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Ask Us

Unemployment tumbles to 4.8 percent locally

Unemployment in Scurry County dropped lower than at anytime last year when it fell to

Area receives inch of rain; more forecast

Snyder received almost an inch of precipitation Tuesday and could receive more, if forecasts hold up.

The community received .95 of an inch according to the water pump and filter plant, which keeps official precipitation records. Snyder has received 3.04 inches in 1990.

Forecasts for today and Thursday called for much of the same, with a 60 percent chance of rain both days. Today's low is expected to be about 30 degrees, and the weather service has indicated that freezing rain is possible late in the evening.

Thursday is expected to be continued cold, with rains most likely in the morning hours. The projected high for Thursday is 40 degrees.

Winds of 10 to 20 miles per hour are forecast both days, meaning chill factors may easily dip into the teens or single digits.

Rainfall amounts for the area varied from 1.6 inches near Hermleigh to six-tenths of an inch west of Snyder near the Dunn community. A report from just across the Scurry-Borden County line, near Fluvanna, indicated 1.1 inches while east of Snyder, out the Roby Hwy., 1.5 inches was reported.

4.8 percent in January, according to statistics provided by the Texas Employment Commission.

Scurry County averaged 6.6 percent unemployment in 1989, including a high of 8.9 percent in January and a low of 5.2 percent in October.

January's 4.8 percent is in sharp contrast to the 8.9 percent of a year ago and is down .8 percent from December's figure of 5.6.

According to the TEC, there were 8,324 people employed in the county in January and 424 unemployed but seeking work. Together, they make up a civilian labor force of 8,748, of which 424 is 4.8 percent.

Statewide, unemployment in January stayed the same as in December — 5.8 percent. TEC (see UNEMPLOYMENT, page 8)

Session opens amid money woes; Hobby forecasts state income tax

AUSTIN (AP) — Gloomy financial pronouncements and a prediction that a state income tax soon might be imposed greeted lawmakers who began a special session to deal with public school finance reform and judicial selection.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, at the Tuesday start of the session, said the state's financial situation is so tight that an income tax might be needed before the year ends.

"It's not going to happen this (30-day) session. I understand



ARTFUL — Western Texas College art instructor John Gibson was helping West Elementary School fifth-grader Michelle Banta to paint ceramics in teacher Donna Farley's class today. The students'

work to be shown in the WTC Fine Arts Theatre lobby prior the 7:30 p.m. Thursday opening of a play, "The Treasure Makers," at the college. (SDN Staff Photo)

that. But I wouldn't be at all surprised if it didn't happen before this year is out," said Hobby, who emphasized that such a tax would be coupled with a reduction in property taxes and other levies.

Lawmakers were called back to Austin to deal with a Texas Supreme Court order that the school funding system is unconstitutional and a federal judge's ruling that some state judicial elections discriminate against minority voters.

The session opened just two weeks before the March 13 primaries.

"Either cut or tax. Nothing in between," said Rep. Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, head of the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee.

"We need a miracle. I'm going

to pray a lot," Rudd added.

House Speaker Gib Lewis said lawmakers would have to consider a tax increase by 1991 at the latest.

"It's really a very dismal picture," said Lewis, D-Fort Worth, citing deficits in such agencies as

(see INCOME, page 8)

'Treasure Makers' set for 3-day run at WTC

Western Texas College theatre department will open its spring season with the production of "The Treasure Makers" Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Because the hour-long musical has special appeal to children, matinees are planned at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Evening performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. Saturday.

"We think the show will be entertaining for audiences of all ages," Jim Rambo, director, said. "It's light and the music helps make it easy to enjoy."

Proceeds from "The Treasure

Makers" will go to the drama department's scholarship fund. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and can be reserved by calling the box office at 573-8511, ext. 234.

"The Treasure Makers," an audience participation play, was written by Pat Sternberg with music by Matthew Granovetter. It is set in Sailor Mike's Recycling Center, a happy place until Mrs. Zee and her art committee try to have it condemned and turned into a parking lot. All's well that ends well, however, and that's how "Treasure Makers" turns out.

Rhonda Jo Horn...

Former Miss Snyder is named Miss A&M

Rhonda Jo Horn, former Miss Snyder, was named Miss Texas A&M in the Miss Texas A&M Scholarship Pageant last weekend in College Station.

Horn, a senior from Seymour, was runner-up in the 1989 Miss Texas A&M pageant last February. She competed here in March, winning the title of Miss Snyder.

The current Miss Snyder, elected in November, is Sarena Wright, a Western Texas College student from Hamilton. The Miss Snyder Scholarship Pageant was moved from March to November last year to give the winner a better opportunity to prepare for the Miss Texas Pageant.

Horn is a speech communication major at A&M where she has been active in student affairs, including student government.

As a high school student in Seymour, she was selected best actress in the 1987 state one-act play competition and was a 1986 UIL state literary champion in poetry interpretation.

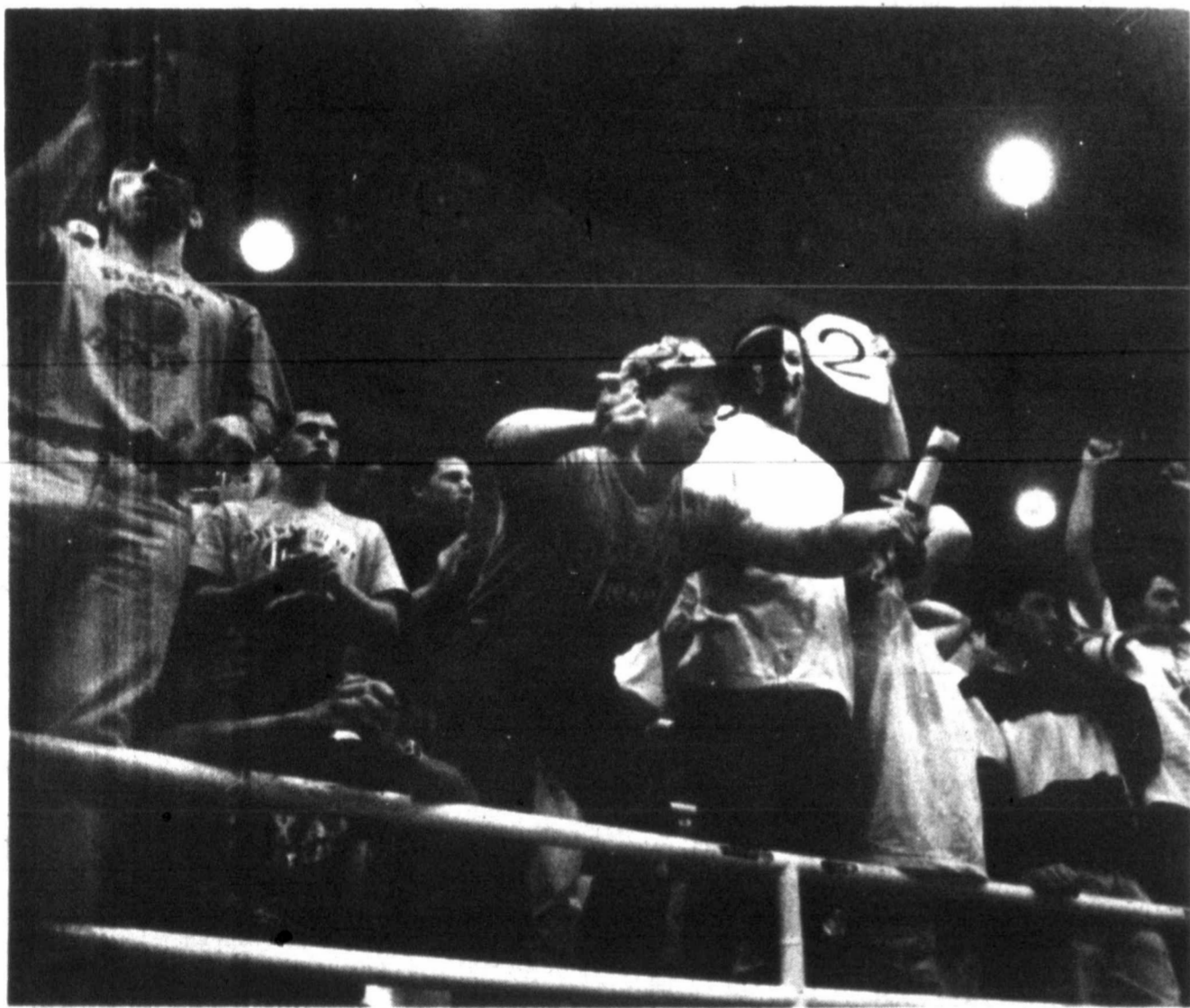
As winner of the pageant, Horn will represent Texas A&M at university functions, as well as around the state. Her winnings included a \$1,000 scholarship, a \$500 wardrobe allowance, a diamond pendant and the use of a 1990 Cadillac for special appearances during her reign.

Horn will not compete in the July 8-14 Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant, but will concentrate on being an emissary for Texas A&M. Wright, however, will represent Snyder in the Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant.

Other winners at the A&M competition were first runner-up, Julie Browles of Gainesville; second runner-up, Paris North of DeSoto; third runner-up, Charlotte Marie Bertrand of Knoxville, Tenn.; and fourth runner-up, Alisa Zack of Plano.



RHONDA JO HORN



ARDENT SUPPORTERS — Fans from Fort Worth Brewer are pictured cheering on their basketball team during Tuesday's Class 4A

regional semifinal contest here. Brewer won, edging Pampa in overtime, 52-50. (SDN Staff Photo)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There are some drawbacks to progress. For instance, it's hard to warm your feet on a microwave."

There seems to be a growing sentiment, among the so-called intellectuals in Washington, to legalize drugs as a solution to the nation's substance-abuse problem.

While most will admit that there seems to be no easy and quick cure, legalization seems like no solution at all.

If this country really wants to get the drug dealers and users off the streets, then lawmakers might consider some of the solutions of the so-called underdeveloped nations.

Some nations who are considered to be less than enlightened, have stiff penalties—including death—for violations of the drug laws.

In America, even junior high kids know that probation is likely in view of jail overcrowding.

Justice was swift, if not just, in Romania recently for ousted Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. He and other leaders were executed for "grave crimes" against Romania.

In Finland, even the violation of speeding can carry a hefty penalty. That country has a traditional system of punishment based on a person's earning ability.

A middle-aged businessman recently went to court to battle an imposed fine of \$11,400 for driving his BMW 75 mph in a 50 mph zone. The minimum fine is \$5, but there is no limit on the maximum fine.

A fine that really packs a wallop in the pocketbook would cause even the most lead-footed to keep an eye on the speedometer.

Certainly, rights of accused, even drug dealers, must be protected—but we're also interested in the rights of the innocent, law-abiding public who is tired of playing games with folks who snub their noses at the laws of the land.

Q—What would it take to get an overpass built at U.S. 84 and Huffman Ave.?

A—Resident highway engineer Ed Vernon said such a project is in the highway department's long-range plans because of a large number of accidents at the intersection but there are currently no funds earmarked for it. The cost is estimated to be from \$800,000 to \$1 million.

In Brief

Boy is dead

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A 5-year-old boy who drank 10 ounces of bourbon after allegedly being prompted to do so by an adult died this morning following his removal from life support systems Tuesday night, authorities said.

Everman Police Sgt. Mark Bigler said Thomas Griffin died at Cook-Fort Worth Children's Medical Center at about 8:45 a.m. The respirator supporting the youngster's breathing was disconnected at about 10 p.m. Tuesday, but the child had continued to breathe on his own.

DWI probation

PLAINVIEW, Texas (AP) — A state district judge for the northern Panhandle was fined and sentenced to two years probation on a drunken driving conviction.

Judge J.E. "Chunky" Blackburn, 50, of Spearman in Hansford County, received the standard sentence given first-time DWI offenders in Hale County, the Plainview Daily Herald reported Tuesday.

Blackburn pleaded no-contest to a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Will resign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drug Enforcement Administration chief John C. Lawn is resigning after five years, reportedly to become an executive with the New York Yankees.

"There's no suggestion that he's giving up the war on drugs," agency spokesman Frank Shults said of Lawn's resignation.

Local

Committee

The chamber of commerce tourism and retirement committee will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday in the chamber board room.

Model club

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

Visitors of all ages are welcome. For information, contact Donny Hartzog at 573-7350.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 65 degrees; low, 37 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 37 degrees; .95 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1990 to date, 3.04 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Freezing rain possible late. Low near 30. Chance of precipitation 60 percent. Northeast wind 10 to 20 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy with showers likely, mainly in the morning. High in the mid 40s. Northeast wind 10 to 20 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon. Chance of rain 60 percent.



EAST WINNERS—East's top speller for the 1989-90 school year is Jennifer Featherston, sixth grader and daughter of Daylon Featherston. Runner-up is Andre Puente, also a sixth grader, and the son of Manuel and Mary Terrazas. Two other sixth

graders also filled the next two spots — Chris Mackey, third place, and Michelle Ewing, fourth place. Chris is the son of Steve and Judy Mackey and Michelle is the daughter of Michael and Cindy Loper. (SDN Staff Photo)

Controversial plan to expand art museum said postponed

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A roundly criticized plan to enlarge the Kimbell Art Museum has been postponed indefinitely by the trustees of the Fort Worth institution.

Members of the Kimbell Art Foundation announced Tuesday they were putting aside the con-

troversial proposal they had adopted in July to expand the museum designed by Louis Kahn and hailed as a shining example of modern architecture.

In a prepared statement, Kay Fortson, the Foundation's president, said the museum "is grateful to have had the opportunity to study a range of design approaches for reference in any further consideration of space requirements."

The decision for postponement came with unanimous vote on

Monday.

Upon learning of the board's decision, Sue Ann Kahn, Kahn's daughter and a critic of the proposed expansion, said: "I never thought they wanted to do anything to harm the building, and I think their decision was a very courageous one."

Kahn's survivors and other critics objected to the expansion primarily because they viewed the Kimbell as an artistic masterpiece that should not be tampered with.

A group of nine internationally prominent architects, including Phillip Johnson, Richard Meier and James Sterling, wrote a letter in November to Ms. Fortson calling the proposed addition "mimicry of the most simple-minded character."

Director Edmund Pillsbury announced on Jan. 9 at a press conference that the controversial design plan might be shelved.

The original expansion proposal, which mainly involved adding cycloid vault sections similar to the original on both ends of the existing building, was favorably received locally when first announced last summer.

Valet parkers hold all the important keys in the city

WASHINGTON (AP) — No man is a hero to his parking valet, especially if he's a congressman.

"Politicians are the worst tipers," says Adam Greenberg, an American University student who earns living expenses as a parking valet for black-tie galas and Georgetown dinner parties several nights every week.

"They drive up and say, 'I'm a congressman — park it close.' They go to five parties a night, stay for 15 minutes and leave. I guess they only have so much money to go around for tips," he says.

Greenberg is one of about 170 part-time employees — most of them college students — who hustle cars for Atlantic Valet Parking, which handles more than 1,000 Washington social events to the tune of \$1 million each year.

It's tough work, waiting outside for hours in rain, snow and numbing winds, only to be stiffed by an abusive drunk whose Mercedes wasn't purring at the front door the moment he staggers out.

"Then surprise — along comes an old Chevy Nova who pulls out

a ten-spot," says Marty Janis, the company's 26-year-old executive director and part owner, who got his start as a valet parker during his senior year at Georgetown University six years ago.

Finding a safe, nearby place to park in a hurry isn't the valet's only worry, Janis said.

Although car keys are kept on a locator board at big parties to avoid mishaps, an occasional key is lost or misplaced in the rush. It becomes a nightmare when the missing keys belong to a VIP, which happened to Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and former Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara.

"It was very late, and McNamara wasn't at all happy," Janis said. "We drove him home, got his spare keys and went back. When our guys finally delivered his car, he thanked them and gave them a big tip."

Janis gets headaches from limousine chauffeurs who block traffic, and high anxiety from little fender scrapes.

"It's always a lawyer's car, and they'll kill you," he says.

"They'll sue for everything, including mental strain."

Atlantic, the biggest valet parking company in Washington, handles everything from glitzy charity balls for 3,000 guests to one dinner party where the hosts invited another couple and, eager to impress, hired a valet to park their car.

Greenberg, a two-year veteran who works as many as four parties a week, receives a \$5 hourly wage and averages \$10 in tips for a night's work.

Valet parkers are instructed to obey parking regulations at all times. Joyriding is forbidden. So is shoving out a hand for a tip. They are coached to respond to cursing with a courteous smile and an apology. And they must run — never walk — to retrieve a car.

"They're trained to drive slow and run fast," Janis says.

For all its drawbacks, says Greenberg, "it's a great job — flexible hours, good exercise, good money and plenty of entertainment."

They might glimpse Prince Charles or Brooke Shields at a black-tie banquet. Or watch well-heeled, well-oiled couples fighting over the keys to drive home. Or shake hands with a tipsy Tip O'Neill, the former House speaker who once rilled out of a party and grandly introduced himself to every parking valet on the sidewalk.

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Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 33-year-old with pelvic inflammatory disease and have severe pain for one to seven days each month when I ovulate. What are your sentiments on hysterectomy as a cure?

DEAR READER: Pelvic inflammatory disease is a broad medical designation meaning infection of a woman's reproductive tract: the cervix (uterine opening), the uterus and/or the Fallopian tubes.

For practical purposes, PID rarely affects women before or after the child-bearing years. It is a common consequence of sexually transmitted diseases (especially gonorrhea and chlamydia) and can result from abortions or from intrauterine devices.

The Fallopian tubes are usually involved, often leading to infertility. On occasion, the infection can spread to the abdominal lining (peritonitis), causing shock and death. Symptoms include lower abdominal pain, a cervical discharge and fever.

If discovered early during a pelvic examination, the infection usually can be cured by large doses of antibiotics.

However, many women experience chronic low-grade infection with intermittent abdominal cramping; in such cases, PID may not be suspected for months or years. As a result of this chronic infection, pelvic abscesses may appear in conjunction with scar tissue, rendering antibiotic therapy ineffective. When this occurs, surgery is necessary to drain the abscesses and remove infected tissue.

Because of the extensive tissue damage caused by the infection, the operation of choice is usually a complete hysterectomy: removal of the uterus, the Fallopian tubes and the ovaries.

Therefore, in answering your question, I defer to the judgment of your gynecologist. If your symptoms have not been cured by antibiotics, surgery may be your only option.

Obviously, at 33, you may wish to become pregnant in the future; a hysterectomy would make this impossible. Therefore, you may choose to try antibiotic therapy as a first recourse, before consenting to surgery, which is permanent. Your gynecologist can guide you in making such a difficult decision.

To give you additional information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Vaginal Infections and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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Community Calendar

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Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Sparkle City Square Dancers; clogging; old Athletic Center building; 7-8 p.m.
Sparkle City Square Dancers; workshop; old Athletic Center building; 8-10 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8015 or 573-3956.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; 9:30 a.m.; MAWC.
Noah Project Advisory Committee meeting; Cogdell Memorial Hospital Boardroom; noon; All members are urged to attend.
Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park, 4200 College Ave.; noon.
Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Knapp Extension Homemakers Club; 1:30 p.m.
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; West Fire Station.
Boy Scout Roundtable; Boys Club; 7 p.m.
"The Treasure Makers," Children's Theatre; WTC Fine Arts Theater; For reservations call 573-8511, ext. 234.
Alateen; for children of alcoholics; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

FRIDAY

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
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; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Snyder Triple T's Booster Club Meeting; 5:30; Steves Gym, 2502 Ave. V. All interested in joining are invited to attend.
Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park, 4200 College; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 863-2348 or 573-6820.

SATURDAY

"The Treasure Makers," Children's Theatre; WTC Fine Arts Theater; 2:30 and 7 p.m. performances; For reservations, call 573-8511, ext. 234.
People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.
Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
"The Treasure Makers," Children's Theatre; WTC Fine Arts Theater; 2:30 p.m.; For reservations, call 573-8511, ext. 234.

Museum is arranging tour group

The Scurry County Museum invites county residents to join a tour group going to see "Oklahoma!" March 10 at Paramount Theatre in Abilene.
The museum will provide transportation and dinner, as well as the theatre tickets, at a cost of \$16 per person. Reservations are to be made by March 6, by calling the museum at 573-6107.
"Oklahoma!" was filmed in 1955 and stars such notables as Shirley Jones, Gordon MacRae, Rod Steiger, Gloria Graham and Gene Nelson. The music is by

Rogers and Hammerstein. Wins of numerous awards, the film has become a classic.

"We are also planning trips to the Paramount to see 'Father of the Bride,' starring Sencer Tracy and Elizabeth Taylor and 'Doctor Zhivago,' starring Omar Sharif and Julie Christie," Shirley Leftwich, museum director, said.
"We must have reservations for 'Oklahoma!' by March 6 so we can complete the arrangements. Anyone interested in additional information is invited to call our office."

Thompson completes basic training

FORT DIX, N.J., — Pvt. Addie L. Thompson has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.
During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first

aid, and Army history traditions.
Pvt. Thompson's husband, Christopher, is the son of Willie T. Thompson of Snyder.
The 1984 Hamlin High School graduate is the niece of Erma D. Garner of Hamlin.

Bridge

James Jacoby

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Going against the grain

By James Jacoby

It takes long enough to become familiar with the standard defensive play and then, having mastered then you pick up your newspaper and find that the only way to beat a contract is to violate the basic rules you have learned. One such rule is not to waste an honor card on defense. In today's deal, both East and West had to waste honor cards to set the contract.

Against four hearts, West led the queen of spades. Declarer won the ace and played a heart to dummy's jack and a heart back to his king. Then he played a diamond, inserting the jack from dummy. East won the queen. Since the original spade lead had denied the king, there was no future in that suit. Returning a spade would only allow declarer to win the king and force out the diamond ace. So the defense had to turn to the club suit. Unfortunately South surely had the club king to have gone right to four hearts. If East played a low club, declarer would play low and win dummy's jack. If East played ace and a club, declarer would win by either ducking the second club or playing the king, since West would not have another club to lead when he won the diamond ace.

East finally hit upon the winning play — he wasted his queen of clubs by putting it on the table. Declarer played the king, and now West had to be on his toes. He unblocked his 10 of clubs. Declarer now played another diamond. West took the ace and led a club through dummy's jack. East won the ace and nine of clubs to set the hand.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books. © 1990, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Symbol of Soviet power since the 1917 Revolution, the Kremlin derives its name from "kreml," Russian for citadel, says National Geographic.

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Actress Tracy Scoggins files suit against pageant officials

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — An actress who says a man attempted to sexually assault her in an elevator at an El Paso hotel two years ago has filed a \$14 million suit against Miss USA pageant officials, contending they gave

her a car with a logo that might have lured the attacker to her.
"Actress Tracy Scoggins claims in a suit filed last Friday in state court that the pageant directors should have warned her that she was a potential sexual assault

victim.
The suit claims the car she was loaned had the words "Miss Universe" written on the side in bold letters.

Pageant officials with Miss Universe Inc., which sponsors the Miss USA contest, were unavailable for comment, the El Paso Times reported today.

The lawsuit, which names Miss Universe Inc., is the third multimillion-dollar lawsuit filed since the alleged attack Feb. 25, 1988, at the Marriott Hotel.

Ms. Scoggins, who appeared in the television show "The Colbys," was in El Paso as co-host of the 1988 Miss USA Pageant.

The suit alleges that Ms. Scoggins was sexually assaulted in the elevator of the hotel after she left a pageant rehearsal at the El Paso Civic Center.

Ramon Concepcion Padilla of El Paso was charged in the case, but the charges were later dropped when the actress refused to testify against him.

In the lawsuit, Ms. Scoggins alleges pageant officials, among other things, failed to provide security, give her an escort, or warn her of Padilla's presence.

The suit seeks \$12 million in exemplary and punitive damages and for mental anguish from the humiliation and ridicule she suffered and at least \$2 million for emotional distress and pain.

State Treasury seeks Texans owed money

AUSTIN (AP) — The state Treasury is looking for more than a few Texans who are owed money. Lots of money.

Treasurer Ann Richards said Tuesday that some 120,000 Texans, including major league baseball pitcher Nolan Ryan and presidential son George W. Bush, have almost \$100 million coming.

The missing money comes from lost and forgotten checking and savings accounts, utility deposits, oil royalties or corporate stocks.

"There are a lot of people who have money in these accounts. It is important for them to claim it," Treasurer Ann Richards said.

The names of all those with lost or forgotten funds due them will be published Sunday in newspapers across the state.

Most of the unclaimed accounts have been dormant for three to five years before they were turned over to the state. All the listed accounts are worth at least \$50. The largest totals \$102,772, which Ms. Richards said is owed to Helen B. Wolfe of Alief.

Ryan, who pitches for the Texas Rangers, has \$543 in a savings and loan account, Ms. Richards said. Bush has \$1,592 coming, Gov. Bill Clements is owed \$212, Houston oil man and Republican lieutenant governor hopeful Rob Mosbacher Jr. is owed \$61.50 and Houston Rockets basketball star Akeem Olajuwon has \$354 coming.

"Each year we try to locate as many people as we can and return this money to them. Last year, about \$26 million was given

back to rightful owners," Ms. Richards said.

Anyone owed money can claim it by contacting the Treasury over a toll-free telephone line or in writing.

"There is no set time limit to make a claim on these accounts," Ms. Richards said. "Money turned over to the state Treasury can be claimed at any time in the future by the original owner or his or her heirs."

The unclaimed money list first was published shortly after Ms. Richards took office in 1983. Since then, the office has collected more than \$273 million.

Money that isn't claimed by owners is used by the state for education and general services. Last year, \$40 million in non-tax revenue was turned over to state government.

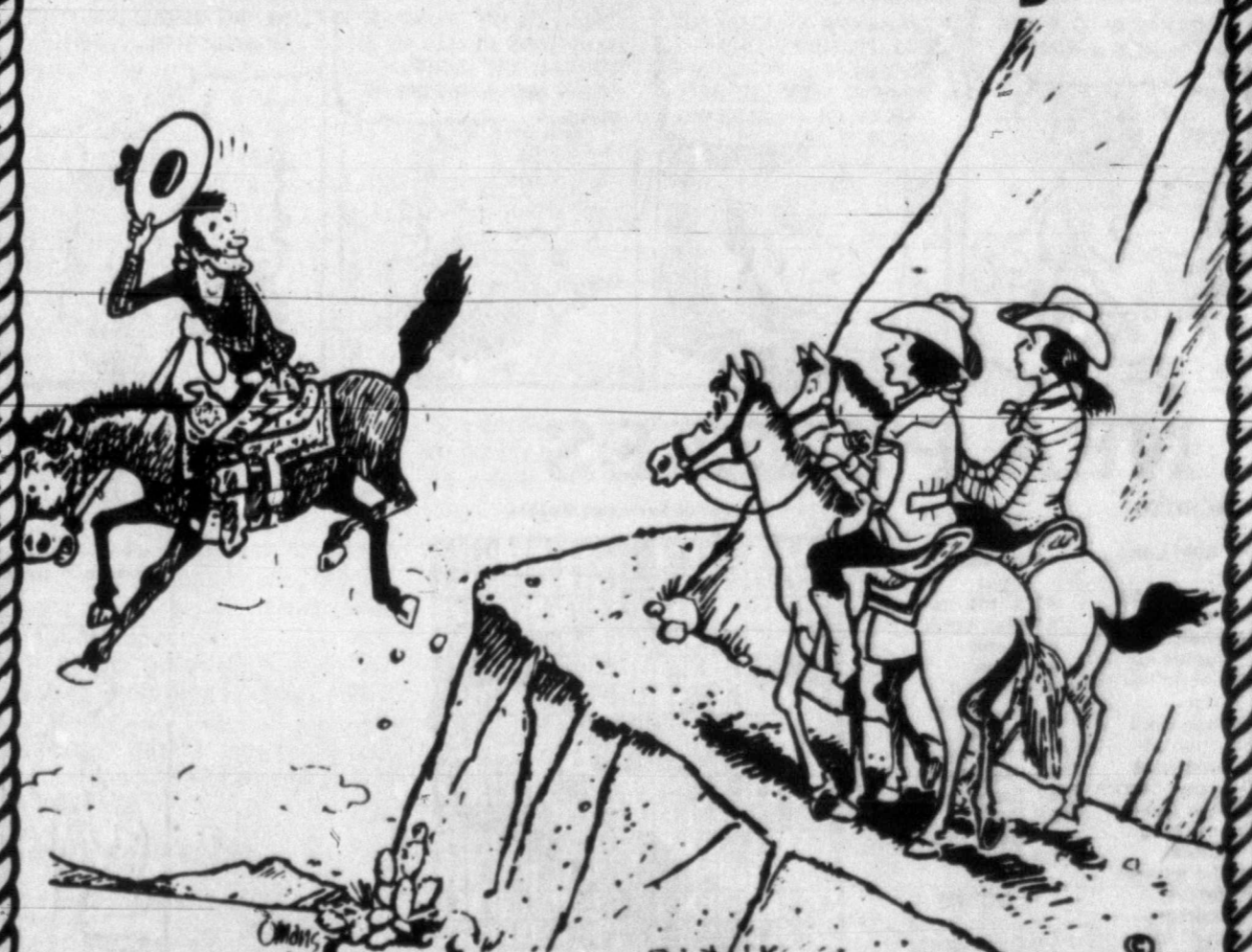
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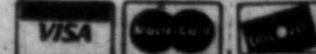
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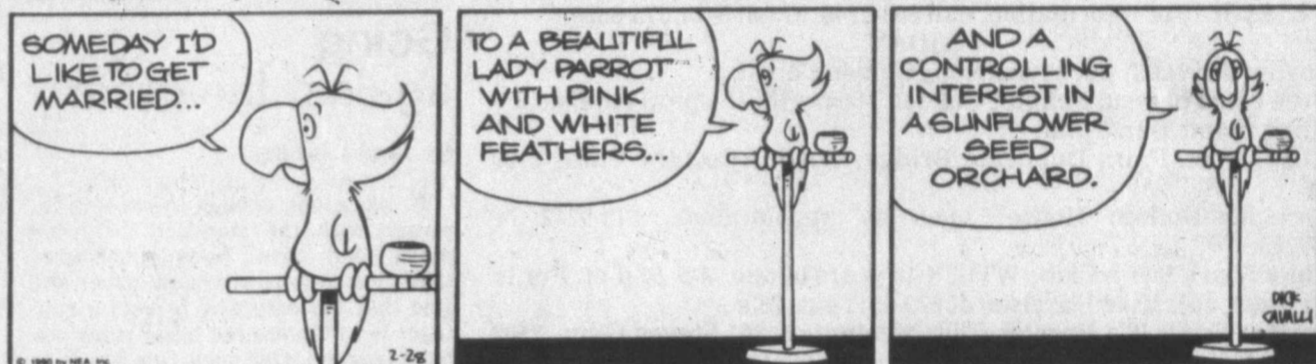


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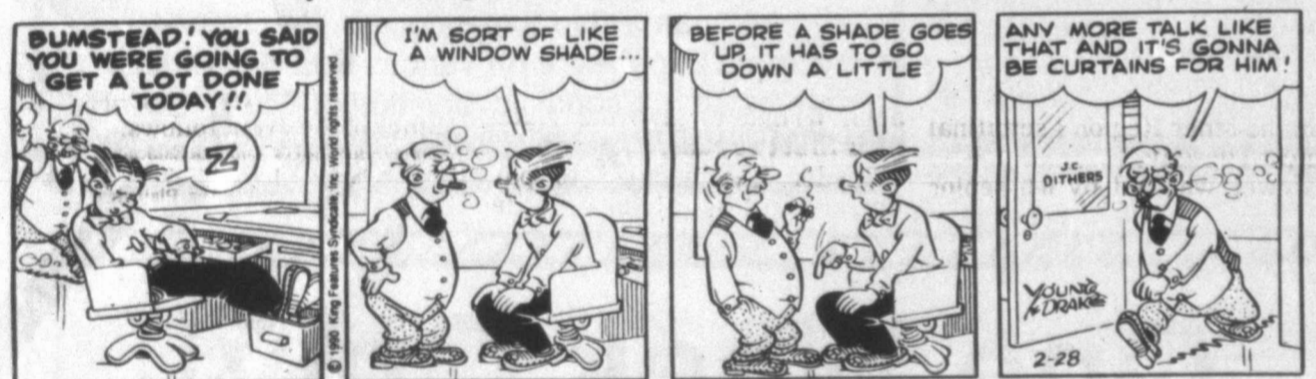
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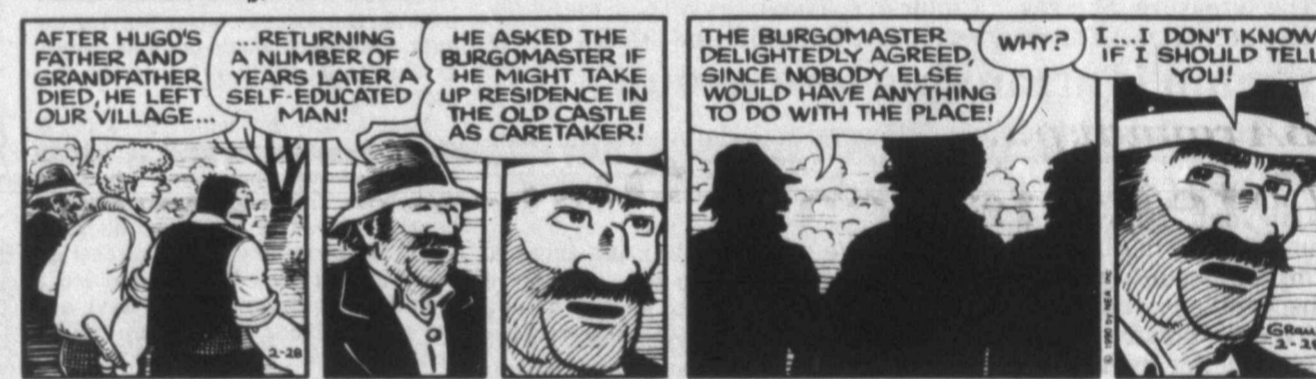
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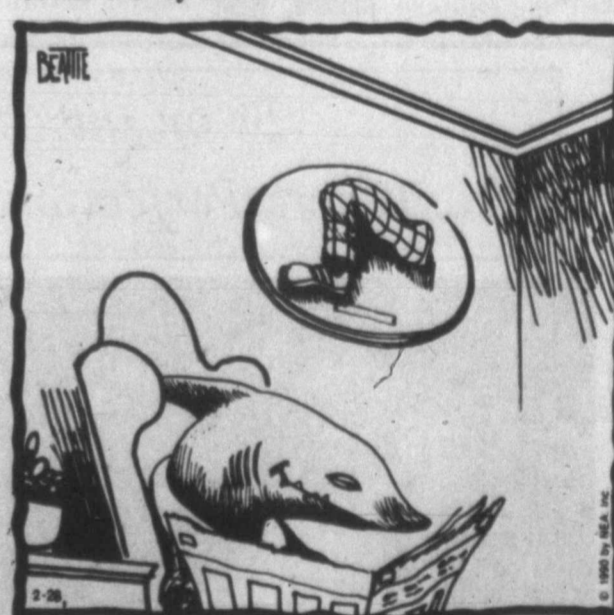
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SPORTS

Ira cage season ends

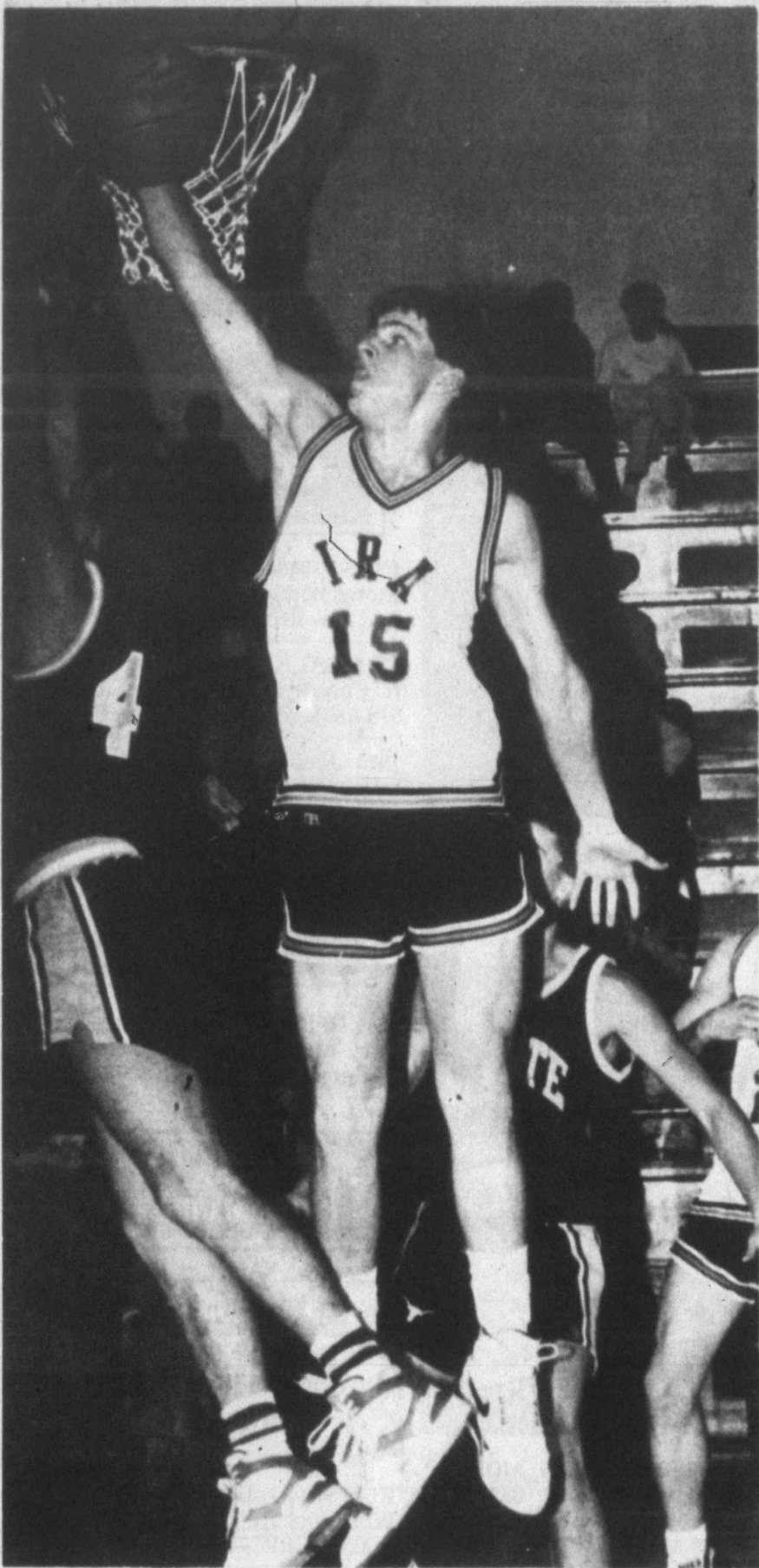
Bulldogs fall to Bronte Longhorns, 63-49

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor
SWEETWATER — The Bronte Longhorns rallied from a second-quarter deficit of 10 points to defeat Ira, 63-49, in Tuesday's area championship, here.
The Bulldogs took advantage of a good defensive effort and ice-cold shooting by the 'Horns to stake themselves to a 23-13 lead

with just 3:36 remaining in the half.
Bronte had come from a 7-3 deficit early in the first period and taken a 13-12 lead at the end of the quarter.
Ira ripped off an 11-0 run to begin the second stanza.
James Badgett of Bronte scored their first bucket of the period on a lay-up with just 2:13 to play in the half.
Sophomore Darrell Lucas hit a three-pointer for the Longhorns to narrow the advantage to five followed by an eight-footer from Ira's James Sturdivant to boost the lead back to 25-18.
Shane Bearden took a steal and went coast-to-coast for the Bulldogs but buckets by Justin Phillips and Badgett and a three at the buzzer brought Bronte back to within a basket at intermission.
Bronte took the lead for good at 32-29 with 5:00 left in the third period on a jumper in the paint from Bill Windham.
By the end of the quarter Bronte had built a 44-33 lead.
Ira's defense was spread out by the Longhorns long-distance capabilities in the final eight minutes leading to several uncontested lay-ups and back-door

buckets and, finally, to the loss.
"They just got hot at the end of the second quarter," said Ira coach Don Jones.
"We made several turnovers that you just can't make when you get this far in the game, too."
"They're just a good ball team," he continued.
"We knew, and they knew that we'd have to play well tonight."
Ira guard Kory Clark led the Bulldogs with 15 points including three treys in the first half and two of three from the free-throw line.
James Sturdivant scored 11 and Shane Bearden added 10.
Windham paced the Bronte squad with 16 points followed by Badgett with 13 and Phillips with 12.
The Bulldogs ended the campaign with a 19-6 record while Bronte continues in the playoffs sporting a 30-1 mark.

IRA — Withers 3-2-2, Bearden 3-4-10, Ballard 2-0-4, Sturdivant 5-1-2-11, Clark 3-2-3-15, Hughes 0-1-1. TOTALS 19-13-49.
BRONTE — Seales 4-0-5, Marshall 0-0-0, Pierce 1-0-2, Phillips 5-3-12, Badgett 0-1-3-13, Windham 7-0-1-18, Lucas 1-0-3, Davis 1-1-3. TOTALS 24-9-63.
3-point goals: IHS 3 (Clark); BHS 3 (Windham 2, Lucas 1). Total fouls: IHS 10, BHS 16. Fouled out: Seales. Records: IHS 19-6, BHS 30-1.
Ira: 12 15 6 16 49
Bronte: 13 12 19 19 63



REJECTED — Ira's Shane Ballard, 15, goes into the air to block a shot from Bronte's Tim Davis in action Tuesday night in Sweetwater. The Bulldogs were defeated by Bronte, 63-49, on a 38-22 second half surge by the Longhorns. (SDN Staff Photo)

NBA roundup...

Veterans lead Pistons to win

by The Associated Press
The Detroit Pistons have played well this season whenever Coach Chuck Daly has put a new starter on the front line.
On Tuesday night, however, it was veteran guards Isiah Thomas and Joe Dumars who pulled the Pistons out of trouble.
Thomas had a season-high 37 points and 10 assists and Dumars scored 27 points while Detroit's revamped frontcourt struggled in a 106-102 overtime victory over the Houston Rockets.

Michael Jordan scored 43 points, 17 on free throws.
Ricky Pierce led the Bucks with 38 points, but starting center Jack Sikma, with a 15-point average, went scoreless. Greg Anderson added 20 points for Milwaukee.

Timberwolves 104, Bulls 88
Rookie Pooh Richardson

N.C. State now facing point-shaving charges

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — It was supposed to have been an easy game for North Carolina State, but it instead was an uncharacteristic loss. Three years later, it might also be the focus of an investigation by state agents.

Today's Greensboro News and Record says the State Bureau of Investigation's probe into the Wolfpack basketball program is focusing on the Dec. 27, 1986 game between then 12th-ranked N.C. State and Division II member Tampa. The newspaper has reported that the SBI probe is looking into allegations of point-shaving, but the chief investigator has refused comment on the report.

"I wish I could help you, but I just can't comment on what we're looking at," chief investigator Bill Dowdy said.

N.C. State coach Jim Valvano says he never suspected anyone on his team would be involved in point-shaving.

"If I had, I would have reported it," Valvano said in a telephone interview from Maryland, where his team was preparing for tonight's game.

"But I never reported it because I never had a reason to."
Valvano said no one ever came to him with a suspicion that anyone on his teams were involved in point-shaving. "Of course not, never."
This latest allegation follows by just days an admission by former N.C. State player Charles Shackelford that he accepted about \$65,000 from two men while playing at the school. The new allegations only prolong a storm of controversy that began 14 months ago.

"I think there are some people who are literally worn out," N.C. State interim chancellor Larry Monteith said. "We've used a lot of our people resources to look in-

to these things. I'm sure we have a lot of people who are anxious for this to come to some end."

N.C. State's travail began in January 1989 with allegations of improprieties in the program which were published on the dust jacket of the book "Personal Fouls."
The book was released in July, while an NCAA investigation was underway. It was that probe which led to a two-year probation which will keep the Wolfpack out of this year's NCAA tournament.
Shackelford's admission that he received money while he was a college player could mean the school would have to repay more than \$400,000 in revenue from its participation in the 1987 and 1988 NCAA tournaments.
Monteith said his only knowledge of allegations of point-shaving came from the newspaper.

"At least I believe point-shaving is a criminal offense in this state. The institution will cooperate in every manner, but we will not (conduct an investigation ourselves). We're really looking at the issues that have the implications with the NCAA," Monteith said.

Harold Hopfenberg, the school's interim athletic director, also said his only knowledge about the charges stemmed from the newspaper story. He said he hadn't talked with the SBI.

"We will cooperate fully with the NCAA. We will cooperate fully with any criminal investigation the SBI goes into," Hopfenberg said.

While the SBI wouldn't give details of its inquiry, Shackelford's agent, Salvatore Di Fazio of Somerville, N.J., confirmed to The Charlotte Observer that SBI investigators had questioned him.

scored 12 of his 22 points in the third quarter, including eight straight during a 10-2 spurt that put Minnesota ahead to stay.

Reggie Theus scored 31 points as Orlando broke a seven-game losing streak and handed Charlotte its 17th loss in 18 games.

Magic 115, Hornets 109
Matt Davis, a 6-5 sophomore, and Rick Brown, a 6-0 senior, added 11 points each while Trevor Edwards popped for 8.

Pampa, 27-5, was led by Mark Wood, a 6-3 senior who put in 11 points. Jeff Young added 11 and Randy Nichols put in 6.

Pampa led 12-9 at the end of the first period but trailed 21-19 at halftime. Brewer held on to a 34-31 edge heading into the final period, but a late bucket tied the game at 47-47 and forced overtime.

Brewer managed to hit only three of eight free throws in the extra period, but Pampa's Harvesters struggled equally from the stripe and made just one of four.

Pampa had ended Snyder's season last week by defeating the Tigers 62-50 in an area-round competition.

In other area playoff action Lamesa stomped Dalhart 95-65, Jayton edged Petrolia 65-57 in overtime, Sands nipped Sierra Blanca 55-49 and Canyon fell to Slaton, 64-54.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	39	16	.709	—
San Antonio	37	17	.685	1 1/2
Dallas	31	24	.564	8
Denver	29	26	.527	10
Houston	24	31	.436	15
Minnesota	15	40	.273	24
Charlotte	9	44	.170	29
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	40	13	.755	—
Portland	38	17	.691	3
Phoenix	36	17	.679	4
Seattle	26	28	.519	12 1/2
Golden State	24	30	.444	15 1/2
L.A. Clippers	22	33	.400	19
Sacramento	15	39	.278	25 1/2
Tuesday's Games				
New York 110, Dallas 87				
Minnesota 104, Washington 88				
Chicago 106, Milwaukee 96				
Phoenix 120, Denver 101				
Los Angeles Clippers 103, Seattle 98				
Portland 118, Cleveland 105				

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Baseball cancelled after three innings

The Snyder-Estacado regular-season baseball debut was called after three innings because of Tuesday's rain.

Snyder was leading the contest, 4-2, on one hit pitching by the Tigers' Bart Morton.

"We had a couple of errors because of the ball being wet," said SHS coach Albert Lewis.

Mark King walked followed by Jason West reaching on a fielder's choice, a Randy Morris single and a two-RBI base-hit by John Wright to give the Tigers their first two runs.

Snyder is scheduled to participate in the Abilene Invitational Tournament Thursday through Saturday in the Key City.

"We're just going to play it by ear," said Lewis.

"They're pretty wet down there but we're going anyway and get in what we can."

The Tigers are scheduled to play Lubbock High at 11 a.m. at the Cooper High School diamond

in the first round of the tourney.

If Snyder beats the Westerners they will face the winner of the Hereford-Estacado first round game at 4 p.m. at Abilene High.

Should the Tigers lose, they would face the loser of the Hereford-Estacado battle at 4 p.m. at Cooper.

Play in the tournament continues through Saturday with the championship contest beginning at 3 p.m. at Abilene High.

A bracket for Thursday's games in the event follows.

Game 1: Hereford vs. Lubbock Estacado.
Game 2: Snyder vs. Lubbock High.
Game 3: San Angelo Central vs. Plainview.
Game 4: Abilene High vs. Lubbock Dunbar.
Game 5: Abilene Cooper vs. Andrews.
Amarillo High gets first round bye.
Game 7: Winner of Game 3 and Amarillo High.
Game 8: Winners of Games 1 and 2.
Game 9: Losers of Games 4 and 5.

College hoops

SOUTH
Augusta 70, Faine 88
Florida 76, LSU 63
Hartford 62, Miami, Fla. 58
Liberty 57, Davidson 55
Louisville 99, Tulane 85
Seton 113, Bethune-Cookman 86

SDN Sportsweek

- Thursday, March 1
Baseball
Snyder at Abilene Tournament.
- Friday, March 2
Tennis
Snyder varsity and JV at Sweetwater Team Tournament.
Golf
Snyder boys at Andrews.
Snyder girls host Snyder tournament
Baseball
Snyder at Abilene Tournament.
- Saturday, March 3
Golf
Snyder boys at Andrews.
Snyder girls host Snyder tournament.
Tennis
Snyder varsity and JV at Sweetwater Team Tournament.
Track
Snyder girls at Andrews Track Meet.
Baseball
Snyder at Abilene Tournament.
Basketball
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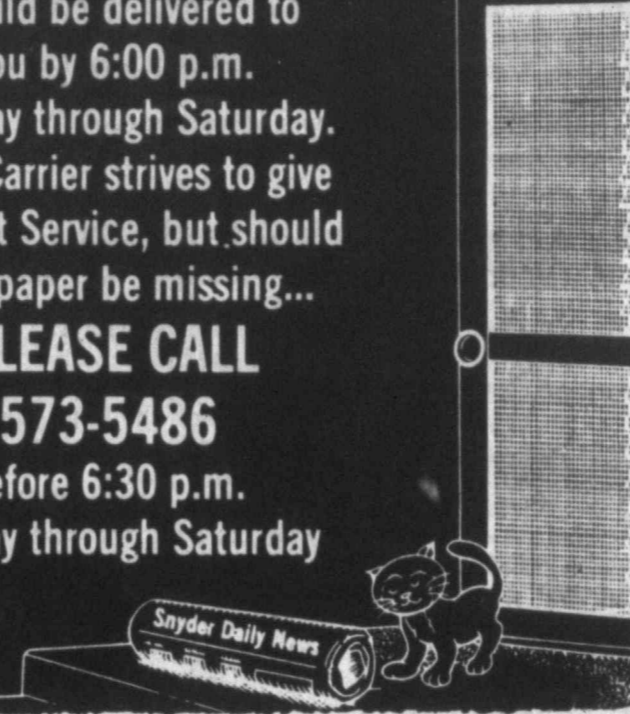
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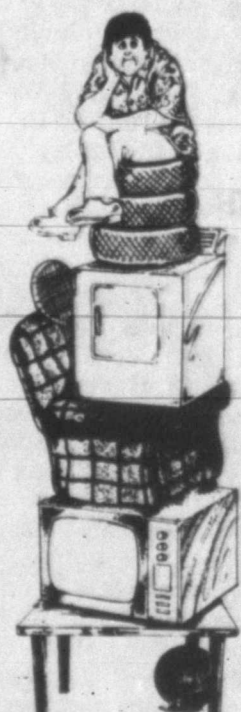
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Atlantis in space after 6th attempt

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After waiting out clouds and rain, the craft thundered from the pad at 2:51 a.m. EST, sending dazzling light and a shock wave of sound across the darkened seaside space center.

It disappeared into clouds in just 38 seconds, leaving briefly a glow like a shrouded full moon.

Observers as far north as Washington, D.C., reported seeing the brilliant light of Atlantis' rockets as the craft followed a route never before taken by a shuttle.

NASA administrator Dick Truly congratulated the launch team, noting, "it was a tough one to get off, but a great job."

No comment was heard from Atlantis' astronauts and launch director Bob Sieck said at a news conference, "the crew was pretty quiet and very patient."

Weather threatened a sixth delay of the secret military mission and the launch — first targeted for last Thursday — was in doubt until the final moments.

NASA halted the countdown for about two hours to wait for clouds and light rain to move through.

The countdown was restarted at nine minutes, paused briefly for a final weather check, then ticked smoothly on to lift off.

As the rocket ignited, light burst from the launch pad and leaped from cloud to cloud as far as the eye could see. Water surrounding the pad was gilded with light from the brilliant cascade of fire powering Atlantis.

The first two scheduled launches were halted by a sick astronaut and uncertain weather. The third and fourth were blocked by bad weather, the fifth by a failed computer.

Because of the payload's classified nature, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration kept secret the flightpath, but the shuttle's orbit brought the ship up roughly parallel to the East Coast, giving residents a rare, nighttime view of a spacebound shuttle.

Theresa Yohn, news producer at WTLV-TV in Jacksonville, Fla., watched the shuttle pass overhead for about 25 seconds from a window at the station, some 150 miles north of the launch site.

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Obituaries

Carl Hodges

1917-1990

ONALASKA — Services for Carl Allen Hodges, 73, of Onalaska (Canyon Park) were held Monday at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Onalaska with Rev. Don Wilkey officiating. Burial followed in Magnolia Cemetery in Onalaska under the direction of Cochran Funeral Home of Livingston.

Hodges died Friday at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital. He was the father of Carl Allen Hodges Jr., of Snyder.

Born Oct. 12, 1917, in Henryetta, Okla., he was a former resident of Dumas and Pasadena before retirement from Phillips 66 in 1981, and a move to Onalaska. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Onalaska.

Other survivors include his wife, Ruth Bernice Hodges of Onalaska; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Dr. David Henderson of Huntsville and Sheron and Dr. Jerry Driessher of Cedaredge, Colo.; and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Carl Allen "Sandy" Hodges Jr. of Snyder.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren, Travis Henderson of Houston and Trent and Troy Henderson of Huntsville; Colin, Heather and Andrea Driessner of Cedaredge, Colo.; Jacob and Jessica Hodges and Lena Garcia of Snyder; and one great-grandson, Kennan Garcia of Snyder.

Pallbearers were Leon Cobb, Tony LeCroy, Paul Dickerson, Truman Goodwin, John Damoth and Robert Doolittle. Honorary pallbearers were members of his Sunday school class at First Baptist Church of Onalaska.

M. E. "Hoot" Hull

1919-1990

COLORADO CITY — Services for Manuel Earl "Hoot" Hull, 70, were to be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home with Dr. Ted Spear officiating. Burial will follow in Colorado City Cemetery.

Hull died at 3:30 a.m. Monday at the residence of his son, Freddie Hull of Snyder.

Born in Chicota March 28, 1919, he moved to Colorado City in 1964. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 9178 and Boilermakers Union No. 531.

Other survivors include seven daughters, Vivian Gay Harper of Chesterfield, Va., Anita Jarrard of Electra, Kay Bolenbacher of Merryville, La., Alice Winn of Colorado City, and Paula Price, Deborah Fox and Delilah Hull, all of Irving; another son, Danny Hull of Grand Prairie; three sisters, Gladys Cleveland of Kansas City, Mo., and Helen Cleveland and Allene Spinks, both of San Bernardino, Calif.; 33 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Collision leaves one hospitalized

Three men were hurt and one remained hospitalized today with injuries sustained in a wreck involving two tractor-trailer rigs Tuesday near Dermott, north of Snyder on U.S. 84.

Benjamin Griffith, 39, of Whitney, in Hill County, was listed in "good to fair" condition today at Cogdell Memorial Hospital with back pain and a laceration to his forehead.

A Department of Public Safety trooper said Griffith was driving a northbound 1987 Kenworth owned by W.M. Thomas Trucking of Albuquerque, N.M., when he was hit from behind by a 1986 Freightliner driven by 34-year-old David President of Temple and owned by Wilsonart of Temple.

President and his passenger, 30-year-old Daley Russell of Temple, were treated for minor injuries at Cogdell and released following the 6 a.m. Tuesday accident, which happened 1.5 miles west of Dermott.

Both trucks rolled to a stop after the collision without overturning, the DPS investigator said.

Fire call

Firemen were called to Snyder Oaks Care Center at 210 37th St. at 8:35 a.m. today to check a situation in which smoke was reportedly coming from an air conditioner vent.

"We never could find anything," a department spokesman said, adding that the smoke might have been caused by a piece of lint.

The firefighters returned to the station at 9:10 a.m.

Two arrested

Tuesday arrests by city and county officers included a Snyder woman who was taken into custody for failure to see that a child was attending school.

The woman, whose age was not reported, was arrested on a misdemeanor charge by a county sheriff's deputy at 1:20 p.m. at a home in the 1300 Block of Ave. M.

A 32-year-old man was arrested by city police on a misdemeanor theft warrant at 9:23 a.m. at the police station.

Police check vandalism case

Police are investigating a vehicle vandalism case that was reported at 7:22 a.m. Tuesday in the 200 Block of 35th St.

William Bounds of 213 35th told officers that someone had slashed two tires on his 1974 Chevrolet pickup.

Drug charges...

Mayor Barry pleads innocent today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mayor Marion Barry pleaded innocent today to cocaine possession and perjury charges filed after a 14-month investigation of his ties to a convicted drug dealer.

At the brief hearing, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson set June 4 for the trial on three felony charges of lying to a grand jury and five misdemeanor cocaine possession charges.

The mayor's attorney, R. Kenneth Mundy, said in a statement outside the courthouse afterward that Barry was "anticipating the trial and anticipating winning the trial."

Mundy said there would be no plea bargaining and Barry would not resign from public office.

Barry, who has denied ever using cocaine or other drugs, has been undergoing treatment at substance abuse centers in Florida and South Carolina for what aides have said is alcoholism.

Mundy said the mayor's treatment for alcoholism was "going well" and Barry was in "good spirits."

Barry entered the courthouse through a side door and held up two fingers in a "victory" sign.

Extraordinary security procedures were in effect. Reporters

and photographers were moved across the street to allow Barry free access to the courthouse.

Barry and his wife Effi had difficulty entering the building for a court appearance on Jan. 19, the day after he was arrested, because of a crush of reporters and camera crews.

Several members of the Guardian Angels, an anti-crime-patrol group, carried signs calling for Barry's resignation outside the courthouse today. One sign read, "Do The Right Thing — Resign."

Barry arrived in the nation's capital Tuesday from the Fenwick Hall hospital outside Charleston, S.C., where he is enrolled in a substance abuse treatment program.

The charges stem from an investigation into Barry's ties to a convicted drug dealer. One possession charge involved the mayor's Jan. 18 arrest in an FBI sting operation at a downtown Washington hotel.

City Corporation Counsel Herbert O. Reid said Barry would return to Fenwick Hall hospital after his court appearance.

If convicted of all charges filed against him, the mayor could face a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$1.25 million fine.

Exxon faces criminal charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Exxon Corp. faces criminal charges and \$700 million or more in possible penalties from last year's tanker spill that left hundreds of miles of Alaska shoreline polluted with oil.

A federal grand jury in Alaska brought a five-count indictment against the giant oil company and its shipping subsidiary on Tuesday, charging it violated a number of federal laws in connection with the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

"The indictment ... represents our best shot at prosecuting this incident," Attorney General Dick

Thornburgh said in announcing the indictment.

The massive spill occurred when the huge tanker veered off course in Prince William Sound and struck a reef on March 24, 1989, spilling 11 million gallons of crude. It was the worst oil catastrophe in U.S. history and caused widespread damage to wildlife and Alaska's ecology.

In New York, Exxon chairman Lawrence G. Rawl in a statement called the grounding "a tragic accident" for which Exxon and its shipping subsidiary "have apologized to the American people, especially the people of

Alaska."

"Nobody willfully grounded the ship or caused the spill," said Rawl.

Exxon has spent more than \$2 billion in cleanup efforts, but environmentalists argue that the job is far from completed and the total damages to natural resources may not be known for years.

The indictment included two felony and three misdemeanor charges that could lead to a total \$1.6 million in criminal fines. In addition, the government said it would seek at least \$700 million — perhaps substantially more — in penalties under a separate law that allows recovery of twice the

amount of proven losses.

Thornburgh said the eventual penalties against Exxon could be substantially higher, depending on the amount of losses determined at the time of a court verdict.

Rawl's statement said: "We will defend ourselves in court against these charges. We believe there is no statutory basis for the amount of the fines mentioned by the U.S. attorney general."

The charges stemmed from reports that Exxon officials were aware that Valdez captain Joseph Hazelwood had a history of drunken driving convictions in New York state.

Income tax is forecast

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the Texas Department of Health and an increasing demand for state services.

"I'd say eventually, if we don't pass a tax bill in this special session, it would certainly be something we will have to seriously consider in the regular session" in 1991, he said.

Gov. Bill Clements opposes any

new taxes in the 30-day special session.

Clements called the session after the Texas Supreme Court gave lawmakers a May 1 deadline for changing the school finance system and a federal judge ruled the countywide system of electing judges in nine urban counties is illegal.

Unless the governor's stand changes, lawmakers are unlikely to pass a tax increase this session, Lewis said. The speaker emphasized he isn't pushing new taxes at this point.

"I have not endorsed a tax bill and will not until it's proven to me we have to have one," he said. Lewis said among options expected to be discussed are expanding the sales tax to food and medicine, and creation of a state personal income tax.

Unemployment at 4.8%

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Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers said the news was good however.

"We had expected this month's rate to go up because of the freeze in the valley, but that did not happen."

Border areas, however, did see increases in unemployment. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area, where the bulk of the layoffs due to the freeze occurred, suffered an increase of almost three percentage points, to 19.5 percent, and had the highest rate in the state.

The Bryan-College Station area continued to show the lowest unemployment rate, 3.4 percent. Unemployment rates in the area near Scurry County included the following:

Borden — 5.7 percent, with 398

employed from a work force of 422.

Fisher — 5.4 percent with 2,216 employed from a work force of 2,342.

Garza — 4.4 percent with 1,842 employed from a work force of 1,927.

Lubbock — 4.3 percent with 108,854 employed from a work force of 113,804.

Mitchell — 7.4 percent with 3,377 employed from a work force of 3,645.

Nolan — 6.5 percent with 7,247 employed from a work force of 7,754.

Taylor — 5.4 percent with 49,268 employed from a work force of 52,061.

Tom Green — 5.3 percent with 41,662 employed from a work force of 43,985.

Births

Robin and Lynn Humphries are the parents of a baby boy weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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Study says military service does not help disadvantaged

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Vietnam-era program intended to give low-aptitude and disadvantaged youth a "leg up" on life by lowering standards for entry into the military was a failure, a study concludes.

Allowing those people to enter military service did not improve their lot later in civilian life, said the private study conducted for the Defense Department.

"In fact, in terms of employment status, educational achievement, and income those who never served were better off than those who had been in the military," said the study.

"These data provide no evidence to support the hypothesis that military service offers a 'leg up' to low-aptitude and disadvantaged youth as they seek to overcome their cognitive and skill deficits and compete successfully in the civilian world," the study said.

"Project 100,000's social promises were not kept," social scientist Janice H. Laurence said in testimony submitted for a hearing today before the House

Veterans' Affairs subcommittee on oversights and investigations.

Project 100,000 was the name given by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara to the social engineering effort under which the military was viewed as a stepping stone for social advancement.

The study raised questions about current proposals to encourage the use of the military to help youth overcome their social and educational disadvantages. It also questioned whether large numbers of veterans are entitled to remedial help.

"We need to examine how we can reach out to these veterans and open up opportunities that the program was supposed to create," said Rep. Lane Evans, D-Ill., who chairs the subcommittee.

Laurence is a senior scientist with Human Resources Research Organization, the Alexandria, Va.-based group that conducted the study for the Defense Department.

The study raised the ethical question of whether lower-aptitude people should be excluded from the military except in times of national peril.

Under the program, so-called "low-aptitude recruits" — those scoring below a normal cutoff on the Armed Forces Qualification Test — entered the service with promises of traditional and

EMT brush up course slated

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) can update their skills in a 40-hour course scheduled to begin March 6 through the Western Texas College Continuing Education department.

Classes will meet from 6-10 p.m. for 10 Tuesday nights, ending May 8. Fees are \$60 per person.

To pre-register call the WTC Continuing Education office at 573-8511, ext. 240.

Real estate math to begin soon

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Most classes will meet from 6:30-9:20 p.m. on Monday and Thursday nights. A Saturday session on March 31 will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a Sunday class on April 1 will run from 1-6 p.m. Classes will end on April 12.

Pat Cornett will be the instructor for the course. Fees are \$56.25 and students will need to purchase a textbook costing \$20.

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—North Elementary January Students of the Month are from left, back row: Kayla Drain, Shawn Wittie, and Amy Vaughan, all 6th graders; Scott Coward, 4th grade; and Jeremiah Wittie, 5th grade; middle row: Alesha Miller and Laurie Renteria, both 2nd graders; Lindsey Stansell and Todd Leatherwood, both 3rd graders; and Richard Castillo, 5th grade; bottom row: Jamie Jones and Jennifer Bell, both 1st graders; Melissa Clark, kindergarten; Amanda Mendez, pre-kindergarten; and John Nix, 3rd grade. Not pictured are Angela French, Tamala French and Jeffrey Proctor. (SDN Staff Photo)

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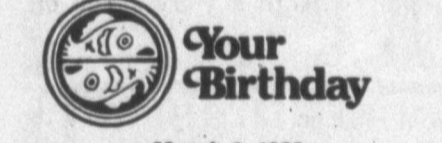
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Astrograph

by Bernice Bede Osol



March 1, 1990

There should be a definite upsurge in your social life in the year ahead. Important advantages can be gained from persons with whom you'll be associating.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Something for which you're presently hoping might appear to be a bit outlandish to the casual observer, but don't let this discourage you. Ways can be found to make wishes real. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have good possibilities for improving your material position today, provided you're alert enough to recognize when to jump in and when to stand pat. Use your best judgment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Leadership, desire and initiative are numbered among your more dominant qualities today. With these attributes going for you, success is likely in important endeavors.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) For best results today, make it a point to keep your intentions to yourself. If you feel a need to discuss matters with someone, limit it to a contributor who is also directly involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your expectations and enthusiasm will be contagious today. It won't take much on your behalf to get others aroused and interested in issues or causes you personally champion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Meaningful objectives can be achieved today, especially if they pertain to your ambitions or material interests. Focus in on your desires and play to win.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are both persuasive and perceptive today. These pluses should make it possible for you to influence someone who is in a position to convince others they should also support your interests.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Conditions in general look favorable for you today, but you are likely to enjoy your greatest successes in joint ventures rather than those you do independently of others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your judgment is exceptionally keen today and there are indications you may make a critical decision that will turn out to be beneficial for others as well as for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) What you start out to do today you are very likely to finish. You have the faculty for seeing things through to a conclusion that will both please you and do credit to your reputation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are presently in a favorable social cycle. Persons with whom you'll be involved will find you charismatic and fun to be around. Don't be surprised if you're more in demand than usual.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your greatest gifts today are your abilities to either make or save money. Do everything you can to try to derive benefits from both areas.

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Mayor will decide by Monday

BIG SPRING, Texas (AP) — Mayor Max Green has to decide by Monday on whether he will resign from office or face a recall election after signatures on a recall petition were declared valid.

City officials announced Tuesday that the recall petition turned in last week is valid.

Assistant City Secretary Lana East said officials have certified that the petition has the signatures of at least 894 registered voters living within the city limits.

City Manager Hal Boyd said he already had informed Green that the petition would be declared valid and the mayor had no comment.

Green has until Monday to decide whether he will resign, Boyd said. He had no comment on whether Green planned to follow through with lawsuits to stop the election that has been considered.

If Green does not resign, then the City Council must call a special election not less than 10 days, but no more than 20 days, after the waiting period, Boyd said.

A simple majority can vote to retain or remove Green from office, according to city officials. If Green is voted out of office, the council must appoint someone to serve the remainder of his term, which expires in May 1992.

Councilwoman Gail Earls, who carried pages of the petition, said she learned only minutes before the news conference that the petition was sufficient.

"I think it paid off - all our hard work," Ms. Earls said of the petitioners' month-long effort. "We did it to the best of our knowledge. We tried to keep it clean."

Ms. Earls, who asked Green to resign after he revealed allegations of illegal gambling at the police department at a special meeting in mid-January, said she won't publicly call for his resignation again.

"I think he's the one that's going to have to make the next step," she said of the mayor.

Earls said she may or may not actively campaign against the mayor if a recall election is held. She said she prefers to leave the issue to the voters.

Cabinet making course slated

An Adult Education course in cabinet making will be offered by Western Texas College starting March 8.

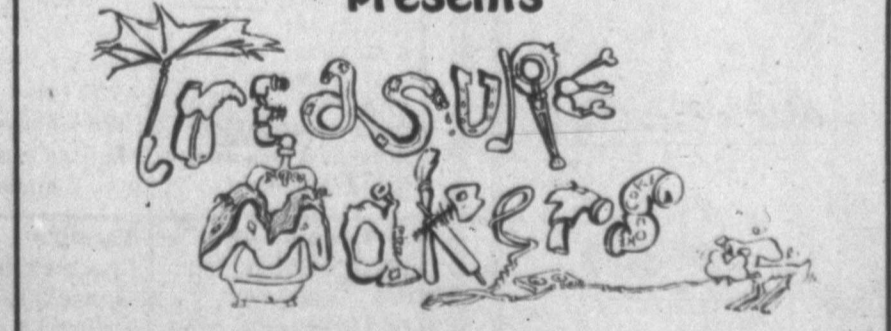
Max Snider will be the instructor for the 72-hour course and classes will meet at his shop. Classes are scheduled from 6-10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 8-May 15.

Instruction will include wood-working skills, with students introduced to all the basic wood-working tools. Each student will complete at least one project.

Fees for the course are \$125 and students will provide their own materials.

Call 573-8511, ext. 240 to pre-register. The class will be limited to 12 members.

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ELAINE SMYLIE
Elaine Smylie joins Phi Kappa

Elaine Smylie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Smylie, has recently been selected for membership in Phi Kappa Phi. This organization recognizes both academic achievements and character. Smylie ranks in the top ten percent of all seniors at Texas Tech University. In addition, Smylie was named to the Dean's List for the fall 1989 semester. She received a scholarship for the 1990 spring semester from her department. She is a speech and hearing science major. She will graduate with a bachelor's degree in May and plans to continue her education at Texas Tech, pursuing a master's degree in speech and hearing sciences.

Centennial year workshop slated

ABILENE — A special centennial year workshop for 60 key officers from 10 West Texas Hermann Sons lodges will be held Sunday at the Royal Inn, 5687 S. First in Abilene, according to Leroy Muehlstein of Converse, grand president of the Order of the Sons of Hermann in Texas. Preparing for the year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of the order March 27, 1890, in San Antonio will be local lodge presidents, vice presidents, corresponding secretaries, financial secretaries, treasurers and three members of the finance committee. Also attending will be area members of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Activities Committee. The workshop, one of seven scheduled in different parts of Texas in February and March, will begin at 10 a.m. with sessions on broad perspectives of lodge leadership and growth. Following a luncheon at noon, sessions will continue on educational programs to stimulate interest and enthusiasm within local lodges. Muehlstein will preside and make the opening and closing remarks. Assisting him will be First Grand Vice President Oscar Kuehner, Second Grand Vice President Vernon Schultz and Grand Trustee Herbert Schramm, all of San Antonio; Grand Secretary-Treasurer Lela Mae Fields of Seguin; District Supervisor Milton Yearly of Burnet; and George Oliver of San Antonio, a sales consultant. Hermleigh Lodge No. 256 will participate in the workshop, along with lodges from Lubbock, Odessa, Abilene, El Paso, San Angelo, Rowena, Old Glory, Haskell and Roscoe.

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Exiles still dream Cuba will be free

MIAMI (AP) — In the cafes, meeting rooms and streets of Little Havana, Cuban exiles say the election-booth ouster of Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega shows Fidel Castro's fall is finally within reach. Euphoria took hold here as democratic changes began sweeping Eastern Europe. Now that a domino effect has put Panama's Manuel Noriega in jail and appears to have knocked Ortega from power, many exiles say Castro's downfall is inevitable. "In the streets, the Cubans are saying 'Yesterday was Manuel. Today is Daniel. And tomorrow is Fidel.' That is the popular joke," said Tomas Garcia Fuste, a commentator at the Spanish language radio station WQBA. "Never before have we been so close. 'I have convinced myself that

we'll have a chance to go to Cuba with the year." The stunning upset by the opposition in Nicaragua shows it is impossible to predict the amount of support a dictator enjoys from his people, said Jorge Mas Canosa, director of the right-wing Cuban American National Foundation. "Cuban people love democracy

and freedom as much as their neighbor," Mas Canosa said Tuesday. "Most Cubans must be asking why not in Cuba? Why not on the island?" In Miami, business owners are preparing to cash in the untapped consumer demand of 10 million people if the United States renews trade with a democratic Cuba.

Some of the city's estimated 700,000 Cuban exiles are delaying vacations and putting off buying houses, hoping their decades-old refrain, "Next year in Havana," might come true. "It's not only our feeling. Castro is in his countdown," said Modesto Castaner, a veteran of the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961. "The Cuban people are standing by for something to happen."

The excitement among exiles is growing stronger despite evidence that Castro, 62, remains as strong as ever. Cuba's communist leadership, facing widespread food shortages and possible cuts in the \$5

billion in annual aid the country gets from the Soviet Union, rejected multiparty rule at a meeting Feb. 16 while calling for some reforms to "perfect" the revolution Castro led 31 years ago. About 5,000 people ready to go to work in a new Cuba have signed on with the group called Cuban Municipalities in Exile in a project begun several weeks ago. The names on the list include builders, doctors, plumbers, teachers and farmers, said Roberto Rodriguez Aragon, the group's president.

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Canadian sentenced

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A would-be arms smuggler from Canada who became a government witness against a Swedish businessman accused of arms smuggling and money laundering has been sentenced to 12 months in prison for his role in a plot to smuggle military hardware to Iran.

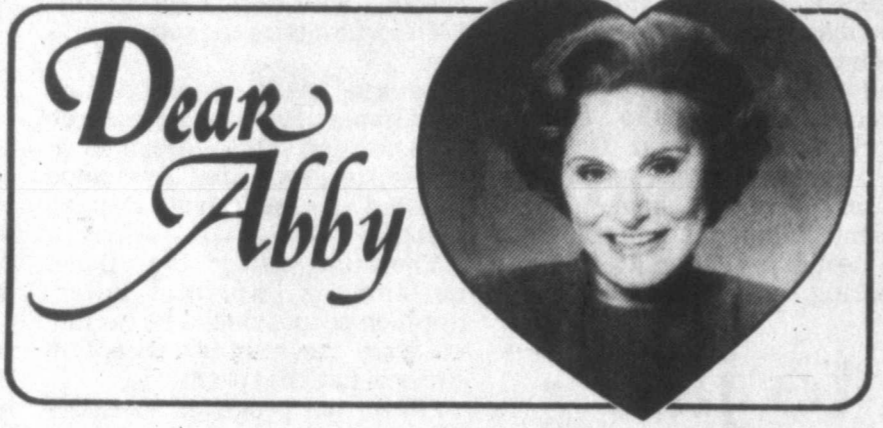
U.S. District Judge Hayden W. Head Jr. Tuesday sentenced Ronald Hilton Arab, 52, of Vancouver, Canada, and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 fine.

Arab was the third person to be sentenced in a federal arms smuggling case that began last May when U.S. Customs agents arrested a trio at Corpus Christi International Airport on charges of violating export-control laws. Authorities alleged that Arab, his wife, Eileen Audrey Arab, 52, and Karl Erik Nissen, 62, of Norrkoping, Sweden, were plotting to ship millions of dollars worth of aircraft parts, weapons and military hardware to Iran.

The Arabs pleaded guilty to conspiracy and money-laundering charges last October and agreed to assist authorities in their prosecution of both Arabs testified during the three-week trial of Nissen, who was convicted of conspiracy, arms smuggling and money laundering. Nissen on Monday was sentenced to 44 months in prison and fined \$10,000.

Head sentenced Eileen Arab to three years probation in December.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Berg and defense attorney Homero Vasquez pointed out Arab's testimony Tuesday in asking Head to give the man a lenient sentence.



Mom Isn't Happy to Learn That Her Daughter Is Gay

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Last November, I lost my only daughter when a friend called from college to tell me that my daughter is a lesbian! I called my daughter to ask if it was true, and without a word of remorse, she said, "Yes, Mom."

Abby, here it is months later, and I still can't accept it. When she left for college, she was very much in love with her childhood sweetheart — at least I thought she was. They always said they'd get married after graduation. This college she went to changed all that.

Abby, please advise parents to check out the college their children want to go to. I learned too late that this college is nicknamed "Lesbian U" because so many girls become bonded to each other there. I understand that the college is aware of this but looks the other way.

Here's where you come in, Abby. The gays have rights — there are organizations everywhere for gays. What about parents? Don't we have rights? Or must we live our lives with broken hearts, longing for the grandchildren we will never have?

Since most of us must remain anonymous, your column could help us. Everyone reads Dear Abby. Maybe you could start a support group and unite us. Perhaps sharing our heartaches will help all of us.

MOM FOREVER SAD

DEAR SAD: Young women do not "become" lesbians as a result of "bonding" at college or elsewhere. The seeds of sexuality are planted much earlier — and there are multiple roots. You need to know much more than I can tell you in a letter, Mom. There is a support group for parents in situations similar to your own, with chapters throughout the country. It's called Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PARENTS FLAG for short). Write to it, and you will be sent literature that will be both helpful and comforting. You will also be told when and where the chapter nearest you meets.

The address is: Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Family Chapter and Support Office, P.O. Box 20308, Denver, Colo. 80220.

Enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped (45 cents) envelope, and, because it is a non-profit organization, please enclose a dollar to cover the cost of the literature. If you do not have the dollar, write anyway, and the literature will be sent to you. This caring group of parents exists for the purpose of helping friends and parents of lesbians and gays who have heavy hearts and numerous unanswered questions.

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