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Ask Us

Q—In reference to a recent Ask Us question about the Special Olympics meet it was stated that it would be held April 20. I understand it is to be held April 19. Which is correct?
A—The date has been changed, and is now set for April 19. There will be 26 participants from Snyder.

In Brief

No indictment

HOUSTON (AP) — A state grand jury has decided not to indict a Houston police officer who fatally shot a man arrested after a four-hour standoff with a SWAT team in January. The grand jury found Monday that officer R.J. Johnson acted within the line of duty Jan. 4 when he shot Daniel Oran Strother, 37. Strother had been arrested after holding his three daughters hostage and threatening to kill his family.

Local

Theft trial

The state was expected to rest its case early this afternoon in the trial of Jim B. Weatherford, a 56-year-old Breckenridge man charged with felony theft of a utility trailer. The defense portion of the trial, being held in Gene Dulaney's 132nd District Court, was expected to get underway by mid-afternoon. The case is being prosecuted by District Attorney Ernie Armstrong, and defense counsel is Mark Piland of Colorado City.

St. Elizabeth

The annual St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival will be held from 11:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the parish center, 30th St. and Ave. A. Tickets for the all-you-can-eat meal are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children grades 1-6 and \$1 for younger children. Door prizes, and game booths will also be available.

Scout-A-Rama

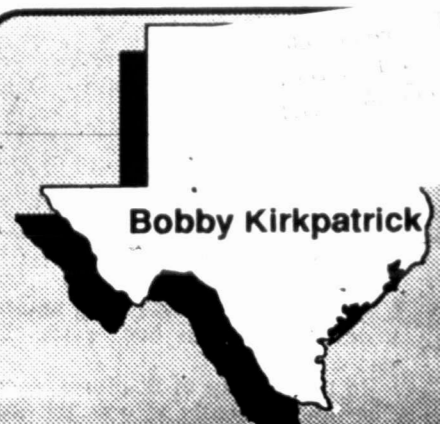
The Lone Buffalo District Scout-A-Rama is scheduled Saturday at the National Guard Armory in Towle Park. Rama hours will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and tickets are \$1 at the door. Some 100 boys are expected to be at the event, participating in pinewood derby races and manning booths concerning scout activities.

Car wash

Snyder Jaycees will hold a car wash and bake sale beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at Everybody's Thriftway.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 90 degrees; low, 51 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 51 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1990 to date, 6.47 inches. Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy and cooler with a 70 percent chance of rain. Low in lower 50s. East wind 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday, cloudy and not as cool with a 60 percent chance of rain morning and thunderstorms, few possibly severe, in afternoon. High in lower 70s. Southeast wind 15 to 20 mph and gusty. Lake wind advisory may be required.



Snyder Daily News



ACCIDENT — DPS trooper Rick Campos, right, and highway department employee George Larralde were at the scene of this truck-pickup collision this morning north of Snyder. A city woman and her 3-year-old son were hurt, the woman critically. (SDN Staff Photo)

Wreck leaves woman critical; son, 3, injured

A 26-year-old Snyder woman and her 3-year-old son were injured, the woman critically, in a collision between their pickup truck and a tractor-trailer rig at 9:35 a.m. today on Farm-to-Market 1611 about a mile east of U.S. 84 north of town. A Department of Public Safety trooper said a Ford pickup driven by Kelly Bloom of Clairmont Rt. was southbound on 1611 when it was in collision with a westbound Freightliner truck driven by Terry L. Burns, 31, of 107 36th St. Bloom and her son, Tanner, were taken by Snyder EMS Ambulance Service to Cogdell Memorial Hospital, where the mother was listed in critical condition with head injuries and her son was in "undetermined" condition near midday. The DPS investigator said the pickup was coming through a curve on 1611 and was going to continue south from there on a county road when the truck, coming west off another county road (see WRECK, page 8)

Howard to be Ira principal; TEAMS achievement lauded

Snyder public schools board of trustees approved resignations of three teachers, including one who will take over as principal of Ira schools, during a 20-minute board meeting Monday evening. The board also granted approval to seek bids for two boilers at the high school, recognized Stanfield Elementary for TEAMS tests achievement and heard a report from Gary Patterson, junior high principal. Rick Howard, former Snyder High School athletic trainer and current physical education teacher at East Elementary, will be taking over the controls at Ira, effective May 1. The board ap-

proved the 12-year Snyder ISD veteran's resignation Monday, as well as those of second grade West Elementary teacher Jo Ann Peek, and Mary McCown, high school vocational education for the handicapped instructor. Their resignations and retirements are effective at the end of the current school year. "Having lived in Snyder for 12 years, I am well aware of the education Ira offers and I am looking forward to working with them," said Howard, who five years ago stepped aside as athletic trainer at Snyder High School to pursue a career in administration. Trustees Monday gave Maintenance Director Lawton Taylor the go-ahead to seek bids for two boilers at the high school. Taylor had informed the board during a workshop session that the boilers were in excess of 30 years old and were in deteriorating condition. He estimated at that time that the cost of the boilers would be between \$120,000 and \$130,000 for both. In other board action, President Billy Bob McMullan presented a certificate to Stanfield Elementary Principal Bob Travis from the Texas Education Agency, commending the students, administration and parents for exceptional achievement on the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills

(TEAMS) test. Over 90 percent of the students at Stanfield mastered the tests. "You've made achievements we are all proud of. We know this didn't come easily," Supt. Dalton Moseley told an audience of about 35 — many of them Stanfield teachers and members of the parent council. "We accept very humbly and hope we can continue," said Travis, in accepting the recognition. Patterson updated the board on activities at Snyder Junior High, noting that its campus improve- (see SISD, page 8)

Clements expands session on finance

AUSTIN (AP) — Midway through a second special legislative session on school finance reform, Gov. Bill Clements predicted the session would end in failure. But lawmakers today were expected to continue the battle when the House takes up \$114.4 million in proposed budget cuts that would go toward education. Meanwhile, legislative leaders ruled out a Texas lottery as a revenue source for increased school funding. Clements, saying it was a precautionary measure, Tuesday opened the agenda of the session

to include a bill designed to ensure schools stay open past a May 1 court deadline for reform. "It's time to put aside the political bickering. This is no time for partisan brinkmanship," Clements said. But the governor repeated his vow to cut any new taxes for education and indicated he would fight for deeper cuts when the House considers a measure to pay for school finance reform by slashing other state programs. Lawmakers are in their second 30-day special session to address the Texas Supreme Court's ruling (see FINANCE, page 8)



RICK HOWARD

Public forum Thursday... Program to address child sexual abuse scheduled at college

A program designed to bring a "community approach" to the complex and increasing problem of child sexual abuse begins Wednesday at Western Texas College. The program will run through Friday with a special community forum scheduled Thursday evening. The Multidisciplinary Institute for Child Sexual Abuse Intervention and Treatment program (MICSAIT) will bring together professionals from criminal justice, child protection services and treatment areas beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday in the Science Center. A special evening session is scheduled for the general public on Thursday from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. John Brodgen, MSSW and one of the MICSAIT faculty, will conduct the community forum with a presentation titled "Child

Sexual Abuse in the 90s." MICSAIT is being presented by Tarrant County Junior College of Fort Worth, which has been able to expand the program throughout the state due to a grant from the Criminal Justice Division of the governor's office. The program is aimed at such people as child protective service workers, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, probation officers, judges, therapists, physicians, school counselors and people in agencies such as rape crisis centers, women's shelters and victim witness programs. "With the problem this widespread, one might think a child could turn anywhere for help," said Jane Bingham, director. "But this is not the reality. Where does a child turn when Dad is the offender and Mom refuses to believe?" (see ABUSE, page 8)

Chamber directors discuss upcoming community events

Snyder Chamber of Commerce board members were informed of upcoming activities in the community and heard several reports during a Monday afternoon meeting. Chamber manager Bill Moss informed board members of upcoming events, including a joint civic club meeting to be held at Snyder Country Club on May 2, and a law enforcement appreciation banquet on May 10, to be held at the coliseum. The appreciation banquet will host representatives from 97 counties throughout West Texas. He also pointed out that May 5 is the date set for elections for the city council, college and school boards, as well as being May Day, the senior fund raiser, and the date for a 4-H rodeo at the rodeo grounds. In other business, the board amended its by-laws to change the number of directors on the board to 13 instead of 12. The 13th board member will be president

of the Goldcoats, or his designated representative. Jack Smartt, chairman of the chamber's economic development committee, addressed the board concerning several topics, noting that graduation for the next correctional officer training class at Western Texas College is scheduled for May 8. Texas Department of Criminal Justice (see CHAMBER, page 8)

currently attending Bruce's class at Midland College. "I've already applied many of the insights learned from his teaching, and they have revolutionized the way I relate to teenagers. I wish everyone could hear him." Bruce specializes in counseling for families, couples and for those who grew up in "dysfunctional" family systems or codependency. He offers counseling for pre-adolescents and adolescents who have emo- (see SEMINAR, page 8)

Excellence council to sponsor seminar

The Council for Educational Excellence will sponsor a seminar on parenting and boundaries conducted by J. Kwame Bruce, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Lunch will be served from noon until 1 p.m. There will be a \$10 registration fee to help defray the cost of the seminar. "I wish I had met Mr. Bruce 20 years ago," said Sue Eiring, Snyder Junior High teacher cur-

riculum specialist. "I've already applied many of the insights learned from his teaching, and they have revolutionized the way I relate to teenagers. I wish everyone could hear him." Bruce specializes in counseling for families, couples and for those who grew up in "dysfunctional" family systems or codependency. He offers counseling for pre-adolescents and adolescents who have emo- (see SEMINAR, page 8)

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The SDN Column By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There's always better results when people talk to one another instead of about another." A Minnesota senator explained his "lapse of judgement" this way after it was revealed that he had arranged for his speaking fees to go to the publisher of a book he had written. The book publisher then turned around and paid the senator a fee for book promotion. This process was used to filter about \$200,000 in fees during a two-year period. The senator said his lapse in good judgement gave the false appearance that he was trying to improperly avoid the limits placed on income that senators can earn for making speeches. "I made a mistake," the senator said. Translated: "I got caught." Speaking of excuses, here's a list of the ten

most frequently used: -I forgot. -No one told me to go ahead. -I didn't think it was that important. -Wait until the boss comes back and ask him. -I didn't know you were in a hurry for it. -That's the way we've always done it. -That's not in my department. -How was I to know this was different? -I'm waiting for an okay. -That's his job, not mine. A medical researcher at the University of Pennsylvania has concluded that a secretary can gain seven pounds in one year just by switching from a manual typewriter to a computer. He says it takes less effort not only for typing but for file retrieval. The less effort burns fewer calories, resulting in weight gain. Just wait until the lawyers hear about this.



RHO CHI OFFICERS—Officers of Rho Chi, an honorary society of upper classmen in pharmacy, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford for the 1989-90 school year are from left, Floy Green of Snyder, treasurer; Martha Jane Lewis of Canton, secretary; and Amy

Mueller, of Oklahoma City, Okla., vice president. Standing from left, Dr. Peter Ratto, SWOSU faculty advisor; John Hudspeth of Ada, president; and Pran Bhakta, of Lubbock, historian. (SWOSU Photo)

Court lets rule stand

PURDY, Mo. (AP) — The legal dance through the justice system is over for students in this Ozarks hamlet who want to cut the rug at their school but can't because of a 100-year-old ban on high-steppin'.

The U.S. Supreme Court decision Monday left intact the school board's no-dancing rule.

Opponents of the ban plan no appeal. The best they can hope for is to elect school board members who are pro-dancing, said Howard Fox, one of 21 students and parents who had sued four years ago in an attempt to overturn the rule.

The current board members "are not going to be there forever," Fox said. "Ultimately we will dance on their graves, figuratively."

Most residents of the village of 900 were reluctant to discuss the ruling. Many, including students at Purdy High School, just shook their heads and walked away. Others, like Lois Dawn and Fox's wife, Joan, had plenty to say.

"It's these new people who have moved in," Mrs. Dawn said of several families who sued to overturn the ban. "This is a Baptist town. ... Who are these people to come in and inflict their views on everyone else?"

Mrs. Fox shook her head and sighed.

"We've lived in this town for 12 years and we're still considered outsiders, mostly because we're Catholic," she said. "It's an extreme victory for liars, cheats and hypocrites. I think the judicial system in this country has gone to pot."

Mrs. Dawn graduated from 100-year-old Purdy High in 1957, when the only kind of dancing allowed was in gym class.

In 1986, the students and parents sued. A federal judge agreed with them that the ban was motivated by fundamentalist ministers fervently opposed to dancing and was thus a violation of separation of church and state.

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.



By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the past 4 1/2 months, I've suffered from a painful shoulder injury. Three doctors have three opinions, ranging from "I don't know" to a separated shoulder. One suggested cortisone injections, followed by physical therapy. X-rays have failed to shed any light on my problem. Do you have any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Most of the pain-sensitive structures in the shoulder are radiolucent soft tissues, meaning that X-rays pass through them without creating much of a shadow. Therefore, standard X-ray examinations for shoulder pain don't give particularly helpful information, unless

an injury caused a bone fracture — or physicians are investigating unusual conditions, such as bone cysts, that can cause pain.

In the absence of fractures, shoulder injury usually affects the ligaments, tendons and supporting structures, none of which can be seen on X-ray. For example, you may have damaged a tendon, developed bursitis or torn the rotator cuff (the stabilizing tissue around the joint). These ailments are usually diagnosed by physical examination, rather than by tests. However, a special kind of X-ray, called an arthrogram, is often used to diagnose specific injuries of the soft tissues of the shoulder.

I suggest you get checked by an orthopedic surgeon. Such a specialist should be able to diagnose the cause of your pain and clarify the apparent confusion exhibited by your other doctors. You may eventually need medication, such as cortisone injections, and physical therapy, but I'd hesitate to recommend treatment until the cause of your problem has been identified.

To provide you with additional information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had nerve compression on my lower back. My orthopedic surgeon did a lumbar laminectomy. Both feet still get very hot and "shocky," and my legs throb. Will these unpleasant aftereffects of the surgery eventually go away?

DEAR READER: I don't know. If you had surgery within the past few weeks, you may be experiencing unusual symptoms caused by the healing process; the situation will probably improve. If your surgery occurred months or years ago, you may be experiencing the consequences of nerve damage, which could be permanent. Lumbar laminectomy is surgery to relieve the pain and other symptoms of a herniated spinal disc.

My standard reply to questions such as yours is "ask your surgeon," who may have a perfectly logical explanation for your continuing difficulty. If the surgeon cannot answer your question, ask for a referral to another orthopedist (or a neurosurgeon) for a second opinion.

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TACPO names new officers

The Texas Association of Cotton Producer Organizations (TACPO) has announced a change in its list of officers for 1990. Elected to serve as TACPO president at a recent meeting was Dan Pustejovsky, a Blacklands cotton producer from Hillsboro.

Bob Bickley, a Trans Pecos cotton grower and executive officer of the Trans Pecos Cotton Association of Pecos was elected to serve as vice president. Elected as the organization's secretary-treasurer was David Oefinger of Victoria. Ed Ekdahl, outgoing president and cotton producer from Stamford was moved to the office of TACPO chairman.

Larry Schwarz of Snyder represents Rolling Plains cotton growers on the TACPO Board.

Member organizations of TACPO include Blacklands Cotton and Grain Association, Cotton and Grain Producers of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, El Paso Valley Cotton Association, Plains Cotton Growers Association, Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association, Southern Rolling Plains Growers Association, South Texas Cotton and Grain Association, St. Lawrence Cotton Growers Association and Trans Pecos Cotton Association.

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Anchor focus of ad campaign

DALLAS (AP) — Television news anchor John Criswell won't be back on the air until June, but his new employers at Dallas' KDFW-TV still want to keep him in the spotlight.

The station taped Criswell's mouth shut and ran a picture of him that way in full-page newspaper ads. "Until we can give you Criswell live, you'll have to settle for Criswell taped," the ads say.

It's an advertising blitz to keep viewers from forgetting Criswell during his move from WFAA, the

top-ranked Dallas station where he has worked 19 of the last 25 years.

"The campaign is designed obviously to cause people to talk about us ... and give us a look," Criswell said Monday. "This campaign that you're seeing now is good until I get on the air."

Criswell, who left WFAA in February, is barred from anchoring at his new station until June 1 — the day after the spring ratings sweeps end.

His hiatus was negotiated by the two stations in a legal battle over Criswell's contract obligations.

He will be introduced June 4 as the new co-anchor of KDFW's 6

p.m. and 10 p.m. newscasts, joining veteran anchor Clarice Tinsley at the CBS station. The move displaces current co-anchor Steve Bosch, who will retain the 5 p.m. newscast, said KDFW General Manager Jeff Rosser.

The settlement also prohibited KDFW from using Criswell or his voice in any television ads.

Forced to improvise, Rosser said, the station chose what he termed a "risky" campaign.

Designed by the Dallas agency Vergati Stevenson, the campaign portrays the anchor as comically anxious to get back on the air. The newspaper ads premiered Sunday and are being followed by ads on TV, radio, billboards and buses.

A new TV ad shows an unseen cameraman sneaking toward Criswell's house at night.

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only a brief mention that newspapers offer coupons, give you great flexibility of size, and can leave a lasting impression on your customers, we'd run out of...

"We Reach Thousands Everyday."

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573-5486

Bufkin to get MD degree in June ceremony

Bradley Lance Bufkin, 25, will be awarded an M.D. degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston in commencement ceremonies set for June 4.

He has been accepted into the general surgery residency program at Emory University in Atlanta.

Bufkin, a 1982 graduate of Pecos High School, earned a B.A. in chemistry in 1986 from Texas Tech University.

He is the son of Larry and Neva Bufkin of Snyder and the son-in-law of Marion and Shirlene Hagler of Lubbock.

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Awards presented

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — Woody Harrelson may not know what a Sagamore of the Wabash is, but he knew he wanted to present one to his former theater professor.

So Harrelson, who plays the goofy bartender Woody Boyd on "Cheers," flew into Fort Wayne on Friday to present Hanover College professor Tom Evans and his wife, Barbara Farrar, with state awards called Sagamores.

For Results Use Snyder Daily News Classified Ads Call 573-5486

Happy Birthday
Sister - Choc - Charlene
Maude - Overholt - Robinson
I know how old you are
and still love you.
John



VIVACE JR. MUSIC CLUB — Members of the Vivace Jr. Music Club recently held a "Festival Capers" theme meeting. Hosting the event were left to right Hope Papay, Temple Latimer of Colorado City, Amy Armstrong, Cole Latimer of Colorado City and Jason Warren. (Private Photo)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY
 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.
 Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
 TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444 or Mae Cole at 573-8628.
 Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m.
 Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
 "Ten Little Indians,"; Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre; 8 p.m.; for tickets call 573-8511 extension 234.
 Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 8 p.m.
 New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 863-2348 or 573-6820.
 Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.)

WEDNESDAY
 Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; noon.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Scurry County Penwomen; 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.
 Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.
 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
 Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members urged to attend; 10 a.m.
 Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; noon.

For Earth Day carry own cup

NEW YORK (AP) — Carry your own cup to the coffee wagon at work and do your part to save the environment.
 That's the message that Villerooy & Boch, makers of fine china, are trying to get across in its "Let's Mug America" campaign for Earth Day.

The idea isn't to hold up the country, but to clean it up.
 "The goal is to impress upon Americans how a simple change of habit — such as using a porcelain mug — can make a world of difference," says Dale Ritter, president of the environmentally conscious company.

Ritter says a member of his New York staff pointed out last year that by using disposable plastic foam cups "we were violating our own policy, not to mention shamefully contributing to a problem we had the power — and product — to help control.

"So she ordered mugs for us all and personally placed one on everyone's desk. Now it is a cardinal sin to use throw-aways here at work."

Vivace hosts festival theme

Members of the Vivace Jr. Musical Club met recently in the home of Amy Armstrong. There were 54 guests present.
 "Festival Capers" was the theme for the meeting with hosts Jason Warren, Cole and Temple Latimer, Melissa Harris, Hope Papay and Armstrong. Parents were greeted by members as baskets of balloons adorned the house for the occasion.

Mrs. Ernie Armstrong welcomed members and guests before turning the program over to Andrea Helm, club president. A brief business meeting was conducted.

Program performers were: Brook Baldrige, Robin Cave, Blanden Chisum, Jim Chisum, Leigh Ann Fowler, Laura Hamby, Allison Harvey, Melissa Harris, Stephanie Hoyle, Jenise Judah, Amber Kelley, Alicia Kubena, Brooke Kubena, Cole Latimer, Temple Latimer, Ruth Ann Riddel, Cody Ridge, Angela Riggs, Nicki Riggs, Ellen Strayhorn, Deborah Zeck, Paul O'Connor, Jennifer Petty and Michelle Banta.

Plans are being made for the joint sponsorship of Stinson Behlen, dulcimer maker and performer, in concert at the Martha Ann Woman's Club April 22 beginning at 2 p.m.

Vivace Jr. Music Club recently competed in the Texas Federation Music Festival held at Texas Tech University. All superior ratings entitled each performer to enter the State Festival Competition held at the University May 12. Other upcoming programs include the Bethel Studio of Music Spring Concert, Saturday, April 21, at the MAWC; National Piano Guild Auditions at First Baptist Church Parlor April 30-May 5; and Studio Awards Night, May 25 at Willow Park Inn.



CONCERT — The Musical Coterie and Vivace Jr. Music Club of Snyder will present "The Country Gentleman" Stinson Behlen of Slaton in concert Sunday, April 22, 2 p.m. at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for all students. (Private Photo)

Society holds annual sale

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will have its annual garage and bake sale April 21 at the Towle Park Barn beginning at 9 a.m.
 All proceeds received will be used to purchase books and microfilm in an effort to expand the genealogical section of the Western Texas College Library.

For cookbook collectors, featured will be Jeanne Pruett's, "Miss Satin Sheets" of Nashville, "Feedin' Friends Cookbook." Both books one and two will be offered for \$10 each and her latest tape "Till I Can Make It On My Own" will be available for \$8.

In addition, there will be a cookbook given away in a drawing for anyone donating \$1 or more to the Society. The drawing will take place at the close of the garage sale, however, you need not be present to win. The winner will be notified and Pruett will announce the winner's name on Ralf Emery's "Nashville Now" program. The winner will be advised as to which night the announcement will be made.

Those interested in donating money or garage sale items may do so by taking them by the Barn after 4 p.m. April 20 or by contacting Jo Thrower at 573-2085 after 5 p.m.

The Scurry County Genealogical Society was formed to promote interest in family research. Genealogy is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the world. Anyone interested in "finding his roots" may meet with the Society the last Tuesday of each month. The location and time will be announced on the radio and in the newspaper prior to each meeting. Dues are \$10 per year. Visitors are always welcome.



WOMAN OF THE YEAR — The Scurry Charter Chapter of ABWA recently elected Faye Layne as Woman of the Year. Layne has been an active member of the organization for several years serving as president last year. Pictured from left to right are Vern Beasley, Layne and her granddaughter, Kiley Layne, and Carol Young. Beasley and Young were co-chairman of the event. (Private Photo)

Local delicacies in northeastern China include bear's paw and moose nose.

TEN LITTLE INDIANS

by Agatha Christie

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE THEATRE

Don't miss Agatha Christie's famous mystery comedy!

<p>SHOW ONLY</p> <p>Tuesday, April 17 Thursday, April 19</p> <p>Curtain: 8:00 p.m. Fine Arts Theatre</p> <p>Tickets: Adults \$5; Students \$3</p>	<p>DINNER THEATRE</p> <p>Friday, April 20 Saturday, April 21</p> <p>Dinner: 7:00 p.m., WTC Cafeteria</p> <p>Curtain: 8:00 p.m., Fine Arts Theatre</p> <p>Tickets: \$13</p>
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For reservations call the Fine Arts Division office, 573-8511, ext. 234
 (Note Dinner Theatre tickets must be picked up by noon Friday, April 20)

TRAVIS FLOWERS

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♦ Q 6 5

♥ 10 8 6 4

♦ A K Q 6 4

♣ A K Q 6 4

EAST

♦ 10 8 4 3 2

♥ Q 10 5

♦ 9 2

♣ J 9 8

SOUTH

♦ J 7

♥ 8 7 4 2

♦ 7 5

♣ 10 7 5 3 2

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East	Pass
1♥	1♠	1♣	1♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	2♦	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

still left with a spade to lose in addition to the queen of trumps.
 It is not hard to make 12 tricks. Declarer must play only one high heart. He can then play A-K and ruff a diamond, spade to the ace and another diamond ruff, and another spade to the king followed by a spade ruff. East cannot gain by ruffing early, since South will simply discard and can then draw the last trump before finishing his ruffing work. The reason declarer should not play two high rounds of trumps is that he may need to ruff three times in his hand.

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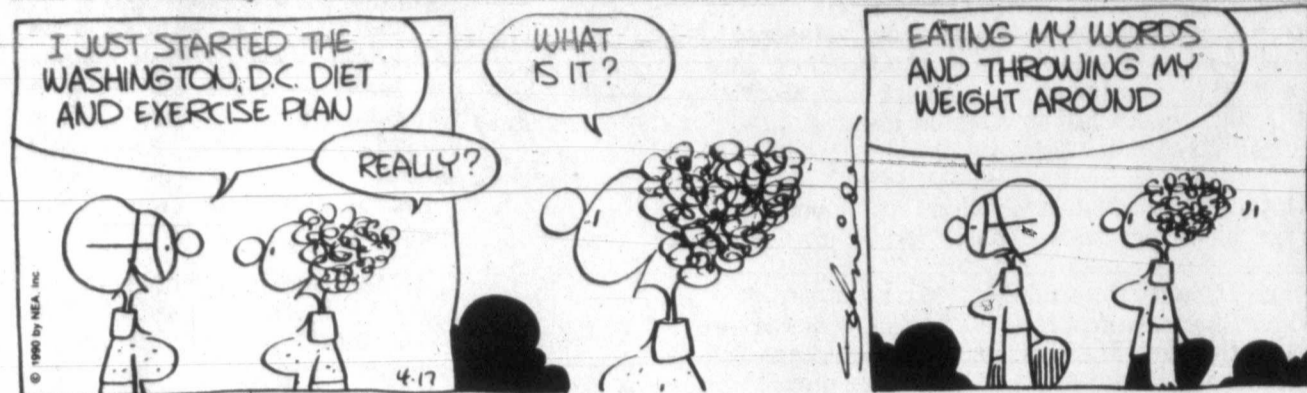
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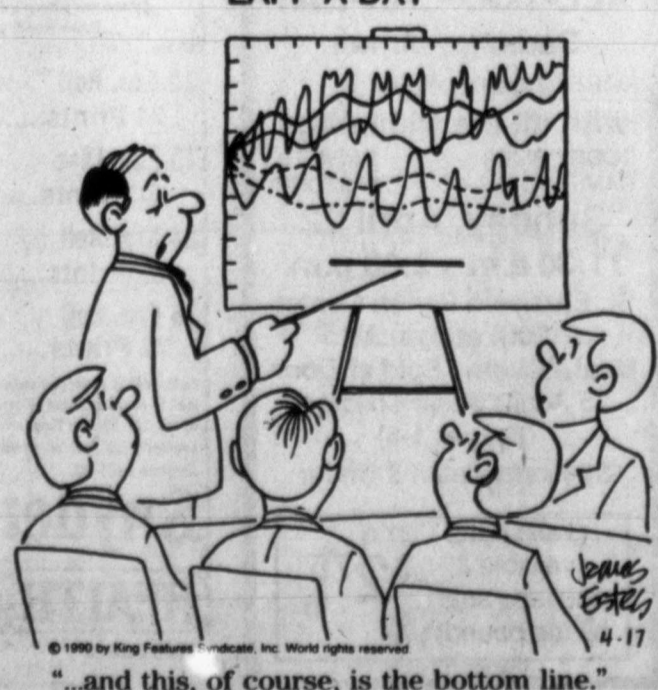
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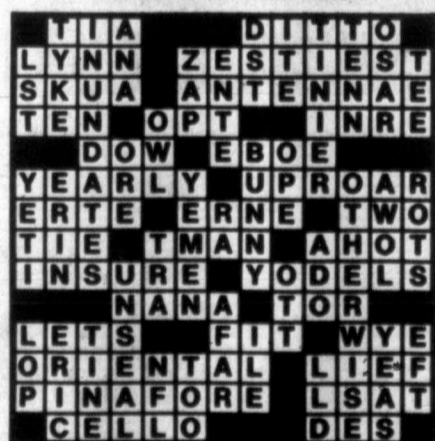
- 1 — it: ruled
- 7 Parallelogram
- 13 Bearlike
- 14 More uncanny
- 15 Unveil
- 16 Author Jean-Paul —
- 17 Sixth sense (abbr.)
- 18 Engine
- 20 Printer's measures
- 21 Forward dash
- 23 — Arafat
- 27 Moon goddess
- 31 Son of —
- 32 Spasm
- 33 Military base
- 34 Timber wolf
- 35 Bullfight cheer
- 36 Note duration of

- 37 Capture
- 39 Singer Bob —
- 40 Menu item
- 42 Over (poet.)
- 45 Relish
- 46 Mail center abbr.
- 49 Window slat
- 51 Confused
- 53 Complete
- 54 Roof-of-the-mouth
- 55 Estimate
- 56 Wears away

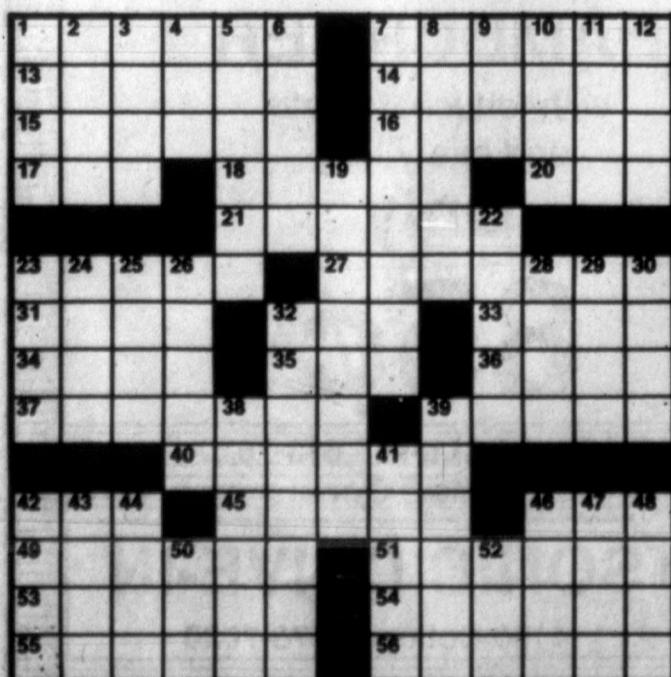
DOWN

- 1 Entice
- 2 Sources of metal
- 3 Request for reply
- 4 Fade away
- 5 Charm
- 6 Actor Alain —
- 7 Asset

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 8 Publisher William —
- 9 Hockey great Bobby —
- 10 Small amount
- 11 Swiss capital
- 12 Makes angry
- 19 Mobile homes
- 22 Powerful
- 23 Connecticut university
- 24 Dramatic conflict
- 25 Underwater ships
- 26 — ear and ...
- 28 Drudge
- 29 " — La Douce"
- 30 Machine gun
- 32 Agonies
- 38 Enrages
- 39 Himalayan cedar
- 41 Day's march
- 42 Olive genus
- 43 Long times
- 44 Furrows
- 46 Joyful
- 47 Football's —
- 48 Songs of praise
- 50 Contend
- 52 Unclaimed mail dept.



Tigers battle Pecos in key 4-4A contest

The Snyder Tigers baseball team starts a pivotal week of District 4-4A competition tonight as they face the Pecos Eagles in the first game of the second half of the circuit season.

Snyder, Pecos and the Big Spring Steers are currently knotted in second place with identical 5-2 loop records.

The three squads all trail Andrews, now 6-1, by one game.

Big Spring hosts Andrews in another district matchup Tuesday.

The Tigers are coming off a long weekend of rest after last Thursday's 7-3 win over the Panthers of Ft. Stockton.

Against FSHS, Snyder first baseman John Wright was two of four from the batter's box and drove in four Tiger runs including three on a fourth-inning double that put Snyder up to stay at 4-2 in Ft. Stockton.

Wright, while hitting .286 on the season, is batting .400 against loop pitching.

Third baseman and designated hitter Randy Morris leads the Snyder crew in hitting with a .452 average and two home runs.

Willie Garcia, the Tiger shortstop has banged out a .391 average and a pair of homers of his own.

As a team Snyder is hitting .333 on the year.

Snyder pitcher Jamey Morton, who will take the hill for the Tigers against Pecos, registered strikeout No. 100 in the win when he fanned Panther shortstop Suarez.

Morton, now 9-1 on the season, is carrying an ERA of 2.02 for the season in 55 1-3 innings worked, allowing just 20 walks.

Snyder beat Pecos, 7-3, in the cold and mist in the first loop game of the season.

Morton struck out 13 Eagle hitters in that win and Garcia smashed a home run to ice the victory late in the game.

In other loop games tonight, Sweetwater is at Monahans and San Angelo Lake View hosts Ft. Stockton.

Raiders might halt switch to Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Mayor Lionel Wilson says he has no choice but to ask the City Council to rescind its approval of the controversial plan to bring the Raiders football team back to Oakland.

"If it isn't dead, it's dying," Wilson said of the effort to lure the team back from Los Angeles. The Raiders moved south from Oakland in 1982.

A drive to place the city-team package before the voters was at the bottom of Wilson's surprise announcement on Monday that came after he talked by phone with Raiders negotiator Jack Brooks, a part-owner of the football team.

Petition organizers last week delivered more than 33,000 signatures, far more than needed to place the issue on the ballot.

Raiders officials said when the drive started that they would not let the deal go to a referendum. Brooks said Monday there would be nothing for the voters to decide because no deal had been signed.

"I don't know what they would vote on because there is no offer pending," he said.

The deal approved by Oakland and Alameda County guaranteed the Raiders \$428 million in ticket sales and franchise fees over a 15-year period.

"We are happy that the citizens of Oakland have been heard from and that we now do not have ... a bad deal being forced upon us," said Frank Russo, the lawyer who led the petition effort.

Don Perata, chairman of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, blasted Wilson.

"The deal is finished," he said. "I am very disappointed in the

manner in which (Wilson) did it. For 15 months, we operated as partners in an enterprise we felt was good for the community. But it is a partnership. And when one partner pulls out, you kill the proposal."

However, Oakland City Councilman Richard Spees, who joined Wilson on the narrow council majority that backed the deal, said there was still a chance for a new agreement.

The Oakland Coliseum has collected more than \$5 million from fans in refundable deposits for 40,000 seats.

"We have an asset now, those tickets," said Spees, who appeared with Wilson for the news conference. "So I don't agree the deal is necessarily dead."

Coliseum spokesman Mike Golub said that refunds will be available starting May 1 "on all seats with or without a deal. That has been our policy all along."

NBA roundup...

Pacers lock up playoff berth

For a team that made the NBA playoffs for only the third time in 14 years, the Indiana Pacers may be having delusions of grandeur.

"We proved we could play with anyone in the league," Coach Dick Versace said after the Pacers made his 50th birthday a happy one.

"If we can play that kind of ball in the playoffs we can beat anybody on any given night," Chuck Person said.

What had the Pacers all giddy was a playoff-clinching 111-102 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Monday night behind Person's 33 points, nine in the fourth quarter.

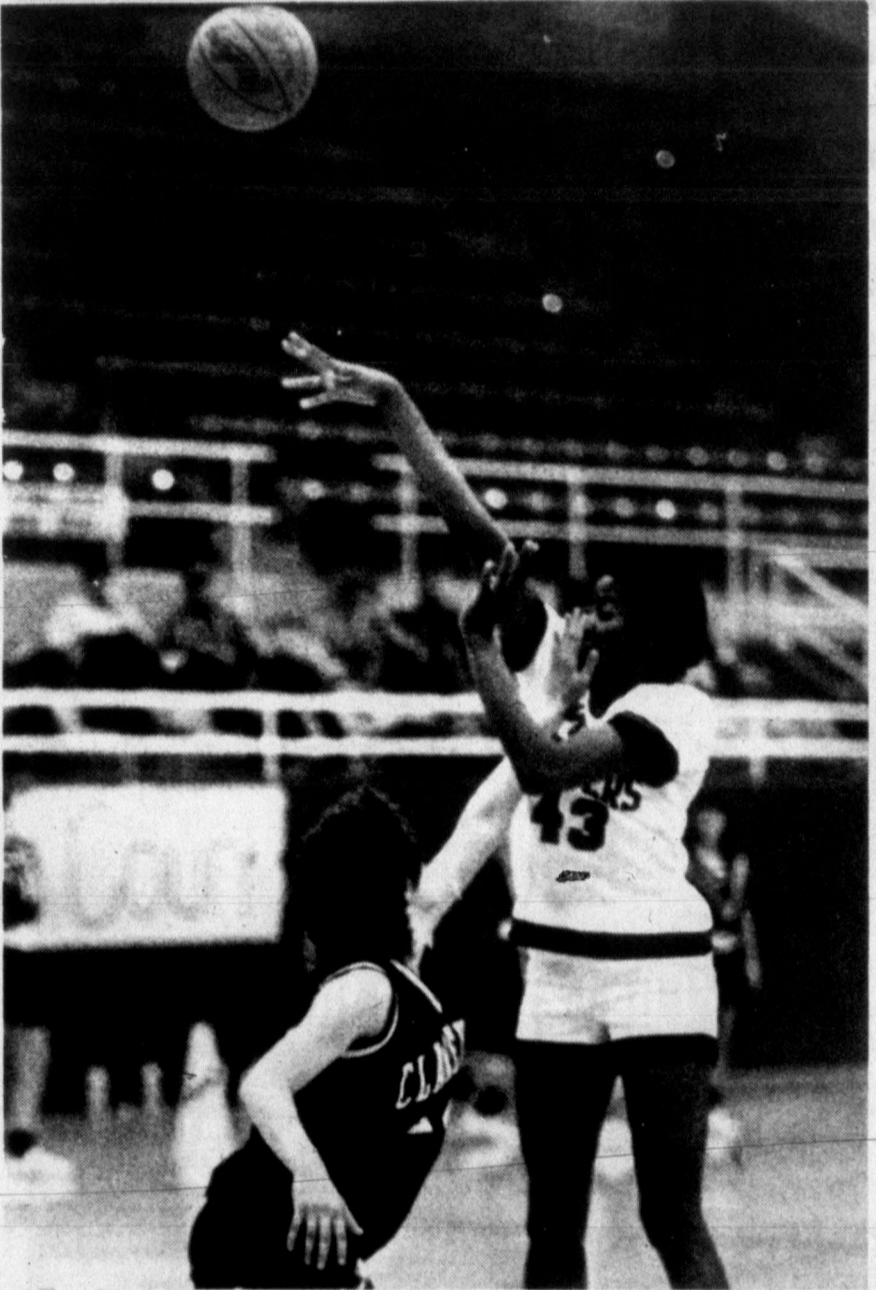
Elsewhere, it was San Antonio 110, Charlotte 101; Portland 93, the Los Angeles Clippers 85; Phoenix 141, Golden State 129 and New York 119, Miami 102.

The Pacers' other playoff appearances came in 1981 and 1987.

Chicago's setback gave the idle Detroit Pistons their third straight Central Division title and assured them of a second consecutive Eastern Conference crown, as well. The Pistons are 57-22 to the Bulls' 53-25. Detroit has three games left, Chicago has four, but the Pistons have clinched the season series.

The Pacers outscored the Bulls 7-2 in the final 2:02 of the third period and took an 85-78 lead into the final quarter. Chicago got no closer than 91-86, when Michael Jordan made a free throw with

SPORTS



NEW RED RAIDER — Tami Wilson, shooting, signed Monday afternoon to play basketball at Texas Tech. Wilson, an All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference performer at the post position during the 1989-90 cage season for WTC's Lady Dusters, averaged 16.6 points and 12 rebounds per game in the WJCAC. She also managed 54 percent shooting from the field and four blocks an outing. (SDN Staff Photo)

Westerners ink four players

Transfer students to compete for coach Mauldin's crew

The face of the Western Texas College men's basketball team is changing with the signing of four transfer students and the graduation and moving on of a quartet of others.

WTC basketball coach Tony Mauldin announced Monday the addition of four cagers to the Westerners' roster.

Bryan Barnes from the University of Houston, Michael Richardson and Stanley Cunningham

from Panola College and Paul Johnson from Del Gato Junior College are all inked to help the WTC cause in next season's Western Junior College Athletic Conference race.

Barnes, a former all-state player from Eula, will fill the small forward spot for the Westerners in 1990-91.

Barnes stands 6-6 and weighs in at 210 pounds.

Richardson, a 6-3 off guard at Panola, averaged over 20 points an outing with the Carthage school last season.

He is a native of Lafayette, La.

Also coming from the campus of Panola is 6-6½ power forward Cunningham.

The Ringold, La. talent figures to lend a hand to the Westerners' inside game next season.

Last, but not least, is Johnson. As a 5-8 point guard at Del Gato Junior College in New Orleans,

Johnson averaged over 28 points per game and poured in 45 in a contest during the campaign.

The new talent heading for Western Texas is needed as some of the team's leaders from last season are graduating and moving to the next level of basketball competition.

Ken Critton, WTC's 6-8 post, signed a letter of intent and will play for Washington State University in Pullman as part of the PAC-10 conference.

Critton wound up his career at WTC by leading the WJCAC in rebounds pulling down 10.6 per game.

Also leaving Western Texas is Lamesa native Cedric Mason.

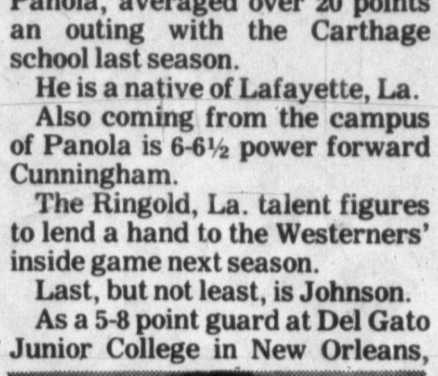
Mason has signed with the Angelo State University Rams and follows his brother, Chris, who will graduate this year, on the courts at ASU.

While he hasn't actually signed, David Smith, a 6-4 forward for the Westerners, has committed to attend Brooklyn College in New York.

Smith is from Garland.

Ray Johnson, one of the 1989-90 squad's point guards has not officially committed to a program, but was visiting Sam Houston State University Monday afternoon.

Johnson, a Muskogee, Ok. native, ranked among the conference leaders in assists, almost five per game, turnovers, 3.4, and three-point shooting accuracy, hitting 29 of 82 attempts for 87 points and a 35.4 percent success rate from long distance during last season.



DAVID SMITH

Baseball glance

By The Associated Press
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AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	3	1	.750	—
Toronto	5	3	.625	—
Boston	4	3	.571	½
Detroit	3	4	.429	1½
Cleveland	2	3	.400	1½
Milwaukee	2	3	.400	1½
Baltimore	2	4	.333	2

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	5	1	.833	—
Chicago	4	1	.800	½
California	5	2	.714	½
Texas	3	4	.429	2½
Kansas City	2	4	.333	3
Seattle	2	5	.286	3½
Minnesota	2	6	.250	4

Monday's Games
Milwaukee 18, Boston 0
Toronto 4, Baltimore 2
Cleveland 6, Kansas City 3
Seattle 6, Minnesota 3
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
New York (Leary 0-0) at Detroit (Tanana 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Ballard 0-1) at Toronto (Flanagan 1-0), 7:35 p.m.
Boston (Dopson 0-0) at Chicago (King 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Black 0-0) at Kansas City (Dotson 0-0), 8:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Krudson 0-0) at Texas (Brown 1-0), 8:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Anderson 1-1) at Seattle (Hanson 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Oakland (Moore 0-1) at California (Langston 1-0), 10:35 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
New York at Detroit, 1:35 p.m.
Baltimore at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Kansas City, 8:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at Texas, 8:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.
Oakland at California, 10:35 p.m.

ACS tourney lists sponsors

Local businesses that furnished door prizes for Saturday's American Cancer Society Willie Bigam Memorial Golf Tournament held on the Western Texas College course, were listed in Monday's SDN.

Three prize furnishers were deleted from the list, including Taco John's, the WTC Pro Shop and Eddie Peterson Pharmacy, according to tournament director Wayne Monroney.

The local foursome of Steve Faggard, Rob Davenport, Jennifer Smith and Kevin Lahay won the event with a score of 55.



CEDRIC MASON

4-4A baseball

Team	season	dist
Andrews	12-5	5-1
SNYDER	12-5	4-2
Big Spring	14-5	4-2
Pecos	8-7	4-2
Sweetwater	8-8	2-4
Ft. Stockton	7-9	2-4
Monahans	8-7	2-4
Lake View	2-15	1-5

Thursday's games
Snyder 7, Ft. Stockton 3
Andrews 7, Lake View 0
Pecos 4, Sweetwater 3
Big Spring 8, Monahans 6

Tuesday's games
Snyder at Pecos
Andrews at Big Spring
Sweetwater at Monahans
Ft. Stockton at Lake View

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Golf course offers clinic

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Comanche Peak nuke plant granted full-power license

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Comanche Peak, the \$9.1 billion nuclear power plant troubled by a decade of delays, can now move toward commercial operations under a full-power license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The five-member NRC, in a unanimous vote Monday, granted the license despite a last-minute attempt by Texas activists who complained evacuation procedures failed to account for a summer population of children attending church camps near the plant, about 80 miles southwest of Dallas.

"Not only have the churches throughout the Fort Worth-Dallas area not been brought into any evacuation planning, but those in charge, counselors, directors, etc., are only in the area during the summer months and they have no access to any information," said Betty Brink of Citizens for Fair Utility Regulation.

CFUR, in a statement to the NRC, also complained TU Electric Co., owner of the plant, had failed to adequately warn permanent residents living near the Glen Rose plant about evacuation plans.

TU Electric officials promised to take the complaint seriously, although they also claimed it was without merit.

Another activist group that had settled with TU Electric and the NRC in 1988, the Citizens Association for Sound Energy, sought a licensing condition Monday to assure a more "disciplined, accountable approach" to resolving

operational incidents.

CASE attorney Billie P. Garde said TU Electric still has a "problem-denial syndrome" that could affect operations.

"CASE sincerely wishes that we could tell you and the public that Comanche Peak is safe. Unfortunately we cannot give you that assurance. CASE's position remains one of considerable apprehension," Garde told the NRC.

Garde said CASE acknowledges that the plant had passed all of its regulatory hurdles, yet said, "We have our fingers crossed."

NRC staff recommended against the need for the licensing condition sought by CASE, saying TU officials have adopted the right approach to dealing with problems and looking for the root cause.

Erle Nye, chairman and chief executive officer of TU Electric, said he was "very pleased, very comforted and pleasantly surprised" by the NRC staff's supportive comments — "that our preparedness capabilities meet or exceed those of many other plants was particularly significant to me."

The plant could begin producing power for commercial use by summer, Nye said.

The utility's 2.1 million customers, who live across the northern third of the state from Monahans in West Texas to Lufkin in East Texas, would begin receiving electricity from Comanche Peak 15 years after construction began in 1975 at Glen Rose. TU Electric

estimated the costs at the time at \$775 million and said then that construction could be completed by 1980.

TU spokeswoman Kathi Miller said the utility is now seeking a 10.2 percent, \$442 million rate increase in part to recover costs of building the \$9.1 billion plant.

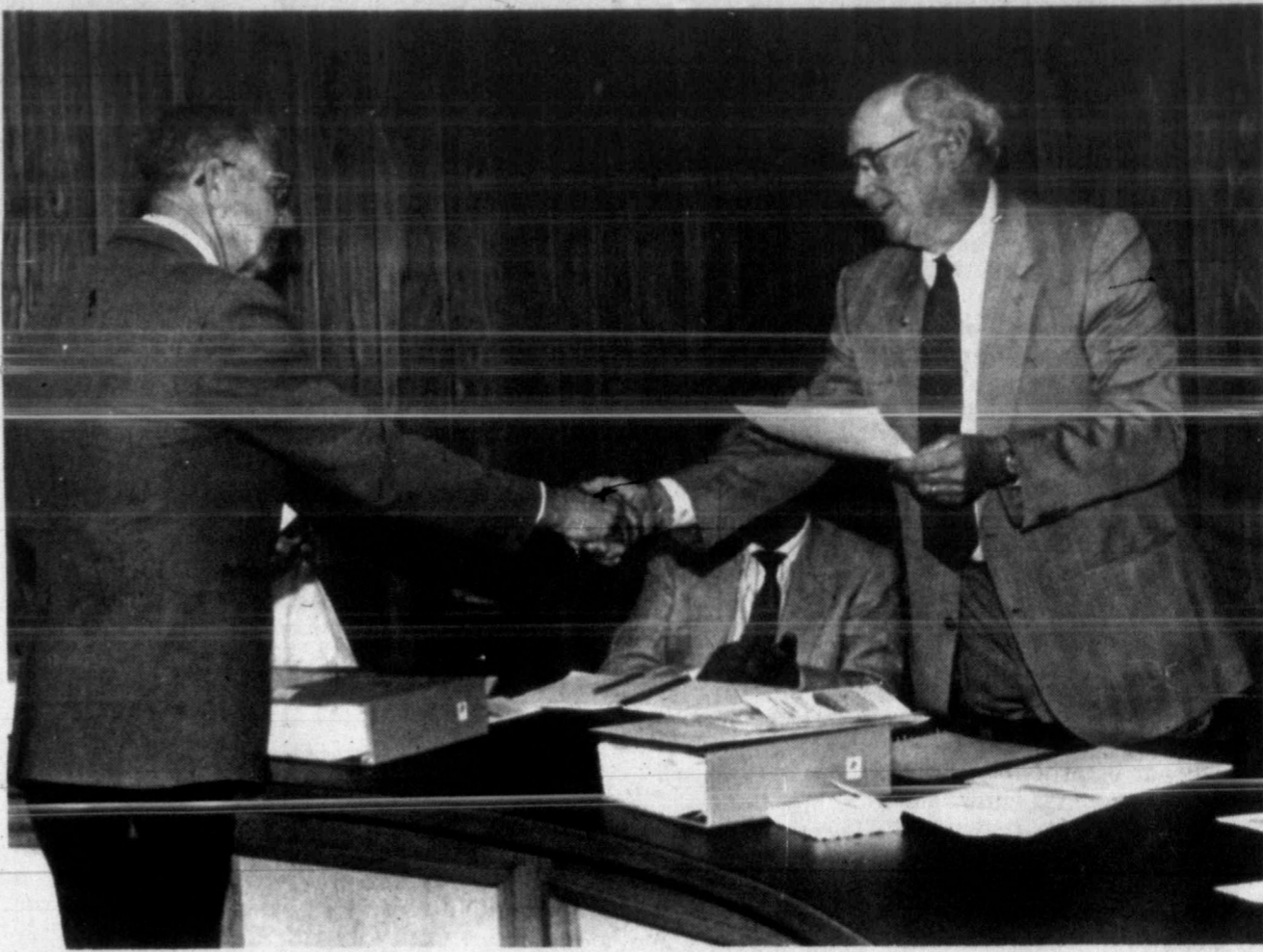
The plant won an NRC license two months ago to load fuel and begin low-power operations. Testing has been going on since under the low-power license, which had limited the 1,150-megawatt Unit 1 reactor to operating at 5 percent of capacity.

Comanche Peak would be the second — and likely the last — plant this year to receive a full-power operating license from the NRC, said NRC spokesman Frank Ingram. The commission last month awarded the controversial Seabrook nuclear power plant in New Hampshire a full-power license.

Texas' second nuclear power plant, after the South Texas Project near Bay City, Comanche Peak was virtually rebuilt after a citizens group in the early 1980s lobbied the NRC about construction problems.

Only Unit 1 of Comanche Peak is ready to operate. Ms. Miller said, Unit 2 is still under construction and would be ready to operate in 1993.

While TU Electric has 2.1 million customers, it reaches a population closer to 5.2 million, Ms. Miller said. And while it serves the northern third of the state, it does not reach into the Panhandle.



ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNIZED — Bob Travis, left, principal at Stanfield Elementary, is presented with a certificate by school board president Billy Bob McMullan, recognizing the school's "exceptional achievement" on TEAMS test scores. The certificate is from the Texas Education Agency. In the background is school board trustee Terry Martin. (SDN Staff Photo)

Smuggling aids five countries in quest for nuclear weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — Smuggling operations are helping Pakistan, India, Argentina, Brazil and Iraq to build or expand nuclear weapons capabilities, a research organization reported today.

To deter such countries from continuing these practices, the report recommended that the United States and other supplier countries threaten to penalize them with economic and military sanctions.

Titled "Nuclear Exports: The Challenge of Control," the report was prepared by the private Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

There was no immediate comment from any of the embassies whose governments were mentioned in the report.

But Iraq has denied any intention to develop nuclear weapons. The denial came three weeks ago

after British investigators arrested four people allegedly trying to smuggle to Iraq a device capable of triggering a nuclear explosion.

Afterward, President Bush called on supplier nations to exercise "special restraint" in the export of parts that could be used to develop nuclear weapons.

Of the five countries mentioned in the report, it said Iraq's program was far behind those of the other nations.

The report, written by Leonard Spector with the assistance of Jacqueline Smith, said the emerging nuclear states have been able to exploit weaknesses in the nuclear export control systems of the advanced supplier states. Spector is director of the endowment's non-proliferation project and Smith is the project assistant.

"In some instances, their

agents have engaged in simple smuggling — for example, by attempting to export commodities without required export licenses or by making blatantly false declarations on export documents," the report said.

In other cases, it said, these agents have been able to minimize any suspect characteristics of the commodities at issue, taking advantage of a relaxed attitude by licensing officials or exploiting gaps in export regulations.

If controls had been enforced effectively, Spector said, it is possible that "Pakistan would not be able to manufacture nuclear weapons today, that India's nuclear weapons potential would be a fraction of its current size and that neither Argentina nor Brazil would have facilities capable of producing nuclear weapons material."

Hit or miss rains bewilder farmers who live in Texas

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Farmers in North Central Texas don't like the recent record rainfalls, but growers elsewhere, especially in dry South Texas, wish a spate of storms would move their way.

"Every region of the state except for the Rio Grande Valley is reporting 100 percent normal rainfall over the last three months," says Doug Bierstedt, head statistician for the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service in Austin.

"But considering the drought-like conditions over the past year, that's not much improvement," he said.

Elsewhere, the rain is delaying farmers' work.

"If the farmers in North Central Texas don't get some open weather to finish their planning, they could get into a critical situation," Bierstedt said.

Rodney Jacques, a spokesman for the National Weather Service in Fort Worth, said Monday North Central Texas has received 15.15 inches of rain during the first three months of 1990, breaking the previous record of 14.62 inches set in 1932.

"The rain is delaying spring crop planning in North Central Texas and parts of East Texas and they are starting to see rust in the wheat crop," Bierstedt

said.

North Central Texas, also known as the Blacklands, produces about 20 percent of the state's wheat crop, said Bill Nelson, executive director of the Amarillo-based Texas Wheat Producers Association.

Rust, a disease which plagues wheat in drizzly, overcast conditions, seeps into the grain and cuts off its water supply, causing the stalk to grow crooked before dying, Nelson said.

"There is still some good wheat in there, but damage is tending to take place," he said.

While most of the state has experienced some increased rainfall over the last three months, South Texas is still experiencing arid conditions that threaten to cripple crops for another year, said Doyle Warren, a spokesman for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service based in Weslaco.

South Texas has suffered more than three years of drought, "and we're not out of it yet," Warren said Monday.

Recent rains have helped, but they're not enough, he said.

Crops, especially cotton, need moisture at least 36 inches deep in the soil to keep growing well, but in most parts of South Texas, below 18 inches it's "dry, very dry," he said.

Don Johnson, vice president of Plains Cotton Growers Inc. based in Lubbock, which represents the nation's largest cotton-producing region, said Monday cotton farmers are expecting to rebound from last year's crop, the smallest in three years.

"Late winter and early spring rains certainly have been encouraging," Johnson said. "By no means have they provided enough moisture to make us feel fat and happy, but it is something that has been badly needed."

Carl King, a spokesman for the Texas Corn Growers Association based in Dimmitt, said it was too early to tell if the recent rains would bulk-up the state's corn harvest.

"The rain is better than it has been," King said Monday. "I wouldn't say the drought is broken yet, because there are still isolated parts of the state that are still dry. General rain all over the state would boost the crop tremendously."

Steady rains over the Blacklands during the last three months have "waterlogged the soil," cutting off oxygen to the wheat, Nelson said.

Chemical treatments of the disease have also been delayed by wet weather, Nelson said.

Gardens, yards vacuumed in lead-soaked Alaskan town

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Homeowners' gardens and yards in the Gold Rush town of Skagway will be vacuumed this month in a high-tech spring cleaning aimed at removing lead from the soil.

The work, which starts this week, is the final step in one of Alaska's most expensive pollution cleanups.

Extremely high levels of lead were discovered in 1988 in the soil in Skagway, a shipping port for lead and zinc ore for decades. But fears that the 700 residents were threatened by lead poisoning were eased by the results of blood tests conducted by the state.

State health officials concluded the lead posed no significant threat. Blood lead levels in virtually all the residents tested were below average. Officials explained that Skagway's lead is in a raw form, which is not as easily absorbed into the body as processed lead.

Still, the state Department of Environmental Conservation ordered lead levels in the soil reduced to within federal standards. The first phase of the cleanup, in industrial areas, was halted for winter in December

but resumed last week.

The residential cleanup begins this week, and the entire operation may be completed by May, said Paul Taylor, vice president of Alaska operations for White Pass Transportation Inc., which owns the Skagway ore terminal.

"We want to get this whole lead thing wrapped up before tourist season," Taylor said Sunday.

Despite early problems with the cleanup, including several violations of cleanup procedures and disagreements among the four companies involved, the work has proceeded on time, said Dick Stokes, DEC regional supervisor in Juneau.

The companies estimate they've spent as much as \$6 million on the cleanup, and the state has spent about \$175,000, Stokes said.

"It's probably been the largest non-oil cleanup in the state," Stokes said. "I certainly think it's been the most complex, being right in the middle of a town."

Preliminary results of follow-up soil tests in what were once the most contaminated areas show lead levels below the limit of 1,000 parts per million, Stokes said. Before the cleanup, concen-

trations were as high as 133,000 ppm.

Much of the cleanup has employed large vacuum trucks that can suck up soil several inches deep. The vacuum separates the fine, lead-filled soil from the coarse soil. The ore then is filtered through screens at the terminal and washed into holding ponds, Taylor said.

The lead that settles to the bottom will be recovered and the water filtered.

"In the end we'll have a few thousand gallons of clean water and a truckload of lead," Taylor said.

The residential cleanup, unlike the industrial effort, is optional. Property owners are being offered the services of the vacuum-truck crews to get the lead out of their yards.

"We aren't planning to rip up any sidewalks or even tear up established lawns," Stokes said. "We'll try to target loose soils in places where that would be the most significant."

"There hasn't been a whole lot of interest. I think we'll end up with one or two dozen lots where we'll do some work."

Washington, Jefferson...

'Toxic effects of nature' are causing memorials to crumble

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two of Washington's most famous landmarks, the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials, are slowly crumbling under the ravaging effects of water seepage, air pollution, littering tourists and a pesky little bug called the midge, experts say.

Private consultants hired by the National Park Service say the most glaring problem was found at the 68-year-old Lincoln Memorial, where dripping rainwater has caused deterioration of huge concrete slabs that support a broad cobblestone walkway and the grassy terrace surrounding the building.

At the Jefferson Memorial, completed in 1943, cracks have been detected in the concrete shell of the inner dome. Officials also are worried that the main plaza and marble steps may be sliding gradually into the waters of the Tidal Basin.

The Park Service said none of the problems is serious enough to require immediate attention or pose a safety hazard to visitors.

"Both memorials are in excellent shape overall, and we want to assure they stay that way," said assistant Park Service superintendent Vikki McGraw. "There is absolutely no danger to the public."

Said Rebecca Stevens, historical architect for the Park Service's national capital region: "At this point, I'm sure they'd be standing for another 200 years even if we did nothing."

Nevertheless, the team of outside architects and structural engineers commissioned to make an exhaustive, \$2 million study of both monuments concluded that repairs must begin in the next few years.

"If steps are not taken immediately to ... determine a specific course of action, nature will continue to destroy this memorial," they said. "Very serious structural problems exist right now."

Park Service officials say they hope to award a major repair contract in 1993 after further tests. The consultants estimated total costs at \$12 million.

This week officials started an experimental one-hour delay in nighttime lighting of the Lincoln Memorial in an attempt to discourage a messy infestation of midges, small winged insects that breed in the muddy flats of the nearby Potomac River.

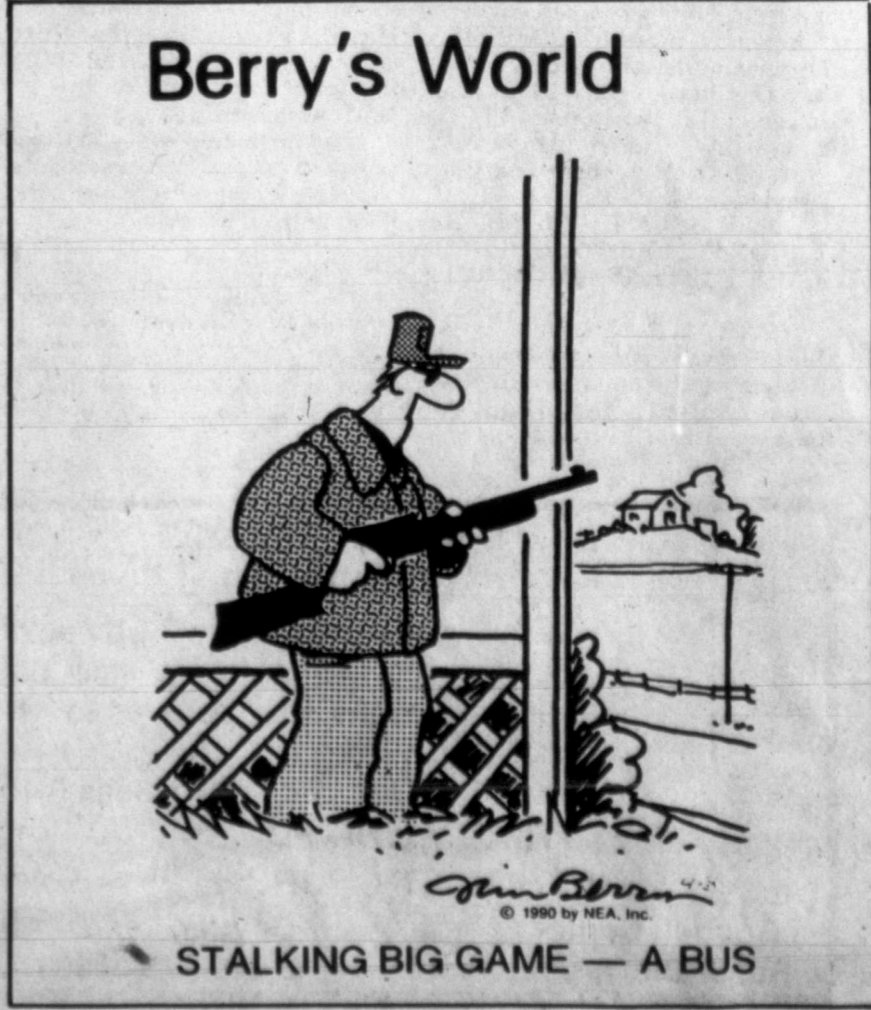
Swarming into the air at dusk for mating, the midges are attracted by the memorial's lights and smash into its limestone and marble walls, splattering them

with egg masses. The protein remains of the midges attract spiders, which in turn lure sparrows and starlings to the scene.

As a result, Park Service crews must give the great marble statue of Abraham Lincoln and adjacent walls and floors a daily scrubbing.

"If we can solve the midge problem, we probably will go a long way to solving the bird problem," said Ms. Stevens.

The Park Service also has installed four electronic sensors in the dome of the Jefferson Memorial to make hourly measurements of the cracks in its concrete shell. The signals are radioed to a computer in Texas to help scientists determine whether the cracks are a symptom of the dome's instability or a natural response to structural stresses.



Bigamy suspect captured after TV show airs

HOUSTON (AP) — Lena Garcia said her sister is recovering faster than expected from the shock of learning that her new husband was wanted for bigamy in Virginia.

"We're glad he's gone," Ms. Garcia said of Frank Van Dyke Hobbs, a former disc jockey who was arrested Sunday night after his alleged multiple marriages were depicted on a television show. It was Ms. Garcia who turned him in.

Hobbs, 53, and Maria Salazar, 41, a nurse he married three weeks ago, were on their way back to Houston Sunday from the

Coin flip due

GRAHAM, Texas (AP) — A coin flip will probably decide what Young County voters have been unable to do in two elections.

The coin flip will decide who will become the Democratic nominee for county commissioner for Precinct No. 4 in the North Texas county.

Incumbent commissioner F.H. "Stub" Green appeared to be a two-vote winner at the end of the April 10 runoff election. But a recount, requested by his opponent, John Hawkins, showed that the two had tied with 414 votes each.

beach in Galveston while Ms. Garcia was home watching "America's Most Wanted."

Ms. Garcia called the Fox network television station in Washington and said Hobbs was living in her home with her widowed sister under the alias "Hamilton Van Hobbs."

"I told the children to be quiet when I heard that name, Hobbs," Ms. Garcia said Monday. "When they showed his picture on television, we were shocked, horrified."

Two hours later, Hobbs — on the lam since 1984 — was in the kitchen eating a salad his newlywed made him when Houston police officers arrived, arrested him on a fugitive warrant from Wythe County, Va., and put him in the city jail.

Ms. Garcia said she didn't tell her sister about the bigamy charges until after the officer took Hobbs away.

"I was afraid she might have defended him and he might have taken a run for it," she said.

Wythe County Sheriff Wayne Pike said Hobbs was married to three women at the same time in Virginia and may have gotten married five more times in Tennessee and Texas, leaving an undetermined number of

children behind.

He's also accused of stealing a car in Wythe County he had just begun making payments on and of insurance fraud, Pike said Monday.

Hobbs, who worked in advertising and as a radio disc jockey in Virginia but was unemployed in Texas, has been caught several times since skipping out on his trial six years ago, officials said. But each time, he has managed to escape or to convince a judge to let him out on bond.

Pike said they could have Hobbs back in Virginia within a

week if he waives extradition.

Ms. Garcia said she was not surprised that Hobbs had a checkered past. "He was staying at a shelter for the homeless where my sister works when she met him. I never did like that guy. He was a big fat liar."

Susan Stump Hobbs of Roanoke, Va., who was eight months pregnant with their fourth child when Hobbs walked off seven years ago, said she was happy to hear of the arrest.

"This is great. I love it," said Susan Hobbs, a 34-year-old secretary who appeared on the taped Fox network show. Hobbs

married Betsy Hamilton of Roanoke in 1974, Susan Stump in 1977 and Hazel Marie Warren of Wythe County in 1983, authorities said.

Susan Stump said she and her four children have been forced to take food stamps and squeeze into a two-bedroom house with her parents since Hobbs left her in 1982. He owes her about \$40,000 in child support, she said.

She said Hobbs had a smooth voice and romantic flair on his radio shows. "He would read poetry on the air and dedicate it to women. It was disgusting."

The bigamy case against

Hobbs might not seem serious to many people, Pike said, "but it is to the people he ruined, financially and emotionally."

Lena Garcia said the experience has been "horrible" for the family. She said her sister took the news hard at first and felt sorry for Hobbs, but had recovered enough by Monday to go to work at the shelter where she distributes medicine and evaluates the health of the transient residents.

"Give her two or three weeks and that is going to turn to hate," Ms. Garcia said. "He was just taking her to the cleaners."

TU Electric has filed application to refund monies

DALLAS (AP) — TU Electric is seeking to refund over \$64 million to its customers as a result of overcollections for the five months ending in February.

The company filed an application Monday with the Public Utility Commission asking for the authorization to refund \$64.65 million, including interest, to customers.

The overcollections resulted from milder than normal weather for most of the period, the company said.

Under the company's proposal, the refund would be made in June through a credit on bills.

In January, the company filed a 10.2 percent rate increase request to cover costs of the \$9.1 billion Comanche Peak nuclear power plant. The rate hike would raise \$442 million annually, the utility said. The case could take 6 to 12 months to decide.

TU Electric provides service to more than 2.1 million customers in 87 counties.



AWARD WINNERS—A team of students from Snyder High School captured first place in the livestock judging competition during a recent FFA judging contest held on the campus of Southwest Texas State University. Pictured are, left to right,

Coach Coke Hopping, Jason Summers, Bay John Long, Duffy Galloway, and Mark Stansell. Stansell was also honored as second top individual scorer in the competition. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dear Abby

Countdown for Census Has Only Few Days Left to Run

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: The largest peace-time operation undertaken by the government is upon us — the 21st Decennial Census.

The Census Bureau has hired 480,000 people, rented almost 5 million square feet of office space, is using 68,000 cardboard desks and will sharpen more than 9 million pencils. The mission, pure and simple, is to count every person residing in the United States. We expect to count about 250 million people and 106 million households.

Why? Why does the federal government go to all the trouble to count everyone? Because the task was mandated by Congress in 1790 for the purpose of apportionment — representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Today, it is used for that and for distributing billions of federal dollars a year to local projects and agencies. Nutrition programs, day care centers and transportation systems are a few.

Many times individuals don't realize programs and services they use are funded by the federal government based on census results. Therefore, it is to everyone's benefit to answer the census.

An individual's answers on the questionnaire are completely confidential. The information will not be given to the IRS, INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service), FBI or anyone else. Only aggregate, or compiled, figures will be available for public use.

So, Abby, please urge your readers to answer the census questionnaire accurately and return it promptly. For every 1 percent of the U.S. population who did not return the questionnaires by April 1, it will cost the taxpayers \$10 million. However, if for some reason it was not possible to return the questionnaires by April 1, there is a grace period of three weeks!

MARVIN L. POSTMA, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, CENSUS BUREAU, KANSAS CITY, MO.

DEAR MR. POSTMA: Although it may seem too late to be discussing the census, you make some excellent points. Thank you for a wealth of information con-

cerning census taking, the assurance of confidentiality and the importance of being prompt.

Readers, if you haven't yet mailed in your census form, there's still time. Stand up and be counted!

DEAR ABBY: We know that you are always trying to encourage kids to read more. We are fourth- and fifth-grade students in a special education program. Our teachers, Miss Eschen and Mrs. Gordon, are teaching us to read and learn about the world around us. We are also learning about the various occupations of people all over the United States and Canada.

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We will read the postcards and find the cities on the map. By the end of the year, we hope to have a whole wall covered with postcards. I know this will help us to become better readers.

It would be nice if your readers could pick a name from the list of kids in our class and send one of us a picture postcard showing the city it came from. Thank you very much.

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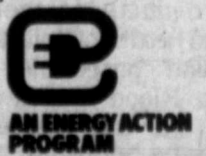
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