, beta-blockers and calcium-channel blockers, to mention a few.

Your physician has prescribed Procardia (nifedipine, a calcium-channel blocker) and digoxin (a heart stimulant). In many instances, this combination is an appropriate antidote for angina. However, in your case, the drugs do not control your pain satisfactorily; you still have symptoms during routine activity. Therefore, I believe a change is in order.

You may need more Procardia to do the job — but not more digoxin, because this medicine can cause dangerous toxicity. Or, other drugs might be more useful. For example, I'd try Tenormin (atenolol, a long-acting beta-blocker) in conjunction with nitrates (in patch, cream or pill form). With careful supervision and close attention to your needs and symptoms, the doctor should be able to discover which medical treatment will enable you to live a relatively normal, pain-free existence.

In the event drug therapy is ineffective — or if your angina worsens despite it — you should have testing to determine if you are a candidate for coronary artery bypass grafting (surgery to bypass the narrowed coronary arteries), balloon angioplasty (to correct the narrowing without surgery) or one of the newer techniques (such as laser therapy) to open clogged arteries.

You do not have to live with debilitating angina; help is available. Ask your doctor about the suggestions I made or request a second opinion from a cardiologist. Uncontrolled angina should not be ignored; it can herald a heart attack, which is far more serious and difficult to treat because part of the heart muscle will be irreparably damaged.

Because high blood pressure often contributes to angina, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Hypertension." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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HEART DISEASE

Risk of heart disease over time: Men vs. women

| Age | Women | Men |
|----------------|-------|-------|
| Under 45 years | 1.2 | 3.5 |
| 45-64 years | 25.6 | 85.9 |
| 65-74 years | 85.4 | 146.9 |
| 75 and older | 151.1 | 210.8 |

SOURCE: American Health NEA Graphic

About one-fifth of American men who are 75 years old or older have some form of heart disease, according to medical data. Women have a lower risk of heart disease than men at all ages.



Scurry County
Exxon Corp. has completed the No. 1,609 Sharon Ridge unit in the Diamond M field, 13 miles southwest of Snyder. The well produced 50 barrels of 32 gravity oil and 2,262 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 1,478-1 with perforations from 6,702-785 feet. Location is in Section 123, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Borden County
Shenandoah Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 1-532 Mary Belew in the Myrtle north field, six miles west of Fluvanna. Planned for a depth of 8,350 feet, drill site is in Section 532, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County
Torch Operating Co. will drill the No. 7-19 John F. Lott in the Happy field, 12 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,100 feet, location is in Section 19, Block 1, T&NO survey.

Howard County
Exxon Corp. will drill the No. 71 East Vealmoor unit in the Vealmoor east field, 19 miles northeast of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 8,500 feet, drill site is in Section 20, Block 27, H&TC survey.

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Final farewell

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf returned to the Persian Gulf to bid farewell to American troops before his retirement next month.

Schwarzkopf arrived in Saudi Arabia on Sunday after a two-day stop in Egypt to meet with President Hosni Mubarak, one of the leading Arab members of the 33-nation alliance that defeated Iraq in the 42-day Gulf War.

Schwarzkopf, 56, retires Aug. 31 as a four-star general after 35 years of service.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Fluvanna Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.
 Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall; 7:30 p.m.
 Scurry Lodge No. 706; lodge hall, to work on the F.C. Degree; 7:30 p.m.
 Overeaters Anonymous; fellowship hall of Morning Side Baptist Church; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 or Kelly at 573-7705 for information.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (open); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626 or 573-9410.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf; Snyder Country Club; 9 a.m.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.
 Adult Children of Alcoholics; Park Club in Winston Park; 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 573-8885 or 573-9410.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
 Sport Card Swap Club; Willow Park Inn, for information call 573-1961; 7 p.m.
 TOPS TX 56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444 or Mae Cole at 573-8628.
 Scurry Lodge 706; AF & AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
 New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-8110, 573-3308 or 573-5867.
 Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3956 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Salad Luncheon—Game Day; reservations needed by 5 p.m. Monday, call 583-3427; \$5 per person, serving begins at 11:30 a.m.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; W. 37th St.; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City Bridge Room; 1:30 p.m.
 Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 7 p.m.
 Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank Conference room; 7 p.m.
 Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.
 New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-8110 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

Storytime; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.; 4 and 5 year olds.
 Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
 Overeaters Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park. For information, call 573-8322, 573-7705 or 573-9839; 12-1 p.m.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment by calling 573-9742 or 573-2763.
 Friday Night Swingers Golf; Snyder Country Club; 5:30 p.m.
 Alateen, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information, call 573-5524 days, 573-2101 nights; 8 p.m.
 Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-2101, 573-3657 or 573-3956.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9410. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting).

SATURDAY

Alateen Step Study Group; Park Club at Winston Park; 2 p.m. For information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.
 People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For information, call 573-8626 or 573-9410.
 Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Black Women's Association, Snyder National Bank Community Room; 5 p.m.

Grand jury probes possible open meeting act violations

PORT LAVACA, Texas (AP) — Calhoun County District Attorney Jack Whitlow says the private meeting between Gov. Ann Richards and top Democratic legislators "deserves looking into."
 Acting on a complaint from the public watchdog group Common Cause, a Calhoun County grand jury today begins its probe into the June meeting on remote Matagorda Island. Those attending included Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, House Speaker Gib Lewis, Sens. John Montford and Bob Glasgow and Reps. James Hury and Jim Rudd.
 Whitlow, who will present evidence to the grand jury, said one interpretation of the law allows the Legislative Budget Board to hold such discussions. Another interpretation indicates the closed-door meeting was improper, he said.
 Attorney General Dan Morales has said the board is covered by the Open Meetings Act.
 "This is just very preliminary," Whitlow said of the grand jury session. "There seems to be some conflicts in the statute. It deserves looking into." Richards also attended the island meeting to talk about the budget but she is not a member of the Legislative Budget Board.
 The lawmakers present constituted a quorum of the panel.
 Whitlow said he did not expect any action on the matter from the

grand jury until later in the week.
 Conviction on the misdemeanor offense carries a fine of up to \$500 and up to five months in jail, Whitlow said.
 In its complaint, Common Cause said it didn't know if there was any intent by the legislators to violate the act.
 "However, the act clearly prohibits a quorum of any governmental body from holding a meeting at which there is a deliberation concerning any public business or policy over which the governmental body has supervision or control," Common Cause of Texas chairwoman Darlene Clements wrote.
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Mexical examiners in Dallas kept busy

DALLAS (AP) — Emergency room workers aren't the only ones exhausted by a constant flux of patients resulting from a record year in Dallas for homicides.

Dr. Jeffrey Barnard runs one of the country's busiest medical examiner's offices. The staff has been struggling to keep up with the daily delivery of bodies, which last year averaged more than a dozen a day.
 His weary and understaffed team of doctors often deals with victims straight from the streets, some riddled with bullets, for official rulings on a cause of death.
 "There have been times when bodies are lined up in the hall," said Barnard, 35, who took over the job in April after Chief Medical Examiner Charles Petty retired.

"There are no light days around here, really," he said.
 The six forensic pathologists work long hours during the week and every third weekend to keep pace with the violence.
 "Everybody's tired," Barnard said. "Fortunately, just about everyone has held together pretty well. But there's a high level of exhaustion."
 Dr. Charles Odom, one of the pathologists, agreed: "Those of us who process the violence are really feeling the pressure."
 According to estimates, the number of deaths investigated at

the medical examiner's office is expected to be slightly lower this year than in 1990. That's because the morgue is accepting fewer bodies from smaller counties that don't have a medical examiner.
 Last year, the medical examiner's office ruled on 4,491 deaths. This year, that number is expected to slip to about 4,380. Autopsies will be performed in about 60 percent of those cases, Barnard said.

However, Dallas County homicides — expected to increase 14 percent this year — will swell the actual staff workload, Barnard said.
 Autopsies of homicide victims require more time because dozens of photographs must be taken, diagrams of the wounds must be drawn, and more X-rays must be made than on other bodies. And each autopsy of a

homicide victim must be prepared so thoroughly that it is presentable in court if the case goes to trial, Barnard said.

Barnard said each of his pathologists probably will perform about 400 autopsies this year. Of those, about a quarter will be on homicide victims, he said.

"That's way too many cases," Barnard said.

The number is more than the average workload in Los Angeles County, where each of the 16 forensic pathologists performs an average of 368 autopsies a year, said Bob Danbacher, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County medical examiner's office.

In Chicago, the typical medical examiner performs about the same number of autopsies as in Dallas, said Mike Boehmer, a spokesman for the Cook County medical examiner's office.
 Dr. Linda Norton, a Dallas forensic pathologist in private

practice, said a good medical examiner cannot perform more than 300 autopsies a year and expect to maintain a high standard of work.

"It's not because they're not properly trained. It's because anybody that has more to do than they can handle begins to forget things," said Dr. Norton, who worked in the Dallas County medical examiner's office from 1976 to 1981.

Some pathologists begin to cut corners and might miss a wound or not document the findings as completely as they might have otherwise, she said.

Barnard said things haven't reached that point at his office. Dallas County commissioners recently approved money for Barnard to hire four more forensic pathologists at salaries ranging from \$97,000 to \$110,000 annually.

But a national shortage of forensic pathologists is frustrating Barnard's hiring efforts.

Suspects literally get caught in the chimney

DALLAS (AP) — Marcus Hall is lucky that the authorities found him before Bernice Moore did.

Hall, 26, who stands 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs 130 pounds, apparently thought he could slide down Ms. Moore's chimney early Saturday, avoid her burglar alarm and make off with the 78-year-old woman's valuables.

But he got stuck in the chimney and started yelling, alerting Ms. Moore to his presence. So stuck, in fact, that it took a team of Dallas firefighters to get him out. They turned him over to Dallas police.

Hall should count his blessings. "I wish I would have known," said Ms. Moore. "I would have lighted a fire under his butt."
 Ms. Moore's alarm foiled another burglary attempt a week ago.

Hall remained in the Lew Sterrett Justice Center Sunday, charged with burglary.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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And the winner is ...

By Phillip Alder

A book called "Guide to Better Card Play" was published today by Houghton Mifflin (\$10.95). The author is Ron Klingner, Australia's leading player-teacher-writer. It contains intermediate-level material on defense and declarer-play. Each chapter includes example deals (160 in all), and each of the four sections ends with a quiz.

All of this week's hands are taken from the book, which was chosen as 1991 Book of the Year by the American Bridge Teachers' Association.

If you wish to test yourself, find some way of masking the West and South hands. Your partner, West, leads the heart 10 against three spades, declarer dropping the jack under your queen. How do you defend to defeat the contract?

North's two-heart cue-bid announced a strong hand: probably at least 12 high-card points. South's rebid indicated a minimum overall, but North made one more try to get to game.

With the heart nine in dummy, West must have led from a singleton or doubleton heart. Don't be misled by declarer's false-card of the jack. You can see five tricks by way of three hearts and two clubs, but you will get two club tricks only if partner leads the suit.

The answer is to win the first trick with the heart queen, cash the heart king and then lead the heart five. Partner will be forced to ruff, and, if enjoying one of his more lucid moments, will switch to a club.

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Foreign or domestic?







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| Age | U.S. auto makers | Foreign auto makers |
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| 18-24 | 60% | 40% |
| 25-34 | 54% | 46% |
| 35-44 | 60% | 40% |
| 45-54 | 67% | 33% |
| 55-64 | 78% | 22% |
| 65 and over | 86% | 14% |

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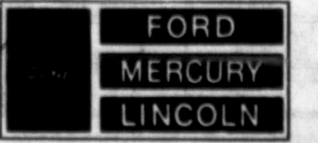
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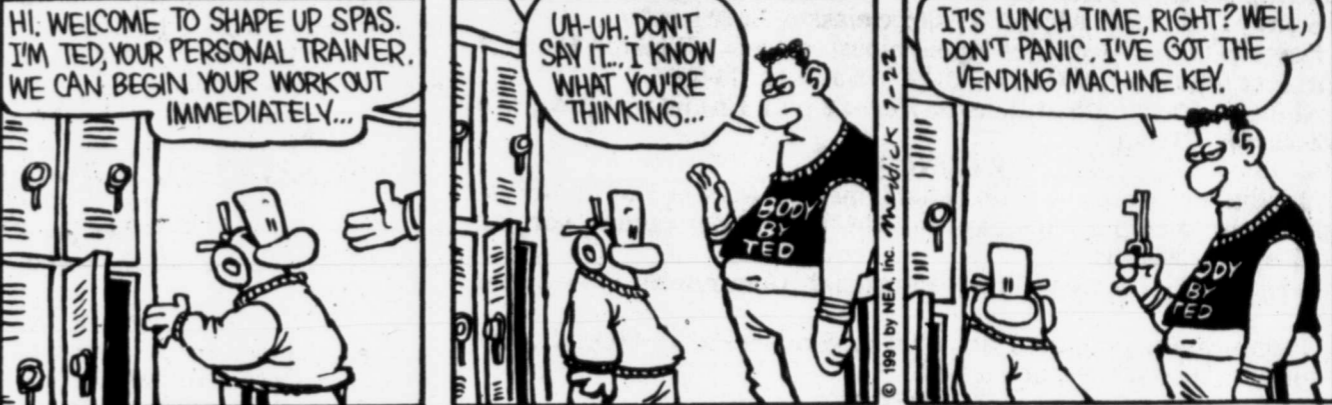
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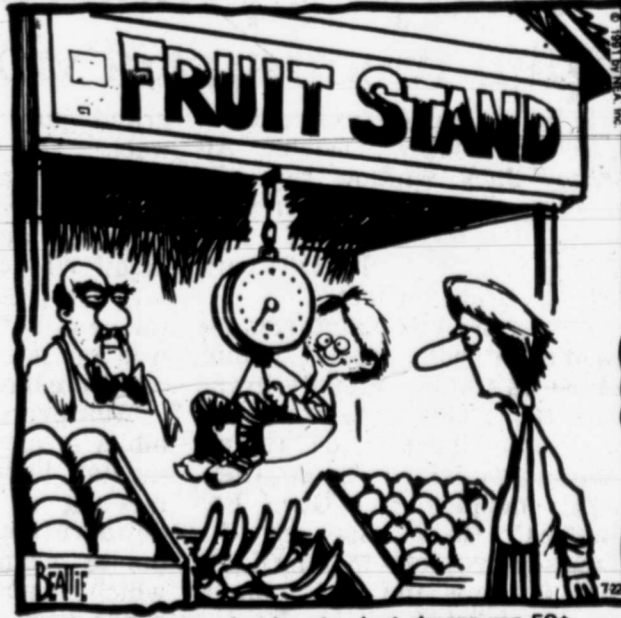
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"You'll get it back when he stops teething."

"MY AEROBICS WORKOUT SCHEDULE REALLY ONLY STARTED THE DAY HE TURNED TWO."

New Hall of Fame inductees honored

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Rod Carew, Gaylord Perry and Ferguson Jenkins had the biggest welcoming committee ever for their big day.

Carew, Perry and Jenkins joined the ranks of baseball's immortals Sunday as they were inducted into the Hall of Fame along with Tony Lazzeri, a key member of the New York Yankees' juggernauts of the '20s and '30s, and Bill Veeck, maverick owner and master showman.

During his acceptance speech, Carew turned to his fellow Hall of Famers and said, "Thanks to all of you for moving over a little and making space for me in your shrine."

"I never even dared dream a day like this would arrive," said Carew, who hit .328 in 19 seasons with Minnesota and California.

Perry, almost as famous for throwing spitballs as he was for winning 314 games in 22 seasons, was tongue-in-cheek when talking about his days of doctoring the ball.

He jokingly blamed one of his catchers for first getting him to throw a spitter when he came in to relieve in the 13th inning of a 23-inning game in 1964.

"Kid, it's time to put something on the ball," Perry said the catcher told him.

Jenkins began his career in Philadelphia in 1965, was traded to Chicago the next season and in 1967 began a streak of six consecutive 20-win seasons, winning the Cy Young Award in 1971 when he went 24-13.

He was dealt to the Texas Rangers in 1973 and went 25-12 in 1974. After two seasons with Boston, he was traded back to Texas in 1977, going 46-34 in three more seasons with the Rangers. Jenkins returned to the Cubs for his last two seasons.

Carew won seven batting titles with the Twins. In 1977, he flirted with .400 for much of the season

Cowboys trade for Falcons' Casillas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys acquired noseguard Tony Casillas, a former Oklahoma All American, from the Atlanta Falcons Sunday for a second-round draft pick and an undisclosed late round selection in 1992.

Casillas, 27, was the Falcons' No. 1 pick in the 1986 draft, the second overall pick after top draftee Bo Jackson. An All-American out of Oklahoma, he is a previous winner of the Lombardi Trophy, awarded to the best linemen in college football. He was a Pro Bowl alternate twice.

Casillas, 6-foot-3, was in his fifth year and announced his retirement last Thursday night, rather than return to the Falcons for the final year of a two-year contract signed in 1990.

The 280-pound Casillas was scheduled to make \$550,000 dollars this year with a \$50,000 reporting bonus.

The Cowboys did not immediately announce the terms of any negotiations with Casillas.

The Cowboys had sought defensive line help because three starters — Dean Hamel, Danny Noonan, Daniel Stubbs — had been holding out.

The Cowboys also have been hard-hit with injuries in the defensive line.

First-round pick Russell Maryland has been slowed with a bruised leg and defensive tackle Willie Broughton will miss three weeks with a hyper-extended elbow.

Casillas has said he wouldn't mind playing for the Cowboys and was expected to report immediately to camp. The Cowboys have a scheduled afternoon workout on Monday and coach Jimmy Johnson was hopeful Casillas could be at St. Edwards University by then.

Casillas did not start any games for the Falcons last year, playing in nine of 16 contests. He had 32 tackles. Team officials listed a contract holdout, a two-game suspension, and a stint on injured reserve as some of Casillas' troubles last season.

Casillas started 57 games from 1986 to 1989 and had 446 tackles, 163 of them solo.

The deal gave the Falcons a second- and sixth-round pick in next year's National Football League draft. That leaves the team with a total of 14 selections.

Flannery comes to terms with Oilers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — John Flannery was beginning to feel left out of his first pro football camp.

The rookie holdout worked out alone and listened to media reports of the Houston Oilers' drills at Trinity University until he could stand it no longer. He told his agent to get his contract settled.

"I told my agent, enough's enough. I want to be in camp so if we have to take a little off our offer I said I want to be in camp by Sunday," Flannery said Sunday after agreeing to contract terms.

"I wanted to be here and my agent and (Oilers general manager Mike) Holovak were able to work something out."

The Oilers also announced Sunday they had reached agreement on a contract with veteran wide receiver Hayward Jeffires, who is expected to be in camp today.

That leaves eight Oilers veterans out of camp without agreements, including starting quarterback Johnny Meads, defensive end Sean Jones, punter Greg Montgomery, cornerback Cris Dishman and running back Lorenzo White.

Backup quarterback Cody Carlson, defensive tackle Glenn Montgomery and wide receiver Leonard Harris also remained unsigned.

Flannery's agreement leaves only the Oilers' top draft pick, second round selection Mike Dumas, without an agreement.

"I was just sitting there and knowing people were here working out," Flannery said. "I heard reports about the team meetings I missed, talks about the Super Bowl and the commitment to going there."

"It kind of hurt and disappointed that I wasn't here. But I'm here now so let's get started and fulfill that dream. Right now all I want to do is get into the swing of things and hopefully make a contribution as soon as possible."

Flannery, a 6-3, 304-pound second-round draft pick from Syracuse, will compete for a spot on the team behind starting center Bruce Matthews.

Jeffires and Drew Hill led the Oilers with 74 receptions each last season.

Jeffires caught passes for an AFC leading 1,048 yards and had the biggest performance in the NFL for 1990 — nine catches for 245 yards, including an 87 yard touchdown against Kansas City.

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Ian Baker-Finch notches 272 to claim British Open crown

SOUTHPORT, England (AP) — Ian Baker-Finch, so mechanical on the course, so emotional off, took charge of the British Open on the final day at last and floated away in a sweet blur of tears and champagne.

He cried when he hugged the trophy, cried more when he spoke to the crowd. He wept with his wife and daughter and mates from Down Under, who toasted him with bubbly and relished Sunday's 1-2 finish of Australians, neither of them named Norman.

These were different tears from the ones Baker-Finch shed from an hour after blowing the lead as a 23-year-old at St. Andrews in 1984. Different from the ones last year, when he was blown away by Nick Faldo in the final round.

Intrepid, efficient and accurate from the tee to the green, Baker-Finch learned from those failures and didn't repeat them as he shot a 66 to beat countryman Mike Harwood by two strokes with an 8-under-par 272.

His ceremonial march began when he left the seventh green with his fifth birdie tucked away after a 15-foot putt and his first British Open title virtually assured.

All along the way, though, Baker-Finch's caddy kept him pumped up, pushing him to go for the pins, not play safe, not let up.

"You're the champ, pard, you're the champ," said the caddy, Peter Bender.

Bender knew about winning in the British Open, having caddied for Greg Norman when he won in 1986.

He nicked a piece off par with a 12-foot putt on the second hole, sliced another stroke off with a 10-footer on the third. A superb 3-iron — "my best shot all day" — put him 6 feet from the pin on No. 4, and he holed that out to go 3-under for the round in four holes.

West named to ACU team

ABILENE — Snyder High School graduate Jason West was among 53 student-athletes selected to the Abilene Christian University Wildcat academic team for the 1990-91 school year.

The university honors student-athletes with at least a 3.2 overall grade point average on the squad.

West, who competed on the SHS basketball and baseball teams, plays baseball for the Wildcats.

"Oil Can" added... Rangers' staff looking better

ARRLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers have shored up their pitching in two ways.

First they traded two minor leaguers and a player to be named later to Montreal for right-handed Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd.

The arrival of Boyd (6-8 with the Expos), who will make his first Texas start Wednesday against his old club, Boston, will strengthen the starting rotation.

The other half of the pitching equation, the bullpen, righted itself Sunday night. When scheduled starter Kevin Brown came down with a stomach virus, four relievers combined to hold Toronto, making possible a 6-5 comeback victory.

"It didn't look good after the first pitch," conceded manager Bobby Valentine.

Devon White slammed that one, from emergency starter Gerald Alexander, for his fifth homer of the season.

Joe Carter added a three-run homer, his 23rd, off Alexander in the third for a 4-3 Toronto lead. Alexander, who threw 45 pitches Friday in relief, was yanked one batter later.

However, Wayne Rosenthal, winner Kenny Rogers (6-7) and Jeff Russell, who got his 19th save, combined to hold Toronto to one run over the last 6 1/3.

An RBI pinch single by Pat Tabler, off Rogers, put the Blue Jays ahead 5-4 going into the seventh, when Michael Timlin relieved starter Juan Guzman.

With one out, Jeff Huson beat out a bunt when third baseman Kelly Gruber's hurried throw hit him in the baseline.

Kevin Reimer batted for Brian Downing, who had wrenched his back in the fifth, and slugged Timlin's next pitch for a two-run, game-winning homer.

"It was a team effort to win that ballgame," said Valentine. "Rosenthal and Rogers did a great job, and Russ came in and shut the door."

Reimer, who led the American League in 1990 in pinch total bases (19) and doubles (five), had never hit a pinch homer in the big leagues.

"It was a tough situation, but I was ready to go," Reimer said. "Most of the time, guys you pinch hit against have good fastballs, so you have to look for the fastball and adjust later."

"The best I was hoping for was a double. It's great to contribute."

"The pitch had no movement," said Timlin (9-5), the losing pitcher. "I tried to throw a sinker and it stayed straight. Reimer is a good hitter."

"We did all right keeping them down for two games (of the four-game series), but you can only keep them down so long," Timlin said. "I guess they got tired of not

hitting the ball. They hit everything and hit it hard."

Scurry County Rodeo results

FINAL RESULTS

Barrel race: 1. Adam Brewster, Snyder, 76; 2. Ken Berry, Carlsbad, N.M., 72; 3. Cole Tindal, Canadian, 70; 4. (tie) Jim Martin, Rosenberg and Jimmy Rivette, Houston, 69.

Calf roping: 1. Sylvester Mayfield, Clovis, N.M., 9:02; 2. Juan Flores, Iraan, 10:06; 3. Dale Crowder, Clovis, N.M., 10:32; 4. Gary Miller, Gail, 10:37; 5. Arlis Baze, Midland, 10:52; 6. Doug Bain, Amarillo, 10:54.

Saddle bronc: 1. Monte Jones, Aspermont, 72; 2. (tie) Leddy Lewis, Snyder, and Jeff Davis, Rosenberg, 70.

Barrels: 1. Terra Kay Bynum, Big Spring, 17.173; 2. Tammy Mulanax, Midland, 17.365; 3. Kelly Phillips, Saginaw, 17.428; 4. Connie Landry, Rosenberg, 17.528; 5. Cindy Smith, Clovis, N.M., 17.608; 6. Annette Burkan, Brownwood, 17.642; 7. Stacy Rinehart, Lubbock, 17.676; 8. Jamie Bean, Ft. Hancock, 17.707.

Breakaway roping: 1. Karen Smith, Lubbock, 3:56; 2. Cody Newman, Stanton, 3:56.3; Lari Dee Guy, Abilene, 3:57; 4. Jana Pierce, Ft. Hancock, 4:212.

Team roping: 1. John Carrol and Tim Fryar, Rosenberg, 4:32; 2. John Carrol and Trey Poy, Rosenberg, 5:29; 3. Turtle Powell and J.W. Hampton, Houston, 5:39; 4. Wayne Shaw and Mark Mauldin, Saginaw, 5:45; 5. Smitty Smith and David Mosley, Lubbock, 5:50; 6. Ricky Melman and Trey Poy, Rosenberg, 5:515.

Ball riding: 1. Darren Cook, Snyder, 73; 2. Kenneth McKee, Lubbock, 71; 3. (tie) Keith Adams, Lubbock and Adam Brewster, Snyder, 70.

Baseball glance

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|--------|
| Toronto | 55 | 38 | .591 | - |
| Detroit | 47 | 44 | .516 | 7 |
| New York | 44 | 44 | .500 | 8 1/2 |
| Boston | 45 | 46 | .495 | 9 |
| Milwaukee | 41 | 50 | .451 | 13 |
| Baltimore | 37 | 54 | .407 | 17 |
| Cleveland | 31 | 59 | .344 | 22 1/2 |

West Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Minnesota | 55 | 38 | .591 | - |
| Texas | 47 | 41 | .534 | 5 1/2 |
| Chicago | 46 | 42 | .523 | 5 1/2 |
| Oakland | 49 | 44 | .527 | 6 |
| California | 47 | 44 | .516 | 7 |
| Seattle | 46 | 45 | .516 | 7 |
| Kansas City | 43 | 48 | .473 | 11 |

Saturday's Games

Minnesota 5, Boston 0

Kansas City 8, Detroit 4

New York 5, Oakland 1

Chicago 7, Milwaukee 6, 10 innings

Seattle 5, Baltimore 1

Texas 11, Toronto 6

Cleveland 4, California 1

Sunday's Games

Minnesota 14, Boston 1

Seattle 6, Baltimore 4

Milwaukee 2, Chicago 1

Kansas City 8, Detroit 4

Cleveland 5, California 2

Oakland 4, New York 2

Texas 6, Toronto 5

Monday's Games

Milwaukee (Wegman 6-3) at Chicago (Hibbard 6-8), 8:05 p.m.

Boston (Clemons 11-6) at Texas (Jo. Guzman 4-4), 8:35 p.m.

Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Seattle (R. Johnson 7-7) at New York (Kamieniecki 4-1), 7:30 p.m.

California (J. Abbott 9-9) at Baltimore (McDonald 4-3), 7:35 p.m.

Oakland (Welch 8-6) at Cleveland (Nichols 1-6), 7:35 p.m.

Minnesota (Morris 13-6) at Detroit (Tanana 6-6), 7:35 p.m.

Toronto (Candiotti 9-8) at Chicago (Fernandez 4-7), 8:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (Navarro 7-7) at Kansas City (Gubicza 4-5), 8:35 p.m.

Boston (Harris 6-9) at Texas (Ryan 5-5), 8:35 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Pittsburgh | 56 | 33 | .629 | - |
| New York | 53 | 38 | .582 | 4 |
| St. Louis | 48 | 43 | .527 | 9 |
| Chicago | 44 | 48 | .478 | 13 1/2 |
| Montreal | 41 | 51 | .446 | 18 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 40 | 52 | .435 | 17 1/2 |

West Division

| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Los Angeles | 51 | 40 | .560 | - |
| Atlanta | 47 | 42 | .528 | 3 |
| Cincinnati | 45 | 45 | .500 | 5 1/2 |
| San Diego | 44 | 49 | .473 | 8 |
| San Francisco | 40 | 51 | .440 | 11 |
| Houston | 37 | 54 | .407 | 14 |

Saturday's Games

Los Angeles 11, New York 7

Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 2

San Francisco 5, Montreal 3

Chicago 6, Houston 0

St. Louis 2, Atlanta 1

Philadelphia 4, San Diego 0

Sunday's Games

San Francisco 3, Montreal 2

New York 9, Los Angeles 4

Atlanta 5, St. Louis 1

Chicago 4, Houston 2

San Diego 5, Philadelphia 2

Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 0

Monday's Games

Atlanta (Smoltz 4-11) at Pittsburgh (Z. Smith 10-5), 7:35 p.m.

Houston (Bowen 0-0) at St. Louis (DeLeon 3-0), 8:35 p.m.

Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Atlanta (Leibrandt 9-7) at Pittsburgh (Drabek 9-9), 7:35 p.m.

Cincinnati (Myers 4-6) at Chicago (Lancaster 5-4), 8:05 p.m.

Houston (Deshaies 3-7) at St. Louis (B. Smith 8-6), 8:35 p.m.

Montreal (De Martinez 10-6) at San Diego (Benes 4-10), 10:05 p.m.

Philadelphia (Greene 7-3) at Los Angeles (Morgan 9-10), 10:35 p.m.

New York (Viola 11-5) at San Francisco (Black 6-8), 10:35 p.m.



LGA TOURNAMENT — Susie Miller watches her drive sail down the fairway in this morning's opening round of the Snyder Country Club Ladies Tournament of Champions. The tourney will wind up with an 18-hole round Tuesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Seles' olympic status in jeopardy

NOTTINGHAM, England (AP) — Monica Seles could be barred from the 1992 Barcelona Olympics because of her late withdrawal from the Federation Cup.

The world's top-ranked player officially pulled out Saturday from the Yugoslav team in the 32-nation competition, which begins today, saying she was "not in the form I want to be in."

The International Tennis Federation also said Sunday that Martina Navratilova and Gabriela Sabatini will be ineligible for the 1992 Olympics because they're skipping the Federation Cup. A player must be in good standing with her national federation and with the ITF to qualify for the Olympics, and that depends in part on making herself available for the Federation Cup.

An official of the Yugoslav Tennis Federation said Sunday that Seles was still in good standing with his group. But ITF officials said her Olympic eligibility depended on Seles proving she was unable to play in the Federation Cup because of injury.

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4004 Irving-3-2-2, 40's.
3308 45th-3-2-2, 80T.
2212 43rd-3-1, \$39,500.
W 37th-Key Mobile Pk, \$35T.
2314 41st-3-1-1, extra nice.
3405 44th-3-2-2, \$58,000.
3208 42nd-brick, 3-1-1, 33T.
West 5 Acres-3-2-2cp, 80's.
3000 Denison-3-2-2, 80,600.
212 36th PI-3-1-1, 32T.
N.W. 2 Houses-8 acres, 95T.
West 1/2 Acre-4-2-2cp, \$69T.
Reduced-Dble wide MH on 2.75 acres, Dunn, owner finance.
404 32nd-3-2-2cp, shop, 48T.
SW-2 acres, 3-2, 60's.
2908 Ave U-3-2-2, \$53,500.
1507 20th-3-1-2cp, 2A, 30T.
2000 Towle Park-3-2-2 pool, 95T.
6 1/2 Acres-3-2-2, barns, 70's.
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4504 Galveston-ig. 3-2-2, shop, reduced.
2810 El Paso-4-3-2-pool, 80's.
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5310 Etgen-3-2-2, \$69,900.
307 31st-3-2-CP, 38T.
4101 Mildand-3-2-2, 73T.
N. Ave E-4-2-3, 62T.
1200 26th-2-2-CP-shop.
Alamo Hts-3-1 1/2-CP, extra land.
2215 44th-3-2-1-apt. \$49,500.
2908 Ave X-2-1 1/2-2, 23T.
3109 40th-3-1, \$21,900.
Ira-3-2-2, \$59,500, 2000#.
Land 80A-160A-326A.
Fluvanna-2 houses, 33A.
114 Peach-3-1, 45T.
S Town-80A, 3-2 home.
3405 48th-3-2-2, 58T.
4011 Avondale-3-2, new ref. A.
Pal A Mar Motel-40T.
3718 Sunset-3-2-CP, \$53,500.
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House panels vie to get the goods on plane program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is a competitive place, and it's not always Republican vs. Democrat.

The Democratic chairmen of two House panels are racing each other to find out first what happened to the Navy's A-12 attack aircraft program that cost Americans \$3 billion — and never produced a flyable plane.

In fact, there are so many hearings on the A-12 this week — four in all — that anyone interested in the saga of the bungled program won't be bored.

Competition between the House Armed Services subcommittee on investigations and the House Government Operations subcommittee on legislation and national security began last January.

That's when Defense Secretary Dick Cheney terminated the A-12 program because he said the contractors, McDonnell Douglas and General Dynamics, had defaulted.

The Armed Services panel, chaired by Rep. Nick Mavroules, D-Mass., was first out of the gate with its April 9 hearing on the government's decision to let the contractors defer until December 1992 paying back \$1.3 billion in unspent funds.

The Government Operations subcommittee, chaired by Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., held a similar hearing two days later. His panel has jurisdiction to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of government programs.

This week, Armed Services has three days of hearings on the A-12, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Government Operations has a hearing on Wednesday.

How did this come about? "Staff wars," said one source

on Conyers' panel. According to the source, who requested anonymity, another staffer moved from Conyers' staff to Mavroules' staff and "stole our issue."

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley doesn't seem to relish competition as much as his colleagues, but that doesn't mean he doesn't have ambitions — or, at least, dreams.

Bantering with reporters last week about potential Democratic presidential candidates, Foley, D-Wash., rattled off a long list of names. "Have I forgotten anyone?"

"How about Tom Foley?" he was asked.

"Never," was his response, as usual.

But then his mind seemed to wander.

"I want to be appointed president," he said.

Foley went on to describe a war game on ABC-TV's "Nightline" program, which put forth a situation where "the president and vice president had been gassed by a mysterious South American terrorist group, and were not dead, but in comas, and their recovery was uncertain."

Foley, next in line to the presidency, said he watched as the program "dallied" for a while as to whether the hypothetical speaker of the House would accept appointment as acting president.

"After this went on for about 10 minutes, I was on the verge of calling up Ted Koppel and saying, 'I'll take it,'" Foley said.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Steven Komarow covers Congress for The Associated Press.

Romance writers like to dwell on fantasy while escaping reality

HOUSTON (AP) — Authors like Trisha Alexander, feather pens poised, mesmerize their audiences, setting free the secret deep longings, the blistering passion of their words spawning a golden promise of a soul-healing love.

And their characters don't even sleep around.

Those who write the 207 million romance novels sold every year say they are nothing like the pink-and-feathers-clad prima donna played by Meryl Streep in the movie "She-Devil" or the adventurer Kathleen Turner portrayed in "Romancing the Stone."

Most of the writers range from "the typical little housewife who's never worked outside the home and loves to read romance novels up to college professors and attorneys," says Pat Kay, alias Trisha Alexander, who is Southwest regional adviser to the Houston-based Romance Writers of America.

Mrs. Kay, as Miss Alexander, has written five novels for Silhouette Books, a subsidiary of the leading romance publishing house, Harlequin Romances.

The authors are overwhelmingly female, Mrs. Kay says. One of the group's 16 board members is a man, Harold Lowery, but he writes under the feminine pseudonym Leigh Greenwood.

"Most women feel men don't know a heck of a lot about romance," Mrs. Kay says.

But maybe they're learning. Leslie Wainger, Silhouette's senior editor for the Intimate Moments line, says workers on offshore oil rigs and male prison inmates are among the first to grab romance novels when they hit the reading rooms.

About 1,200 of the group's 5,000 members are meeting in New Orleans this week to discuss the craft that accounts for 40 percent of all paperback book sales.

A brewing debate expected to come up at the convention is the near-absence of black characters in romance novels.

A handful of books feature black heroes, and Ms. Wainger says she was willing to buy such manuscripts, but never receives them. She adds the vast majority of romance writers are white, and "write about what they know."

One white writer, Jackie Weger, of St. Augustine, Fla., described in the group's bi-monthly magazine, Romance Writers' Report, about her experience writing a romance novel with a black hero and the letters it generated.

"White readers were appalled to find themselves fantasizing about a black hero," she says. "It made them uncomfortable."

But romance writers say the novel is changing from the Harlequin romances of the 1950s, where heroines slept only with their husbands.

"We learned how to put condoms on our heroes, didn't we? Our heroines can chair a board meeting, change a flat tire and get a breast reduction," Ms. Weger says.

Society may give romance heroines more freedom, but the authors are restricted by narrow guidelines from publishers and suggestions from the Romance Writers of America: monogamous relationships, upstanding protagonists, no bad language.

The association's magazine also advises would-be authors to "avoid politics, race, religion, drugs, terrorism, incest, child abuse, rape, murder, terminal illness, alcoholism and severe mental, emotional or physical handicaps."

And although the descriptive blurbs on the books promise steamy scenes — usually involving the heroine's first enjoyment of sex — the writing is more metaphysical than physical.

"Avoid lechery," Romance Writer's Report says. "When in doubt, be gentle."

An example from the blurb of "Fire, Lily," by Deborah Camp: "He swept into lovely Lily Meeker's sheltered world on a chilly wind in a torrential rainstorm — Griffin Goforth, the dark, enigmatic clairvoyant Lily's family had hired to locate her missing cousin. ... Lily is powerless to resist the searing heat of Griffin's desire ... and the glorious raptures of a love that dare live only in dreams."

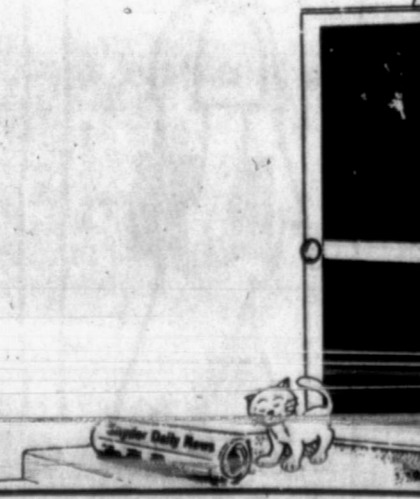
The magazine provides writers with the top 100 names for male and female characters — Michael and Sara are No. 1, Ronald and Bailey rank No. 100.

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Police kept busy with seven arrests

Snyder police made seven arrests and investigated a complaint of assault on Sunday.

At 11:58 p.m. Saturday, police were asked to send an ambulance to the Latin American Center where a man had been cut.

Minutes later, at 12:03 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 22-year-old male for public intoxication and disorderly conduct-fighting at the Latin American Center, and transported him to the county jail.

At 12:15 a.m., police stopped a vehicle in the 1400 block of Ave. E and arrested a 19-year-old male for driving while intoxicated and a 17-year-old male for public intoxication. Both were transported to the county jail.

At 1:42 a.m., officers arrested a 23-year-old male at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for public intoxication and disorderly conduct-fighting. He was taken to the county jail.

A 39-year-old male was arrested in the Busy Bee parking lot at 4:30 a.m. for public intoxication. He was also transported to the jail.

Police made two other arrests Sunday evening. Arrested at 7:10 p.m. in the 1200 block of 28th St. was a 19-year-old male for driving while intoxicated. At 11 p.m.,

officers arrested a 37-year-old male in the 1900 block of 28th St. for public intoxication. Both subjects were taken to the county jail.

At 1:19 a.m. Sunday, police filed an Class A assault report after a woman in the 2200 block of Ave. O notified authorities that she had been assaulted by her husband.

Later in the morning, at 6:35 a.m. a woman called from the 1700 block of Ave. I requesting an ambulance in reference to her husband assaulting her. The woman, who was treated and released at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, asked that no report be filed.

Police handled several calls Saturday. At 10:13 a.m. Elizabeth Potts contacted police in reference to damage done to her mailbox at 3224 48th St. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

At 11:18 p.m., officers were notified of a gas drive-off involving subjects in a black Chevrolet Luv pickup from Town & Country. The amount of gasoline taken was \$4.50.

Officers also filed a report for harassing phone calls at 6:53 p.m. Saturday.

LOTS OF WATTS

Top 10 U.S. steam electric plants ranked by total generation in net megawatt hours 1985-1989.

| PLANT | 1985-1989 TOTAL GENERATION (Net MWhrs) |
|-----------------|--|
| Bowen, GA | 106,007,524 |
| Monroe, MI | 96,372,735 |
| Parish, TX | 86,972,168 |
| Oconee, SC | 86,950,911 |
| Gibson, IN | 79,609,375 |
| Amos, WV | 76,759,467 |
| Navajo, AZ | 76,166,029 |
| Stuart, OH | 75,794,403 |
| Martin Lake, TX | 73,592,651 |
| Cumberland, TN | 70,579,229 |

SOURCE: Utility Data Institute

The Bowen site in Georgia is the only U.S. steam electric plant that generated over 100 million megawatt hours between 1985 and 1989.

Obituaries

Shehala Snowden

Graveside services were to be held at 4 p.m. today at the Hermligh Cemetery for Shehala Denise Snowden, 30, of 2012 Ave. O with the Rev. Jim Townsend, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating.

She died at her home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Snowden was born June 16, 1961, in Snyder.

She was the daughter of Graydine and Jackie Don Roemisch of Hermligh; and the mother of two children, Tammie Holder and Randy Holder, both of Hermligh.

Other survivors include a sister, Jill Porter of Brownwood, and a brother, Kevin Roemisch of Hermligh.

Hilliard Hight

Graveside services were to be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Snyder Cemetery for former Snyder resident Hilliard Hight, 73, of Abilene. The Rev. Jim Ray Mosley of Union Baptist Church will officiate under the direction of Allen-Korzenewski Funeral Home in Abilene. Local arrangements are being held by Bell-Cypert-Deale Funeral Home.

Mr. Hight died Saturday at an Abilene hospital.

Born Jan. 5, 1918, at Brownfield, he was married to Laverne Smith on Aug. 16, 1958, at Roswell, N.M. They lived in Snyder until moving to Abilene in 1960. He was a retired salesman.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lea Ann Hight, and a sister, Hadda Icard.

Survivors include his wife of Abilene; a daughter, Barbara Campbell of Blackstock, S.C.; a son, Wilbur L. Hight of Breckenridge; five sisters, Fannie Caudle of Dublin, Dora Hall of Comanche, Opal Gilmore of Elida, N.M., Doris Rollins of Freer, and Viola Warner of Del Rio; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Samuel Springfield

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. today in the Clyde Cemetery for Samuel Bee Springfield, 86, of 734 Elm Street with Rev. Rodney Watson officiating and directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

He was the father of Peggy Joyce Appleton and Anita Bee Wilson, both of Snyder.

Mr. Springfield died Saturday at an Abilene hospital. Born in Huett in McClellan County, he attended school in Spring Valley and Denton County, and moved to Abilene from Santa Anna in 1938. He was a self-employed service station operator and a member of the Friendship Baptist Church. He was a widower of Anna Baker Springfield.

Survivors include another daughter, Betty Jean Doby of Abilene; two sisters, Syble Henagar and Ruby Ashby, both of McGregor; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Baker, Shamir meet today

JERUSALEM (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III met with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir today and then expressed hope that Israel would accept the U.S. formula for a Mideast peace conference that has already won the endorsement of Arab states.

The Israeli Cabinet met shortly after Baker and Shamir completed four hours of meetings over two days. No final decision was made on Israeli response to the U.S. proposals for a peace conference, Israeli sources said.

Shamir gave the Cabinet an upbeat assessment of the latest U.S. effort and Arab response, according to the sources. He referred to the position first taken by Syria in a letter to President Bush and now adopted by other Arab countries of a willingness to enter into face-to-face talks with Israel.

Shamir was quoted by Yossi Ahmeir, a key adviser, as having told the Cabinet there had been a "revolutionary change" in Syria's attitude.

But Ahmeir, appearing on Israeli television, said "we want, first of all, to know what is the true Syrian position" on negotiations with Israel.

Foreign Minister David Levy said on Israel's radio: "Not all the problems have been solved, but our discussions are, indeed, fruitful. I would say the understandings with the United States are a foundation that is quite stable."

Ahmeir said, "the central problem is the composition of the Palestinian delegation" that would attend peace talks.

Israel seeks to exclude Palestinians from East Jerusalem from the talks. In Shamir's view, their participation would cast doubt on

Israel's retaining the predominantly Arab half of the city that was annexed after the 1967 Mideast War.

Faisal Husseini, a prominent Palestinian who has met frequently with Baker, insisted that "to have a Palestinian from Jerusalem in the negotiations is a decision for the Palestinians and no talks will start without Palestinians from Jerusalem."

Baker, who left Israel for Malaysia for a meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, told reporters that Shamir promised him an early answer on the proposal that has already won the endorsement of Arab states.

Following a 90-minute session with Shamir, Baker said the Israeli official had promised him an early answer on whether the Jewish state would endorse the U.S. proposal.

Kurdish rebels appear to be in control of N. Iraqi city

SULEIMANIYEH, Iraq (AP) — Hundreds of Kurdish guerrillas, machine guns and rifles slung over their shoulders, control this northern city after a battle with Iraqi soldiers. Even the provincial governor's office is surrounded.

Last week's heavy fighting also sent 20,000 Kurds fleeing Suleimaniyeh toward the Iranian border, the International Committee of the Red Cross said Sunday. The developments could hurt prospects for a Kurdish autonomy agreement.

In Baghdad, Saddam Hussein's ruling council issued decrees on Sunday that expanded an amnesty for army deserters and forgave government opponents. But it was unclear whether the decrees applied to Kurdish fighters.

Shooting incident prompts PI arrest

A subject was arrested for public intoxication Saturday following a shooting incident.

A Scurry County sheriff's deputy was called to Cooper Apartments to a disturbance where shots had been fired at approximately 11 p.m. A 27-year-old male was charged with PI in the incident. No injuries were reported.

Officers work several wrecks

Snyder police worked several traffic wrecks over the weekend, including two separate accidents which sent local residents to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

At 1:56 p.m. Sunday, four-year-old Charley Mae Taylor of 405 36th Pl. was taken to Cogdell by Snyder EMS where she was treated and released for injuries she received after being struck by a 1984 Cadillac driven by Wanda Cody of Snyder.

According to reports, the young girl ran in front of the vehicle.

At 4:17 p.m., police worked an accident at 500 East Hwy. involving a 1963 Ford bobtail truck driven by Kyle Cox of 3797 Ave. U and a 1989 Ford pickup driven by Arvis Carney of 119 Browning. The 1963 vehicle struck a traffic control box and a highway sign owned by the Texas Highway Department. Cox, 30, was taken to Cogdell by private vehicle. He was treated and released.

At 12:52 a.m. Sunday, officers worked a hit-and-run at the Latin American Center. Involved was a parked 1984 Oldsmobile owned by Alfonso Soliz of 610 33rd St. and an unknown vehicle which left the scene.

At 6:27 p.m. Saturday, police investigated an accident in the 3600 block of Ave. B involving a 1989 Winnebago driven by Lee Kitchens of Canyon and a 1988 Chevrolet driven by Byron Holcomb of Snyder. No wrecker or ambulance was needed.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Lonnie Matthews, 3208 Ave. B; Lillian Ryan, 210 37th; Maria Beltran, Colorado City; Sarah Coffey, 3009 Ave. N.

DISMISSALS: Shirley Tovar and baby, Virginia Ramirez. Census: 40 (Med. 5, Long-Term Care-28, OB-3, Nursery-4).

exodus come just days after the allies ended a three-month effort to repatriate and provide security for many of the nearly 2 million Kurds who fled to the Turkish and Iranian borders when Saddam's forces crushed a post-Persian Gulf War uprising. Details of what provoked the renewed fighting in Suleimaniyeh were unclear, but to foreign journalists visiting the

city on a government-guided tour Sunday Kurdish rebels appeared firmly in control, swaggering through the streets.

Iraqi officials claimed joint security patrols were in place in this city of 750,000 residents, the largest in Iraq's predominantly Kurdish north.

The nearest Iraqi army forces were two to three miles from the city center.

Food distribution groups try to feed hungry children

HOUSTON (AP) — City food service programs are missing more children than they are serving because of poor transportation and parents who are too afraid of neighborhood crime to allow their children to walk alone to the meals, private food program directors say.

"There probably are more out there who are hungry and don't get food than those who do," said Anais Watsky, director of ministries for Northwest Assistance Ministries.

The largest food program sponsored by the City Parks and Recreation Department serves 8,500 meals a day. However, those meals are barely half of the 15,000-plus approved for the program by the Texas Department of Human Services.

That's because some children can't get to the 170 parks distribution sites and other locations. In crime-ridden neighborhoods, some children are told not to leave the house while their parents are at work. In other cases, parents can't drive their small children to the sites.

Although programs such as Target Hunger and Kid Care are set up to fill the gaps, many of the most needy children are still falling through the cracks, officials say.

"If a summer program is not accessible to a child, if a park is too far to access by walking, it's catch as catch can," said Carol Porter, vice president of Kid Care.

Ms. Porter and others involved in food distribution programs say they rely on generosity and innovation while hoping for more money.

Target Hunger, which has operated for two years, has been distributing leftover convenience store sandwiches, said director Susan Bailey. The food is provided on request by area youth services, but the organization is hoping to acquire vans that would distribute 600 sandwiches per day.

Injured

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fering from a partial paralysis. He was listed in stable condition this morning with a neck fracture. Hospital officials refused to comment on the extent of the injury; however, a family friend said that White was talking and had recovering feeling to all parts of his body except for an arm.

A Carlsbad, N.M., man was treated and released this morning after also suffering injuries during Friday's performance.

Jack Burnett, 34, of Carlsbad, was released shortly after 10 a.m. today from Cogdell Hospital. He was admitted at 11:55 p.m. Saturday and treated for a broken right shoulder and rib injuries after being stepped on by a bull.

Both men were transported to Cogdell by Snyder EMS.

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The republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved in 1939, opening the way for Nazi occupation.

Associations of three Metro Board members studied

HOUSTON (AP) — Three Metro board members deny their financial interests conflict with their fight for a \$1.2 billion proposed monorail mass-transit system.

They said Metropolitan Transit Authority lawyers approved of their participation in the selection of monorail.

The Houston Post, in a copyright story Sunday, reported that the three members — Charles Duncan, chairman Anthony Hall and John Cater — have ties to the owners or managers of about \$1.5 billion of real estate near the proposed 22.5-mile monorail.

The three members also have other business ties that coincide with the proposed rail system that would link downtown to southwest Houston.

A legal opinion written for Metro suggests that rail stations can cause the value of nearby property to rise.

Duncan told the Post he has tried to do "everything possible" to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest.

"My motivation is only one thing: to try to do what's right for Houston and its transit system," he said.

State conflict-of-interest law requires local officials to refrain from participating in governmental decisions that would directly profit them, their relatives or businesses in which they hold significant interests. Metro legal officials say board members have closely followed the law.

Hall said it would be "ludicrous" to suggest he has a conflict just because he did consulting work for Houston Lighting & Power Co. about the time he signed on as Metro chairman.

Hall has worked as a lawyer for HL&P. The Houston Chronicle has reported that HL&P twice

paid for trips to Washington for Hall or his family, once when he was a city councilman.

"I have been in public life now for 20 years and have made every effort to assure that I always conducted myself to avoid" conflict of interest, he said.

Hall and Cater have earned money working for Houston Industries Inc. or its subsidiary, HL&P. HL&P, as the city's utility, would sell Metro millions of dollars in electricity each year if the monorail is built.

Cater denied any conflict of interest. "It's difficult to imagine any kind of rapid transit system running on anything but electric power. To suggest anything to the contrary is pretty far-fetched," he said.

Cater also voted specifically to choose monorail over light rail, but said he was unaware at the time of a report suggesting monorail consumed more electricity than other systems.



The 10 most expensive U.S. cities in which to do business, based on average daily cost for car rental, hotel room and meals.

| City | Cost |
|-----------------------|-------|
| New York | \$332 |
| Boston | \$260 |
| Washington, D. C. | \$248 |
| Chicago | \$248 |
| Los Angeles | \$229 |
| Santa Barbara, Calif. | \$223 |
| Houston | \$221 |
| Newark, N. J. | \$219 |
| Philadelphia | \$214 |
| Dallas | \$213 |

Source: Parade Magazine NEA Graphic

The most expensive U.S. city in which to do business, New York, costs about \$72 more per day than Boston, the second most expensive.

Analysts say...

Economic changes will be uneven across U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite a consensus that the recession has ended, economists say some areas of the country will continue to stagger while others bounce back.

"The recovery is going to be as varied as the recession was," said Mark M. Zandi of Regional Financial Associates, a West Chester, Pa., economic forecasting firm.

The Bush administration and most private analysts believe the national recession ended sometime during the April-June quarter. Still, just as some areas escaped the downturn entirely, other regions will see their economies continue to shrink.

Michael Boskin, chairman of President Bush's Council of Economic Advisers, told a recent White House news conference:

"I think it is crucial to point out that there is a wide variety of differences across regions and industries, and the recovery will

not occur at the same time and at the same pace in different parts of the country and in different industries."

Some industries are still contracting, while others grew during the recession, Boskin said.

The manufacturing sector, for instance, is showing signs of recovering and will boost the economies where it is located.

Commercial real estate, on the other hand, is overbuilt in many areas and will curb economic growth in those regions, possibly for years.

Despite the apparent economic recovery nationally, Zandi said last week, "The Mid-Atlantic states from Maine to Virginia are still mired in recession. They entered the recession first and will emerge last."

The Federal Reserve's Beige Book reported that the New England Economy Project, a group composed of businesses, government agencies and educa-

tional institutions, also expects New England's recovery to lag.

Zandi pointed to overbuilt construction markets, troubles in the financial industry and decreases in federal defense spending, "which has nailed New England and to a lesser extent Virginia and the (Washington, D.C.) area."

On the other hand, some areas such as the Southwest "never really had a recession," Zandi said. "The Southwest went through its recession in the mid-'80s after the oil collapse. The oil and financial sectors have restructured since then. And it's likely that part of the country will experience stronger growth into 1992."

Larry Wipf, director of regional economics for the Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis, said, "The recession was much milder in the upper Midwest, although we did have a slowdown in economic growth."

"We did have fewer real estate problems in general... (and) as a result, we expect the upper Midwest will fare a little better than the U.S. in the recovery process," Wipf said.

But, he added, growth in the Farm Belt likely will be constrained this year by prices that have plummeted in the last month because of the prospect for large corn and soybean crops and growing livestock herds.

Other areas of the industrial Midwest also "are starting to see some strength, primarily due to a large manufacturing base," Zandi said. He pointed to improvements in the automobile industry and noted that overseas demand for manufactured goods remains strong.

The Southeast is starting to stabilize as tourism picks up and the housing market firms up, Zandi said. And the Pacific Northwest will continue to grow along with the aerospace, computer software and lumber industries.

Williams for state Republican chief?

HOUSTON (AP) — Former gubernatorial nominee Clayton Williams says he's not interested in taking over the state Republican Party, despite a draft by some top GOP officials to have him challenge chairman Fred Meyer this year.

Board members of the Republicans in Majority Political Action Committee, who wanted to remain anonymous, say they're tired of Meyer's

"shoot-from-the-lip" style. "I'd like to see (Williams) as chairman," said an unidentified board member. "He has a lot to contribute and he would do a good job."

Some RIMPAC board members are pooling resources and encouraging Williams to challenge Meyer at next year's state party convention.

But Williams, whose frequent

verbal gaffes cost him a 21-point lead in the 1990 governor's campaign, says he's not interested in replacing Meyer and will serve only as occasional spokesman.

"I have no interest in that position," Williams told The Houston Post at Meyer's request. "I know I'm not supposed to say never, but I'm saying I'll never run for chairman."

While some of Williams' supporters said they preferred him to head the party, they said his electoral defeat was a concern.

"I'd be delighted to see Williams in that position," said a RIMPAC board member said. "We don't need help in Dallas and Houston, we need it in East, West, and South Texas and those are Williams' strong areas."

"But for someone with a 21-point lead at the start of the campaign to lose to someone like Richards, that would be a difficult proposition."

Meyer, 63, has held the post since 1988.

He discounted a possible challenge from Williams or others as idle talk by people unwilling to confront him.

"Until I hear it from Clayton, I'm not certain that (his candidacy for party chief) is right," Meyer said. "I believe I have broad grassroots support across the state."

Meyer said he intends to seek re-election next year and wouldn't speculate on who might challenge him.

RIMPAC's goal is to raise about a \$1 million to win a majority of state House seats next year. Board members include Rob Mosbacher Jr., former Texas Secretary of State Jack Rains, party activists John Butler, Brenda Arnett, Richard Collins, Jim Lightner, Jim Huffines, and Norman Newton, the Post said.

Thomas' confirmation coach an outsider who knows the inside game

WASHINGTON (AP) — In choosing Kenneth M. Duberstein to guide Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas through his confirmation hearings, President Bush turned to a superstar lobbyist who knows the footholds of government like a mountain guide knows his mountain.

From hand-holding Nancy Reagan, to expediting a fourth star for Gen. Colin Powell, to tutoring Bush's first Supreme Court nominee, David Souter, through confirmation, Duberstein is an experienced White House and congressional troubleshooter — working both on and off the federal payroll.

Over the next weeks, the streetwise, Brooklyn-born political consultant is expected to devote much of his time, without compensation, to preparing Thomas for the white lights and possibly whiter heat of the Senate confirmation process.

While Thomas' onetime boss, Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., will

be the nominee's point man in the Senate, Duberstein will be the behind-the-scenes manager of the effort.

Duberstein, 47, a former White House chief of staff for Ronald Reagan, selects his words carefully when asked about his latest assignment — just as he will no doubt advise Thomas to do when the jurist goes before the Senate Judiciary Committee in September.

"I quarterbacked Souter," Duberstein said, offering what he suggests was the reason he was picked for the job.

But he declined to draw any comparisons between the advice he gave to the ascetic, reclusive New Hampshire judge, who had little paper trail on divisive issues, and Thomas, a black whose conservative pronouncements as chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission have angered civil rights groups.

Minister who quit creates new church

RICHARDSON, Texas (AP) — Darrell Gilyard was considered a rising star in the Southern Baptist Convention, appearing regularly on Jerry Falwell's evangelical television program and becoming a prominent black preacher.

Now, at age 29, he's starting over.

Gilyard was in the pulpit Sunday, pleading with members of his new church to forgive him for affairs he reportedly had with several women in his former congregation.

Sunday, he christened Grace Community Baptist Church, less than two weeks after resigning from Victory Baptist Church in Richardson.

Gilyard gave a sermon before about 150 people gathered Sunday in a hotel ballroom near Dallas.

"This is the toughest assignment God ever gave me," Gilyard told his congregation, most of which came from Victory.

Carolyn Tobar, Gilyard's assistant, said Grace Community Baptist will be located in Plano. The congregation will continue to meet Sundays at the Hilton Towers Hotel until a permanent location is found.

Victory Baptist, though not officially affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, embraced the principles of the

group and looked to the organization for its support. It has one of the largest integrated congregations affiliated with the convention.

But Dr. Paige Patterson, a former friend of Gilyard's, said Baptist leaders pressured Gilyard to resign after word of his alleged affairs began to spread.

The Dallas Morning News interviewed several women who said Gilyard made sexual advances toward them while they were seeking his counsel.

One woman said Gilyard had sex with her in the pastor's study at Victory. Another said she received indecent phone calls and one woman told The News he raped her.

Gilyard has declined to comment on the women's claims.

But Patterson, a prominent fundamentalist leader in the Southern Baptist Convention, recently withdrew his support for Gilyard. Patterson said Gilyard admitted having several affairs with women he counseled.

Patterson said he asked Gilyard and his wife, Jenna, to attend a two-week rehabilitation session and advised Gilyard not to preach for two years.

Gilyard, however, said only God can judge him and said there is no religious reason why he should stop preaching.

Astrograph
By Bernice Bede Osol



July 22, 1991

Your material prospects look very encouraging for the year ahead, especially where your career is concerned. A raise, as well as special perks, could be in the offing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Think in terms of being of service to others today; this is the principle that will generate the greatest rewards. You won't have to ask for compensation. Major changes are ahead for Cancer in the coming year. Send for Cancer's Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Enterprises or endeavors you personally manage or direct could be slated for success. Lady Luck endorses your efforts when you're at the helm today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Timing is your ace in the hole today. Let important matters proceed at their own pace. Nothing will be gained by trying to put the pedal to the metal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If your hopes and expectations are running a little high at this time, there is justification for such feelings. Lady Luck is looking for a window of opportunity she can open for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You are now in a cycle where your past efforts are likely to be acknowledged, especially what you consider your most relevant successes. You may have been overlooked, but not forgotten.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Far removed from where you presently are is something fortuitous that is stirring on your behalf. Information pertaining to these developments might start to trickle to you either today or tomorrow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Joint ventures are usually predicated upon some type of equal contribution. However, you may be invited to participate in something promising where your input would be minimal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It's always best to try to think for yourself, but today, if you feel you'd like to have another do your thinking for you, go to a friend who is both lucky and wise.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're likely to be a bit more ambitious than usual at this time. You'll know what you want, and your chances for getting what you go after look excellent.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your inclination to take calculated risks could be rather strong today. This work to your advantage, provide you're knowledgeable about your intentions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You have the capability to make the most of your opportunities today. Don't be discouraged by advisors who think you can't do something. Focus on what looks good to you.

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Farmers get little of consumer's food dollar

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new marketbasket analysis by the Agriculture Department for 1990 tells an old story about the cost of food and how much — or how little — of the consumer's grocery dollar winds up in the farmer's pocket.

For example, figures that some commodity groups like to use involve the prices of bread and corn flakes — and the tiny share received by wheat and corn pro-

ducers. A one-pound loaf of bread selling for 70 cents would have a farm value of about four cents, according to the report by the department's Economic Research Service.

An 18-ounce box of corn flakes priced at \$1.56 would mean a return of 10 cents to the farmer.

But many of today's food items are industrial products as much as they are agricultural. It

depends how much has to be done to the raw material to make it ready for grocery store shoppers.

Eggs headed the list in terms of farm value as a share of retail price. In 1990, Grade A Large eggs sold in stores for an average of \$1.01 per dozen, the report said. The farm value, or equivalent share of what consumers paid, was 65 cents, which translated into 64 percent of the retail price.

Choice-grade beef is another top item in the marketbasket share accounting. A pound of beef selling at a retail price of \$2.81 per pound last year had an estimated farm value of \$1.68 or 60 percent of the consumer price.

That is not what cattle producers got on the market, however, since it requires almost 2.4 pounds of live animal to yield one pound of Choice beef on the meat counter.

The USDA marketbasket of food contains items that mainly originate on U.S. farms and are bought for home consumption. It does not include fish or seafood and soft drinks.

Overall, according to the Food Cost Review by economist Denis Dunham, the farmer's share of 1990 marketbasket food prices paid by consumers averaged 30 percent, unchanged the last four years.

The 30 percent share is also the lowest on record, going back to 1950 when farmers received 47 percent of what consumers paid for groceries. The peak was 49 percent in 1951, a period of inflation during the Korean War.

Except for occasional blips, the farm value indicator has maintained a downward trend since the early 1950s. It did rise to 44 percent in 1973 during another inflationary period.

Much-changed Seven Eleven popular in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — If you're walking the back streets of Japan hoping to find only quaint scenes of sushi shops and mom-and-pop green grocers, forget it.

Hardly any neighborhood is without its plastic and glass Seven-Eleven convenience store, an all-American standard that is scoring dizzying success in Japan and making its U.S. originator pale by comparison.

From a single Seven-Eleven store less than two decades ago, Japan has become a nation obsessed with 24-hour convenience stores. The company now has 4,328 franchises, or about one-fourth of Japan's total convenience stores.

Seven-Eleven Japan, which last year rang up annual sales of about \$7 billion, even bought out the troubled Dallas, Texas-based parent company of American 7-Elevens earlier this year. Analysts are skeptical, however, whether the stunning successes in Japan can be duplicated in the United States.

"On the surface, like the 7-Eleven logo, things may appear the same in Japan," said Masashi Wada, a retail specialist at the Dentsu Institute for

Human Studies. "But the internal systems are completely different."

Seven-Eleven Japan's success stems from a hyper-efficient delivery system that ensures the hottest products always are in stock. The wide variety of goods and services makes the stores something more than a place to pick up a late-night snack.

For example, a customer can pick up steaming fish cakes, canned tea and rice balls (kept at 68 degrees — the temperature at which research has shown rice tastes best), while paying utility bills and ordering Tiffany's products by catalog.

The stores are always searching for new, hit products to cultivate a "fashionable" image. That's why Americans looking for a slurpie — a perennial favorite at U.S. 7-Elevens — are in for a disappointment. The Japanese stores decided the ice drinks were passe and stopped serving them five years ago.

About two-thirds of the 3,000 items sold at a typical Japanese store will change in a year, said Seven-Eleven spokesman Hidetoshi Akiyama.

"If we don't carry the latest

products, people are going to come in and think we are a pathetically outdated store," Akiyama said. He scoffed at U.S. manufacturers who push their wares with last year's market statistics.

To make sure the most popular products are always in stock, each purchase at a Seven-Eleven is immediately recorded in a computer that keeps tabs for the "just-in-time" delivery system.

Only the items that are sure to sell get delivered, and only as they are running out. Each store typically receives 12 deliveries daily. No excess products are kept on the shelves, an asset for space-tight Japan.

The omnipresence of convenience store delivery trucks on Japan's clogged roads prompted a government study on potential harmful effects of just-in-time delivery, including traffic jams and air pollution. The panel ended up lauding the system, noting that each delivery truck was filled to capacity carrying goods for several stores.

The sex and approximate age of the buyers also are recorded by the sales clerk. That vital market information is relayed to

manufacturers in exchange for getting first pick of hit products, such as a new brand of beer.

It is almost impossible to overestimate the popularity of Seven-Eleven and other convenience stores in Japan. They are so popular that this season's hit toy is a game called the "Barcode Battler," with robot heroes named after typical convenience store purchases such as instant noodles and oolong tea.

Surveys show the most frequent customers are young men such as Atsushi Tsukui, 20. He says he goes at least twice a day to buy magazines, newspapers and sandwiches at the convenience store across the street from work.

Indeed, walk-in shoppers are the main customers at Japan's convenience stores — popularly known as "konbini" — including children who stop by on their way home from cram schools late at night to read comic books and buy snacks.

Analysts say predicting how Seven-Eleven Japan will fare in its attempt to revive the U.S. 7-Eleven stores is difficult. Koichi Hori, the head of Boston Consulting Group in Japan, put its

chances at "fifty-fifty."

The corner convenience store may always remain marginal in U.S. retail, analysts say, primarily because American shoppers tend to patronize supermarkets.

Akiyama, the Seven-Eleven spokesman, suggested that one approach would be to increase the variety of goods carried by 7-Eleven stores.

Gulf soldier drowns in sea

HOUSTON (AP) — A Fort Hood soldier returning from the Persian Gulf aboard a Saudi cargo ship carrying Desert Storm equipment fell over the side of the ship and drowned, U.S. Coast Guard officials said Sunday.

The soldier was escorting U.S. military equipment back to the United States aboard the Saudi Arabian ship, the Saudi Hail, Coast Guard Ensign John Francis said. The soldier's name was not released pending notification of his family.

He was reported missing at about 4 p.m. Saturday.

"American retail, including supermarkets and department stores, have not kept up with the changing needs of consumers," he said. "It has instead started a vicious cycle of price wars, and the number of items carried in the stores is decreasing."

"American consumers have progressed to a higher level. They want a store with more than just a large supply of a limited brand."

"We think he fell over the side," Francis said, but a search conducted by the Coast Guard and Harris County authorities was unsuccessful and was called off at noon Sunday.

A tugboat bringing another ship into the Port of Houston apparently dredged up the bottom of the channel Sunday afternoon and the soldier's body floated to the surface.

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