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Ask Us



## SHS students ready to perform 'Shrew' at state UIL contest

Members of Snyder High School's drama department were in Austin this morning, prior to Friday's competition in the Class 4A UIL One-Act Play Contest.

It is the 16th consecutive time Snyder's one-act play has advanced to state competition under the direction of Jerry Worsham.

Big Spring will join Snyder as Region I winners competing Friday against six other schools at Bass Concert Hall on the University of Texas campus.

The cast was to be introduced to the special session of the Texas Legislature this morning. One-act play registration will be held this afternoon.

Snyder is performing "The Taming of the Shrew" and will be the fourth of eight casts competing. Opening the competition at 4 p.m. Friday is Rockport-Fulton's production of "The Trojan Women," followed by Taylor in "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" at 4:50 p.m., Palestine in "Wirigs" at 5:40 p.m. and Snyder's "Taming of the Shrew" at 6:30 p.m.

The other four are Big Spring's "The Rimers of Eldritch" at 7:30 p.m., Gregory Portland's "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" at 8:20 p.m., Dallas Wilson's "J.B." at 9:10 p.m. and West Orange Stark's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at 10 p.m. Times are approximate.

An after-contest party and buffet supper will be held at midnight for cast, crew and parents at the Wyndham Hotel Ballroom.

Critique will be held Saturday morning.

Members of the Snyder cast include John Conger, who plays Lucentio; Casey Franks, playing Tranio, servant to Lucentio; Heath Hodges, who plays Baptista; Johnny Lack, who plays Hortensio, suitor to Bianca; Amber Adams, who plays Katherine; Kristi Mize, who plays Bianca; Marcus Best, who plays Biondello, young servant to Lucentio; Coy Berryman, who plays Petruccio; and Grant Jordan.

## 5 board elections Saturday

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday for local and area board elections, to include the Western Texas College board of trustees, Snyder City Council and the Snyder, Hermligh and Ira school boards.

Those voting places will be Snyder City Hall, Ira Community Center and Hermligh School.

The race generating the most interest locally is Place 2 on the Western Texas College board, which is being sought by William R. "Bill" Hibbs and Carl Williams. Some 91 people voted during the absentee balloting period, which ended earlier this week.

A profile of the contested race is included on page 8 of this issue.

The only other position up for election on the college board is Place 1 and incumbent Bill Wilson Jr. is running unopposed. Wilson's name will appear first on the ballot as the Place 1 candidate. Under Place 2, Hibbs will be listed first, followed by

second row, Stephanie Hedges, Amber Bowlin, J.K. Palmer, Kristi Mize and Ryan Byrd, and third row, Johnny Lack, Erin Rambo, Jo Ellen King, Lei Holcomb, Jason Best and Jennifer Purcell, and fourth row, Doug Clement, Darin Sparlin, Coy Berryman, Heath Hodges, Casey Franks, Grant Jordan, John Conger and Marcus Best. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHS ONE-ACT — Snyder High School's production of "The Taming of the Shrew" will be competing Friday in the Class 4A UIL One-Act Play Contest in Austin. Pictured left to right are cast, crew members and alternates. They are, front row, Julie Johnson, Bryan Brunson, Amber Adams, Amy Hodges, Emily King, Robert Patterson and Director Jerry Worsham, and

## Cooperation key for success, says state chamber chairman

Citing cooperation as the vital ingredient for success, the chairman of the Texas State Chamber of Commerce praised the Snyder community for its recent success in the location of a state prison.

There is a saying, "No one of us is as good as all of us," and Jerry Farrington said he was pleased to represent an organization which is optimistic about the

future business climate of Texas. Farrington, a native West Texan and currently chief executive officer of Texas Utilities, spoke to more than 150 gathered at the joint civic club luncheon held at the Snyder Country Club.

The Kermit native recognized the 1987 effort to attract the Price Daniel unit. "That was made possible only by an incredible

persistence and a strong team effort." Noting that the payroll will exceed \$7 million annually, Farrington added, "The story of the planning and the work that led to that new neighbor, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, is one from which we can all learn."

(see SUCCESS, page 9)

## Council to consider half-cent sales tax in evening workshop

The Snyder city council will convene at 7 p.m. Thursday at city hall for an agenda work session prior to next Monday night's regular council meeting.

A work session to preview items to be officially considered on Monday night include a request for the council to call a city-wide election for adoption of a half-cent sales tax for economic development.

At the April 2 council meeting, representatives of several groups interested in economic development asked the council to place the issue on the Aug. 11 ballot. To do so, the council would

have to approve the ordinance on first reading in May, and on second reading in June.

The half-cent sales tax would generate an estimated \$380,000 annually to be used in projects to attract new jobs to Snyder and Scurry County.

When presented last month, council members were told that some area cities have already voted in the measure and several others have it placed on the May 5 ballot. Roy Baze, spokesman for the economic development group, said Snyder needs the tool to "stay even with the competi-

(see COUNCIL, page 9)

## Taylor named new highway engineer

Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation has named Mike Taylor as resident engineer. Taylor officially took over the position May 1.

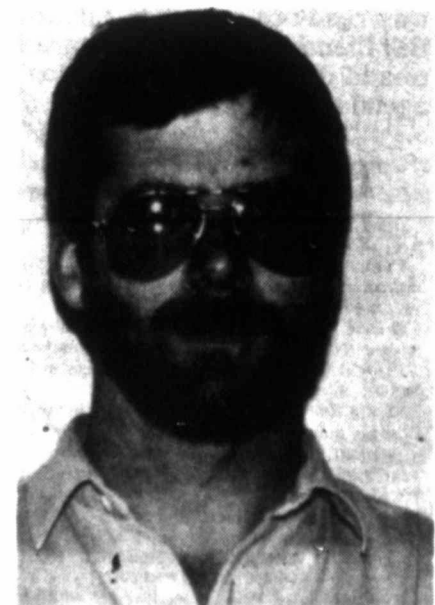
He replaces Ed Vernon who left

in March. Taylor has been with the department for six years as an engineer.

As resident engineer, he will be responsible for developing plans, inspecting construction and supervising the maintenance of highways in Scurry, Kent, Fisher and Borden counties. In addition, the department is starting projects in Mitchell, Garza and Nolan counties. Taylor works under the district office in Abilene.

Taylor is originally from Maine and New Hampshire. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He worked in the snow skiing industry for 10 years prior to joining the highway department.

Taylor's wife, Noreen, is curator of Scurry County Museum. They have three children — Kevin, a second grader at Stanfield Elementary, 3-year-old Karen and 10-month-old Ross.



MIKE TAYLOR



CHAMBER CHAIRMAN — Jerry Farrington (second from right) spoke to a joint civic club luncheon in Snyder Wednesday. With him from left are TU Electric district manager Tim Fambro of

Sweetwater, Jack Smartt of Snyder and Roy Baze of the chamber's economic development committee. (SDN Staff Photo)

## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A lot of people are smarter than they look — and that's a relief."

An entrepreneur in California is trying to take advantage of a sit-down situation. The man figured that folks in Los Angeles spend so much time stuck in traffic on the freeway, that the time should be used beneficially.

The result was "autorobics," an exercise program for the daily commuter. Autorobics consists of 24 exercises that can be done while operating a motor vehicle.

Many of the exercises are simple variations on body movements that drivers make anyway, allowing the shy autorobicizer to work out almost undetected.

Steering wheel pushups require the driver to push on the wheel, hold the position for 10 seconds and then relax. There are other things like the "leg steering press" and "fanny firmer." Other exercises include "chin dips" and "elbow squeeze."

The autorobics developer says that all the exercises are safe and that people are able to perform them and still control a car. We thought we saw a guy doing these exercises just last week as he was coming into Post off the Caprock; however, he simply stopped at a service station restroom.

Exercise folks say you probably won't lose weight and that results will come slowly, but such an exercise program is probably better than nothing.

Autorobics may just lead to a lot of different fads. Eatarobics can be done three times a day or more. While munching on a greasy taco, chew each bite 200 times for finely-tuned jaw muscles.

To work on abdominal tautness, suck in and hold while sipping a thick malt through a narrow straw. To insure that one arm doesn't get more exercise than the other, alternate hands holding the fork loaded with mashed potatoes.

As your body tone improves, weighted eating utensils can accelerate progress in the eatarobic program.

Q—In cases such as funerals where it is asked that donations be made to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers, where can these donations be made?

A—Donations to the American Cancer Society can be directed to Hubert Cargile at West Texas State Bank. Heart Association memorials are being established at all local financial institutions or may be sent to P.O. Box 1185 locally.

## In Brief

### AZT okayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration today approved the use of the drug AZT to treat children with AIDS. It is the only drug that has been shown to extend the lives of adults with the deadly disease.

New labeling on the drug outlines dosage recommendations for patients aged 3 months to 12 years who have the disease or show symptoms of advanced infection with the virus that causes it.

Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan said the new labeling "means the drug is now officially considered to be a standard therapy for children with AIDS." He said the new status should encourage insurance companies to reimburse patients for pediatric use of the drug.

The FDA has been under pressure to approve AZT for treatment of children, particularly from parents of stricken children who have no other recourse.

## Local

### SHS boosters

Snyder High School All-Sports Booster Club will have a special meeting at 7 p.m. today in the school student center.

The topic of discussion will be the annual All-Sports Banquet, scheduled for May 26.

### Appreciation

Minister Appreciation Day luncheon will be hosted Wednesday at the noon meeting of the Snyder Kiwanis Club at the Golden Corral Restaurant.

### Flute recital

Andrea Garner, Western Texas College student, will present a flute recital at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Fine Arts Theatre on campus.

Jane Womack will be her accompanist.

Following the recital, Garner will join Brent Hardegree, Triesta Lilly, Dora Jean Rumpff and Debye Walter in a flute quintet.

The program is open to the public without admission charge.

## Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 55 degrees; low, 45 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 46 degrees; 25 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1990 to date, 10.77 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the mid 40s. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north 15 to 20 mph and gusty toward morning. Friday, partly cloudy with a high in the lower 70s. North to northeast wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty.



**BLOOD DRIVE** — Sallie Tate of United Blood Services presented Stanfield Elementary with a Community Service Award for their efforts in the recent blood drive. Pictured from the left are Principal Bob Travis, Tate and Stanfield teachers Monette O'Day and Donna Bailey. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Racially offensive names are the target of NAACP leader

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Gary Bledsoe, Austin NAACP chapter president, intends to change the names of creeks, hills and bluffs that bear racially offensive names such as "Dead Negro Draw" near Lubbock.

Across the state, Bledsoe has found 33 sites that use the word "negro" or more offensive racial terms in their names. His campaign is to have those sites renamed in honor of Texans such as Milton Holland, the first black Texan to win the Medal of Honor.

But his list includes a few sites where the names may not have been inspired by bigotry. El Negro Ranch, with branches in Starr County and near Gillett in

Karnes County, is listed among those purported to carry offensive names.

The late George Coates bought the Starr County ranch and named it El Negro, which means "black" in Spanish, after the Angus cattle he raised there, according to Bill Bowle, who manages the Coates family trust that owns the ranch. Later, Coates bought land in Karnes County and used the same name.

Bowle said Coates, an independent oilman and rancher who died in 1973, gave the ranch a Spanish name because of the ranch's proximity to the Rio Grande and the predominantly Hispanic population and Mexican influence in Starr County.

"I can understand his desire to change names that are offensive to the black population — it's just that this ranch was named with a Spanish name that had nothing to do with the black population of

America," Bowle said.


Bledsoe said he knew when he began his research that some of the site names included on his list would reflect the bilingual heritage of South Texas. But he said the origins of all the site names would be investigated to determine if namers were employing Spanish or racial bigotry.

"The ones that had the Spanish names — we wanted to look further to see why they bore the names," Bledsoe said. "It's not that the word 'negro' is offensive — it isn't. The way that the term is used and how it came about being used is what's offensive to me."

Of the 33 sites found by Bledsoe, five use names that include Spanish articles such as "El" or "Los."

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## Spring Cleaning Sale

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## Record rains reek havoc in North Central Texas area

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — After two years of drought in Texas, the Lone Star State needed rain.

But record downpours in North Central Texas this spring have sparked flooding, claimed nine lives, damaged crops and have residents scrambling from their homes.

"Not since 1922 have we had rain like this," said Ed Delgado, spokesman for the National Weather Service in Fort Worth. "We have seen some lakes rise in water level by four feet overnight, and there is more rain in the forecast."

The brunt of the storms have drenched North Central Texas where cars have floated through neighborhoods, lifelessly bumping into each other.

Hundreds of residents have been evacuated from their homes and several lakes in Central Texas are beyond overflow points.

Delgado said 22.05 inches of rain fell in North Central Texas during the first four months of the year, which more than doubles the average of 9.63. The yearly rainfall average is 29.46 inches, Delgado said.

"We are closing in on the yearly total already and we are not even halfway," he said. "We have had more than four inches of rain in the first two days of May."

Only a 22.84-inch rainfall count in 1922 surpasses this year's four-month total, Delgado said.

Ron Ruffennach, spokesman for the Army Corps of Engineers in Fort Worth, said even with extra workers, his staff is overextended tracking floods and fielding requests from police.

"We have got people monitoring just about every lake in the central part of the state," Ruffennach said. "We have helped evacuate people and even closed down one lake because police said looters were getting into boats and vandalizing abandoned homes."

The Trinity River, which flows south of Dallas, crested Wednesday, forcing Army Corps engineers to release 24,000 cubic feet of water into a spillway, he said.

"Once the waters are loose, they can create a deadly current," Ruffennach said.

Two elderly men became the seventh and eighth casualties of the weather Wednesday morning in Fort Worth when they ap-

parently ditched their car and tried to cross the street in fast moving waters, police said.

Their bodies were found about 3 a.m. two miles downstream. The body of a woman also was found in Fort Worth. She also was believed to have been swept downstream in her car.

Bill Colbert, a spokesman for the Texas Water Commission, said the only good news to report is that one of Texas' major water supplies was being replenished.

The Edwards Aquifer, which runs through Southwest Texas, was in dire need of rainfall after South Texas recorded well-below average rainfall from 1986-88, Colbert said.

"We have been monitoring closely the number of withdrawals taken from Edwards," Colbert said. "These rains will certainly help put some water back in."

Agriculture officials say the rains are reeking havoc with winter wheat crops in North Central Texas, also known as the Badlands.

Flooded fields near Dallas have had the effect of drowning the wheat crop, saturating the ground and cutting off the plants' supply of oxygen.

This comes only weeks after the government projected a 45 percent jump in North Texas wheat production this year over 1989 — and the largest since 1986.

"The attitudes have changed, in terms of outlook for the wheat crop," Dr. Ken Stokes, an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Dallas, told The Dallas Morning News.

"Fields are starting to turn white," which indicates the wheat is dying," he said. "It's going to impact on yields. I don't see how it's not going to."

## Garland cops nix pardon

GARLAND, Texas (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements has postponed granting a pardon to a man convicted in a 1985 robbery because Garland police are opposed to the action.

The state Board of Pardons and Paroles requested Monday that Martin Kimsey, 50, of Waco, be granted a full pardon in the robbery of an armored car outside a Garland store.

But Clements is wary of granting the pardon because the parole board was one vote shy of a unanimous recommendation, said press secretary Rossanna Salazar. His decision was also due to a letter from Garland Police Chief Jesse Youngblood opposing the pardon, she said.

Kimsey's attorney, Robert Looney of Austin, said he believes Youngblood's letter to the governor was a defensive maneuver in the face of a possible lawsuit.

"We will present evidence to the governor, as it becomes necessary, that the Garland Police Department was negligent to the point of framing (Kimsey)," Looney said.

## 'Skinheads' sentenced in hate crimes

DALLAS (AP) — A federal prosecutor said tough prison sentences for five white supremacists will put other hate groups on notice that racial crimes carry a heavy penalty.

"The message today was sent by a federal district court judge in the form of some very substantial sentences," Barry Kowalski, a prosecutor with the U.S. Justice Department's civil rights division, said Wednesday after sentencing of five "skinheads."

An all-white jury found the skinheads guilty March 1 of conspiracy to violate the civil rights of minorities by defacing a synagogue and Jewish community center in 1988 and chasing blacks and Hispanics from Robert E. Lee Park in Dallas that same year.

Former members of the skinheads' faction Confederate Hammerskins had testified the group planned to pump cyanide gas into Temple Shalom.

## Astrograph

by Bernice Bede Osol

**Your Birthday**  
May 4, 1990

Exciting and rewarding times are in the offing in the year ahead. Lessons you've learned from experiences, both bitter and sweet, will provide the framework for your new successes.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** This could be a rather extraordinary day for you if you do everything in accordance with your highest ideals. Don't adjust or lower your standards merely to put others at ease. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** The motives behind your behavior towards friends today will be charitable and compassionate, even though you might do your utmost to conceal your tender inclinations.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** A dear friend who holds you in high regard may work on your behalf today without your knowledge in order to make something difficult in which you're involved easier.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Something you're desirous of doing today may appear to be unrealistic to the casual observer. However, you'll instinctively know how it can be done, even if it's a mystery to others.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Someone you've recently met is very anxious to get to know you better. You're aware of this, but you have not encouraged the relationship, even though you sense you should.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** A reliable associate who has been helpful to you previously can be of considerable assistance again today. If you need anything from a buck to a bicycle pump, go to him first.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** If you are lucky enough to be involved with someone today whose objectives closely parallel yours, both stand an excellent chance of achieving your aims.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** If there is something you have to negotiate or sell today, keep in mind the buyer is as anxious to profit from the deal as you are to sell.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** People with whom you have dealings today will automatically sense your strength and resolve. It won't be necessary for you to be aggressive in order to get your way.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Loving gestures you make toward your mate today will not readily be forgotten. If your mate has a special wish that is within your power to grant, make it come true.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Friends whose companionship you enjoy are obligated to socially will have a better time being entertained at your place today than they will if you take them out on the town.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** If you're desirous of having something you've loaned to another returned, a gentle reminder today should do the trick, because the recipient of your gesture has been having a troubled conscience.

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## Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Does sleeping under an electric blanket pose a health problem?

**DEAR READER:** In any conducting system, the flow of electricity produces an electromagnetic field. This is the basis of the tremendous magnetic pull of commercial magnets used to lift scrap metal. Of course, the strength of magnetic fields around house-wiring and appliances — such as television sets, hair dryers, electric clocks and electric blankets — are weak in comparison.

Nonetheless, many individuals are expressing increased concern about the health effects of everyday exposure to weak electromagnetic fields. For example, recent studies have suggested an accentuated risk of cancer in people who live near high-voltage utility wires — especially where there are transformers — and in the linemen who service them. Also, household appliances may be associated with health problems, such as slowing of motor skills, in people who have close, chronic exposure to them.

Obviously, the degree of risk depends on the length of exposure and distance from the appliance. Ordinarily, people are closer to a hair dryer than to a television set, but the exposure is far less prolonged.

This dose/distance relation has raised the issue of potential harm from electric blankets, under which users may lie for several hours a night. Although the electromagnetic field around an electric blanket is weak, the effects may potentiate in a person who sleeps under it for six to eight hours several times a week.

To date, however, no clear-cut harm has been demonstrated from this practice. Nonetheless, some authorities recommend that people reduce their electromagnetic exposure by warming the bed with the electric blanket and then turning it off and using more traditional covering for sleeping.

The medical/scientific establishment has thus far refrained from issuing warnings or guidelines about electric blankets. Personally, I avoid them and will continue to use non-electric blankets and comforters until the uncertainties have been resolved.

For further information, interested readers may find the following two books helpful: "Currents of Death" by Paul Brodeur (Simon & Schuster, 1989) and "The Body Electric: Electromagnetism and the Foundation of Life" by Robert Becker, M.D. and Gary Selden (Morrow, 1985).

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## To write bill

AUSTIN (AP) — With lawmakers back at the Capitol for their fifth special session, State Sen. John Montford says he plans to begin work on a plan to tighten ethics rules for those in state government.

Legislative leaders, after months of news stories about lobbyists' gifts to lawmakers, had ordered committees to prepare legislation to tighten ethics rules.

But no bill was offered to either of the 30-day special sessions held since Feb. 27.

Montford, chairman of the Senate State Affairs Committee, said he intends to begin work on a plan that would close loopholes in bribery laws and place new limits on personal campaign loans — two provisions missing from earlier proposals.

"I think everything needs to be discussed, and I think we need to go ahead and address it," the Lubbock Democrat said.

"We're going to have such colossal fiscal problems (in 1991), it would be a mistake to wait until then. We need to end all the suspicion, go ahead and make the changes we know need to be done," Montford said.

The House State Affairs Committee last month outlined a plan to impose new restrictions on lobbyists and require more public disclosure of their gift-giving to lawmakers.

But after weeks of closed-door negotiations, several of the tougher provisions had been modified or abandoned, and some legislators said that the proposal was too lenient.

Rep. Lena Guerrero, vice chairman of the House State Affairs Committee, said the House was ready to pass a bill if Gov. Bill Clements would have agreed to add it to the special session's agenda.

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**BRIDE HONORED** — Carla Fink was honored with a bridal shower April 28 at St. Elizabeth Church. Pictured from the left are Barbara Scannicchio, the groom's mother; the honoree; Sybil Fink, mother of the bride and Jo Ann Edwards, sister of the bride. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Bridge by James Jacoby

<b>NORTH</b> 5-3-99			
♠ A 10 6 3			
♥ K 5 4			
♦ 7			
♣ A J 8 7 3			
<b>WEST</b>	<b>EAST</b>		
♠ Q 9 7 2	♠ K 5 4		
♥ 9 8 2	♥ Q 10 7 3		
♦ K 8	♦ Q 9 6 5		
♣ Q 10 5 4	♣ K 9		
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠ J 8			
♥ A J 6			
♦ A J 10 4 3 2			
♣ 6 2			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: North			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♥ 9			

### A tricky combination

By James Jacoby

In the methods used by North-South, the jump to two no-trump was only an

invitation to game. Why then did North go on with only 12 high-card points? His answer would be: "I have a five-card suit, an extra 10, and prime cards (A-A-K). And South is an expert declarer." His last reason was the best.

South correctly read the nine of hearts as denying the queen. So he rose with the king in dummy, retaining the A-J for entries to his hand. Then he attacked diamonds. He played dummy's low diamond. When East followed low, South rose with the ace and played back a low diamond. West's king beat the air. West played another heart; South won and led the jack of diamonds. East could take the queen, but declarer still had a heart entry, and the subsequent play of the 10 of diamonds would set up his remaining diamonds.

Declarer's play was best. It's true that putting in the 10 of diamonds when first playing the suit from dummy would win when East held K-Q-x or K-Q-x-x of diamonds, but in the first case it's only a matter of overtricks, and in the second case, when East holds four diamonds, it is more likely that West will hold one of the high honors. Count them: When West holds a doubleton, it can be K-9, K-8, K-6, K-5, Q-9, Q-8, Q-6, Q-5 — a total of eight combinations. If West holds two cards in the suit without the K or Q, there are only six combinations: 9-8, 9-6, 9-5, 8-6, 8-5 and 6-5.

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.

### Theme parties are great for kids

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Kids love theme parties — complete with decorations and cake. Clowns and teddy bears are classics — but what's really "hot" for kids' birthday parties?

How about Batman, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (Cowabunga! It's Your Birthday Dude!) and Super Mario Brothers? Kids love these superheroes.

You can order the cake from a specialty baker, or you can make it at home, using special baking pans shaped like comic book, Saturday morning cartoon show and video game characters.

Shaped pans are among the most popular products for Wilton Enterprises, a decorating supply firm in Woodridge, Ill. These pans define the distinctive shape of each character. Complete baking and decorating instructions are provided for each pan. (Suggested retail price: \$9.99.)

Wilton Enterprises has a variety of specialty cake pans, including Sesame Street celebrities, teddy bears, rocking horses, dinosaurs and clowns. These items are featured in the "Wilton 1990 Yearbook of Cake Decorating" (\$4.99) which includes cake-baking basics, icing tips and tricks, serving suggestions and step-by-step photos.

### Sorority celebrates history

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority of Snyder along with chapters from all around the world gathered in April to celebrate Founder's Day, a traditional celebration that this year honored the 59th year history of the world's largest women's social, service and cultural organization. There are 250,000 active members in chapters from 28 countries throughout the world.

The anniversary was observed by the local Zeta Alpha Alpha Theta Chapter April 21 in the home of Byron and Brenda Hedges. The program was highlighted by a visit from founder Bill Ross, Vickie Bell dressed in a tuxedo, who announced the 1990-91 theme "Celebrate the Magic."

Recognition of outgoing officers and chairmen was given by outgoing president Bette League. Introduction of new officers was given by Lisa Rollins, president-elect. The Founder's Day pledge was given by Marie Boone, and Carolyn Limmer read the "Message from International."

Awards were presented for the following: Bette League, perfect attendance; Jackie Buckland and Sue Sewell, 10 year pins; Barbara Bills, 20 year pin; Mary Lou Scott, 30 year pin; Lisa Hartzog, Edie Hoping, Martha Knowles and Janeen Patterson; Program of the Year, Patterson, Pledge of the Year; Betsy Griffin, Mrs. Congeniality; Brenda Hedges, President's Award; League, Girl of the Year and Donna Fowler, Valentine Sweetheart.

Carolyn House presented League with a scrapbook of the year's activities entitled "Gifts from the Heart: Quilts." Fowler lead the closing ritual and Mizpah.

Jeanne Johnson gave the Beta Sigma Phi grace to the members and their husbands prior to joining for a Western dinner cookout served on the Hedge's patio.

### Members create settings

Cosmorama Study Club held its regular monthly meeting on April 18 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Hostess for the meeting was Shirley Drum.

Jo Ashley, Jo Flynn and Neoma Harlin were responsible for a unique and imaginative program. Members were asked to present a table setting for any occasion of their choosing, and themes ranged from shoe box picnic, which included decorated shoe boxes for box lunches and informal centerpiece of garden flowers and greenery, in a large watering can; to a family reunion featuring an antique quilt as the table cover and antique jars filled with buttons and spools of threads as the centerpiece; to a Super Bowl Party utilizing a football helmet as the table's focal point with a stadium blanket as a table covering and newspaper sport pages as placemats.

Other ideas included Mother's Day breakfast in bed, afternoon teas, a going-away luncheon and Christmas buffets. The women used imagination and simple household items in creating themes of table centerpieces.



**GIRL SCOUTS** — Girl Scout troop #145 recently watched Reta Graham demonstrate the art of decorating a cake. Pictured from the left are Melissa Hicks, Kimberly Key, Kristen Murray, Destini Crawford, Tricia Brzozowski, Lauren Donelson, Stephanie Perkins, Kandace Kimmell, Vicki Cleveland, Jenny Chandler, Kristen York, Charli Boone, Lacey Crawford, Kara Babcock, Laci Sullenger, Alica Bowlin.

### Ted Danson could leave NBC series

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Ted Danson says "Cheers" could survive his departure.

"It's a very depressing thought, but it's true. The show has a life of its own," said Danson, who will return for a ninth season but isn't sure about a 10th.

"I'm taking the summer off to think about it," said Danson, who plays the lothario bartender Sam Malone on the NBC series.

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### THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.  
Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 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.  
Boy Scout Roundtable; Boy's Club; 7 p.m.  
Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; West Fire Station; 7 p.m.  
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.  
Oasis Overeaters Anonymous; 2-3 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Field; Newcomers Welcome! 573-8322 or 573-7705.  
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.  
Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 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

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.

### Chauffeur witnesses rock star's wedding

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — A limousine chauffeur served as witness to the weekend marriage of Guns N' Roses lead singer W. Axl Rose and Erin Invicta Everly, daughter of one of the Everly Brothers.

Rose, 28, and the 24-year-old daughter of Don Everly were married early Saturday at the Cupid Wedding Chapel. Charles Biondilla, manager of the chapel, said the couple came to the chapel twice before going through with the private five-minute ceremony.

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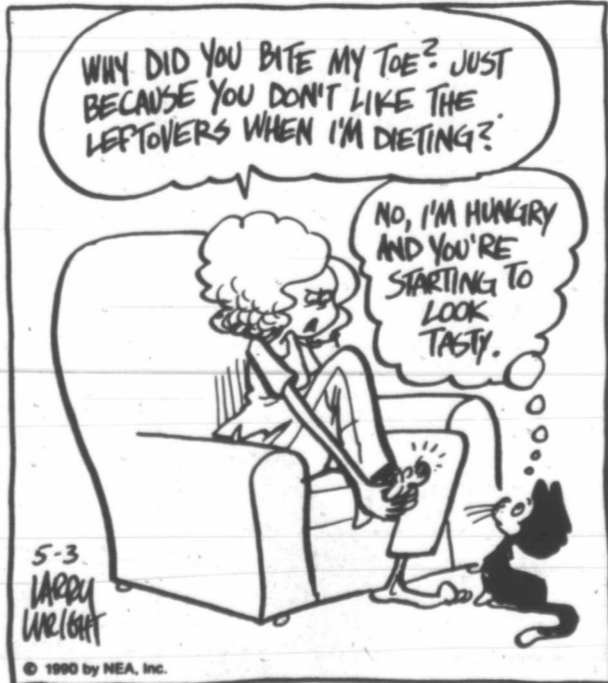
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# NEA PUZZLES

## ACROSS

- 1 Do — say
- 4 Hang in folds
- 9 One-horse carriage
- 12 Queen of the fairies
- 13 More uncommon
- 14 A rose — rose
- 15 Stirring up
- 17 Resting place
- 18 Fizzy drinks
- 19 Water holes
- 21 Public service
- 25 UK time
- 28 — the Mood for Love
- 29 Solar disc
- 33 3, Roman
- 34 Irishman, e.g.
- 35 Abode
- 36 Glasses part
- 38 Is situated

## DOWN

- 1 You love (Lat.)
- 2 Starchy food
- 3 In the same place (abbr.)
- 4 Extreme
- 5 Betrayer (sl.)
- 6 Jackie's 2nd husband
- 7 Enclosure
- 8 Rye fungus
- 9 Adjustable

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 10 Two words of understanding
- 11 Rooms idly
- 16 Type of cross
- 20 Indian nurse
- 22 — Marcos
- 23 Flowers
- 24 Purpose
- 25 Fish organ
- 26 Architect — van der Rohe
- 27 Singer — Turner
- 30 Heavy weights
- 31 Biblical king
- 32 Tide type
- 37 Let it stand
- 39 Fixed pay
- 45 Faithful
- 46 Vehicle
- 47 Music buff's purchase
- 48 Gravel ridges
- 49 Study hard (sl.)
- 51 WWII event
- 52 Actress — Martha
- 53 Ogles
- 56 Self
- 57 Weaken
- 58 Cravat

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# 'Cluster suicide' phenomenon rocks small town in Arkansas

SHERIDAN, Ark. (AP) — The pines are tall, lines at cash registers are short and a phone call is still only a dime in this country town. People live here to get away from city and suburban pressures.

But today, after a cluster of teen-age suicides, residents are mourning the dead, and, in a sense, the town's loss of innocence.

"It's terrible for a small town like this to have to wake up like this," said resident Carolyn Talbert.

The high school is flooded with psychiatrists, psychologists and counselors. Police track down absent students if phone calls home aren't answered. Students try to make sense of the senseless.

Joe Wise Jr., mayor of the town of 3,230, said, "We're just getting a taste of some of the things that go on in larger towns."

On Monday, 17-year-old Thomas Smith went to the front of his fifth-period American

history class, professed his love for a girl, and shot himself with a .22-caliber gun as 23 horrified classmates watched.

About nine hours later, Thomas M. Chidester, 19, a close friend of Smith's, was found dead with a gunshot wound to the head and a note saying, "I can't go on any longer."

A third schoolmate, 17-year-old Jerry Paul McCool, killed himself Tuesday, authorities said. McCool knew Smith and Chidester but was not a close friend.

Two days, three lives, and few answers.

"I sure can't make any sense out of it," said Lisa Deal, 18, president of the student council at Sheridan's high school. "Even in a tragedy of this nature we must go on. We're all pulling together and trying to get over this disaster."

School officials immediately began summoning mental health help Monday from across Arkansas and contacted national crisis and grief experts.

Residents say the 770-student school isn't a high-pressure college preparatory factory full of upper middle-class achievers from fast-growing communities.

Forty percent of Sheridan's seniors go on to college, principal Eddie Hauhee said. Smith and Chidester, for example, both planned to enter the military. Like many small towns, Sheridan turns out for its Yellowjackets on Friday nights during football season.

Even though many commute to jobs in Little Rock or Pine Bluff up to 30 miles away, and the school has grown recently, Sheridan tries to stay strictly country.

Police and school officials don't suspect drug or alcohol problems

had a role in the suicides. All suicide victims had access to guns because "this is a hunting community," Police Chief David Hooks said.

What authorities do suspect is that all three boys, and a fourth classmate who took his life March 28, suffered from a lack of self-esteem.

"School has to be more personal. Lives of children have to become paramount," said Sheridan Schools Superintendent David Robinson.

Tuesday night, some 1,200 parents turned out for a town meeting with school officials and suicide prevention experts.

At the high school Wednesday morning, first period was devoted to sessions that allowed teachers and students to discuss their feelings, with assistance from some 60 mental health professionals and clergy who reviewed stages of grief and depression.



SPECIAL ED RODEO — Snyder School Superintendent Dalton Moseley presented Western Texas College rodeo coach Bob Doty with a plaque Wednesday in appreciation of Doty's and the team's work with special education students. For the last five years, Doty and rodeo team

members have held a "special rodeo" for the students in conjunction with the annual WTC NIRA Rodeo. In addition, Doty accepted plaques on behalf of Jerry Baird and rodeo clown Quail Dobbs for their work in the rodeo. (SDN Staff Photo)

## 010 LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Route 1, Box 98, Snyder, Texas 79549, has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Canyon Reef Formation, SACROC Unit Lease, Well Number 27-06.

The proposed injection well is located 10 miles north from Snyder, Texas, in the Kelly-Snyder Field, in Scurry County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6364 to 7000 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen (15) days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6790).

### Freed educator upset that hostages aren't out

WIESBADEN, West Germany (AP) — Frank Reed says he is embarrassed to be free when men held hostage far longer — and with whom he shared the deprivations of captivity — remain prisoners of Shiite Moslem extremists in Lebanon.

The 57-year-old American educator savored his third day in freedom Wednesday with his wife Fahima and their 9-year-old son Tarek.

Reed also spoke to reporters for the first time since arriving at the U.S. Air Force hospital on Tuesday. Medical tests and debriefings continued today and officials said he would head home on Friday.

"I tell you, I'm very, very

angry that Anderson ... Tom and Terry ... are not free," he said Wednesday.

Reed was referring to Terry Anderson, The Associated Press chief Middle East correspondent and longest-held Western hostage in Lebanon, and Thomas Sutherland, an American educator.

Anderson was kidnapped on March 16, 1985, Sutherland on June 9, 1985.

"I spent the good part of two years with Tom and Terry," Reed said. "For God's sake, it's nearly the sixth year for these men. I'm absolutely embarrassed I'm out before they are."

The founder of a private school in Beirut, Reed was abducted on

Sept. 9, 1986 and spent a little more than 42 months in captivity.

He was the second American hostage to be freed in nine days with the help of Syria and Iran. Robert Polhill, freed April 22, went through the same battery of medical tests and questioning last week.

Reed said he had been held since October in the same house as hostages John McCarthy and Brian Keenan and that both are "well and alive." Keenan, a dual Anglo-Irish citizen, was abducted on April 11, 1986 and McCarthy, a Briton, was kidnapped six days later.

"Those were the only people I knew" in captivity, Reed said of the four hostages. Reed lost 60

pounds in captivity and says he was kept blindfolded and bound nearly all the time.

He said he was no longer angry with the U.S. administration that hostages are still being held: "On the basis of information I have received ... it appears to me perhaps we are on the right track to getting these people out."

Earlier Wednesday, Reed's Syrian-born wife told reporters that her husband was "angry with everybody," including officials in Washington, that the hostage crisis has not been solved.

Sixteen Westerners, including six Americans, are believed still held captive by Pro-Iranian Shiite groups in Lebanon.

State any specific goals you would like to see accomplished:

When I first considered seeking a place on the board of trustees, I wrote some personal goals I felt should be accomplished. After some four months of involvement in this process, I still believe these original goals are appropriate. They are as follows:

- a. Address each item of business and pursue excellence by thoroughness and detail, b. Continue to make Western Texas College responsive to the needs of the community, c. Make sure that taxpayers receive a dollar value for each tax dollar spent, d. To continue to uphold the high standards of the college board of trustees.

What is the most pressing problem facing the college today?

Rising costs and declining tax base.

Outline the solution to this need.

a. Expand enrollment, b. Spend available money more efficiently, c. Increase tuition, d. Increase user fees, e. Increase out-of-district tuition and fees, f. Work with the Texas Legislature to insure adequate funding for community colleges.

Define briefly the role of a college trustee:

The role of a college trustee is to give the college direction by establishing policy and by assisting the president in carrying out the board policy. The trustee also has a responsibility to improve communication between the community and the college. A trustee should be available, and he should listen and study each issue and make decisions and vote in the best interest of the college and community.

# WTC Place 2 candidates express views



BILL HIBBS

Name: Bill Hibbs  
Age: 63  
Length of residence in county: 21 years.  
Occupation: Retired electrical supervisor, Texas Pipeline, Inc.  
Civic, fraternal, church or other affiliations: Masonic Lodge No. 1158, Wichita Falls; Colonial Hill Baptist Church.  
Prior board experience: YM-CA board, Wichita Falls, 1960-67; Credit Union Board of Directors, Wichita Falls, 1958-68; Wichita Falls Board of Electrical Examiners, 1957-1966; Wichita Falls Joint Apprenticeship Board, 1954-1968.  
Ever sought public office before? No.



CARL WILLIAMS

Name: Carl Williams  
Age: 57  
Length of residence in county: 50 years.  
Occupation: Farmer-Rancher.  
Civic, fraternal, church or other affiliations: Colonial Hill Baptist Church.  
Prior board experience: Midwest Electric Co-op, 1978-90; Farmer's Co-op Gin, 1975-85; Scurry County Producers Association, 1977-1983; Hobbs School Board, 1964-1968; Upper Colorado SWC Board, 1970-1980; Scurry County Jr. Livestock Board, 1965-75.  
Ever sought public office before? No.

WTC to grow in enrollment and improve to the point that it is the best junior college that it is possible to have in Scurry County.

Undoubtedly financing will continue to be a major problem.

It is impossible to determine what the fall-out of the public school finance bill pending in Austin will be upon junior colleges. All sources of revenue will have to be looked at, as well as improving the efficiency of operations.

The role of a college trustee is to hire the president and set long term goals and guidelines to operate the college. Trustees should promote the college in every way possible.





# House authorizes 5-year plan for super collider

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of the superconducting super collider say the time is right to begin looking for foreign support in light of a House vote authorizing the \$7.4 billion collider but putting a \$5 billion cap on federal spending for it.

working on rounding up foreign participation," Rep. Ralph Hall, D-Rockwall, said of the House authorization Wednesday.

The bill, approved 309-109 and sent to the Senate Wednesday, gives the Department of Energy specific authority to build the particle accelerator. Since the

department already could undertake the project under other general authority to support scientific research, the specific authority is important mostly as a sign of political support.

The collider is to be built about 30 miles south of Dallas near Waxahachie.

Under the bill approved Wednesday, costs above \$5 billion would be left to Texas, which has pledged \$1 billion, and other sources, including foreign investors. The \$5 billion federal limit was amended several times to assure its strength.

But the reaction of Texas congressmen to the bill's passage was moderated when the House removed a provision that called for the U.S. government to return Texas' \$1 billion investment if the Department of Energy canceled

the project before October 1995.

Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, said the refund loss was a "manifestation of a simmering resentment toward Texas based on our years of success on bringing important projects and installations to our state."

The bill allows the Department of Energy to build the particle accelerator on 17,000 acres near Waxahachie, south of Dallas.

Waxahachie Mayor James Self said he never doubted the outcome of the House vote.

"I have just always felt that when the real crunch time came that the scientific benefits would outweigh any of the negative aspects of the project," Self said.

But Rep. Dennis Eckart, D-Ohio, said the strong vote Wednesday did not assure Congress would fully fund the project.

Actual spending for the collider would have to be approved later as part of Congress' annual appropriations process.

The bill was sent to the Senate, but the super collider will not likely be authorized in the senior chamber. An aide to Sen. Lloyd Bentsen said senators probably will only act on the collider during appropriations.

The collider is a 54-mile underground ring in which streams of protons guided by electromagnets would be hurled at almost the speed of light until they smash together and break into even smaller particles.

Scientists say the super collider would recreate the physical state in the moment after the Big Bang, which some believe was the beginning of the universe.

Robert Roe, D-N.J., chairman of the Science, Space and Technology Committee said the 5-year authorization gives the collider "the stability and continuity that it needs to flourish."

"Given the size, complexity and importance of the SSC, its funding should not be left to the vagaries of the annual appropriations processes," Roe said.

Much of the House debate on the bill centered on making sure the federal share would not rise if the total cost of the project did.

"When the House votes for this legislation today, it is going on record that the SSC will not cost the taxpayer one dime more than \$5 billion," said Rep. Robert Walker, R-Pa., the ranking minority member of the Science, Space and Technology Committee.



## Ring of Truth in Commitment Makes for Solid Engagement

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Lately I have seen women wearing "engagement" rings for a year or two. I always thought that the ring was presented six months to a year before the wedding.

What is the length of time for an engagement? Who should announce it? If the engagement is broken, should the ring be returned?

CALIFORNIA QUERY

DEAR QUERY: An engagement — as I assess it — is simply a public announcement that two people plan to marry. An engagement ring is not essential to make it official, but it helps. A couple can be engaged anywhere from one day to "indefinitely."

It can be announced by the parents of the bride, either or both parties involved, the town gossip, or nobody.

If the engagement is broken, the woman should return the ring (unless, of course, she paid for it).

And by the way, all that is required for a sincere engagement is a meeting of minds. One person asks the other, "Will you marry me?" If the answer is "yes" (assuming both parties are sober and in their right minds), they are as legally engaged as if he had given her the Hope diamond.

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DEAR ABBY: I've fallen in love. I am adult and mature and have been living with this man for two years. "Joe" and I have talked about marriage, and I think he is going to ask me soon.

Here's the problem: I am trying to dig my way out of debt. For years I was addicted to credit cards, and I am now in the process of paying all my bills, but it's taking most of my money.

I told Joe I was saving my money to build a nice nest egg, but actually most of it is going to pay off these old debts. He thinks I have a lot of money saved, when actually it's been spent.

Do you think I need to tell him the truth? I plan to keep my financial

situation to myself until after we are married and all my bills are paid. What is your best advice, Abby?

BILLS PAID, NO SAVINGS

DEAR BILLS: Tell Joe the truth now. Deception is a rotten foundation for marriage. If he marries you thinking you have a nice nest egg and then learns that you have deceived him, you are apt to find yourself with an empty nest.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother is terminally ill, but she enjoys having company on her "good" days. Her friends have been wonderful about visiting her — always calling ahead to see if Mom is up to having visitors, and they never stay very long, which is also most considerate.

Now, the problem: One of Mom's oldest friends always brings her news about who's dying, sparing none of the details. She is also a gossip, but that's not as depressing as the list of people who are dying.

Is there any way I can tell Mom's old friend to please bring only cheerful news? After this woman leaves, Mom is so depressed she can hardly eat.

DEVOTED DAUGHTER

DEAR DAUGHTER: Yes. Meet the crepe hanger at the door and ask her to please keep her visits positive and cheerful — no news about who's dying, as "Mom" is very emotional at this time and bad news upsets her.

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## Mail bomb suspect's sketch released

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. postal inspectors hope to get a break in their investigation of two mail bombings with the release of two sketches of men wanted for questioning in the attacks.

The sketches were released Wednesday in connection with the separate mail bombings of a Houston church and Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network office in Virginia Beach, Va.

"We don't know if these are depictions of the same person, but it's possible," said Judith Groome, a postal inspector.

"We had two witnesses in the cases who gave us these descrip-

tions of people that we reasonably believe will know something about the bombs," she said.

No suspects have been arrested in either bombing, and authorities are looking for help.

"We're seeking a major breakthrough by going to the public with these pictures," Ms. Groome said at an afternoon press conference.

One sketch is a composite of a man authorities want to question in connection with the bomb that exploded last Friday in the mail room of the CBN's network office, injuring a security guard.

The second drawing is of a man

wanted for questioning in the Jan. 30 mail bombing of the Lakewood Church in Houston.

Lisa Osteen, the daughter of the Rev. John Osteen, was injured in that bombing.

## Supreme Court backs Open Meeting law

AUSTIN (AP) — Consumers' and open government groups have applauded a decision by the Texas Supreme Court that stops a majority of members of governing bodies from holding private discussions about public business.

The ruling was handed down Wednesday in the so-called "bathroom lawsuit," which claimed that two of the Texas Water Commission's three members violated the state's Open Meetings Act by allegedly discussing a pending decision while in the restroom.

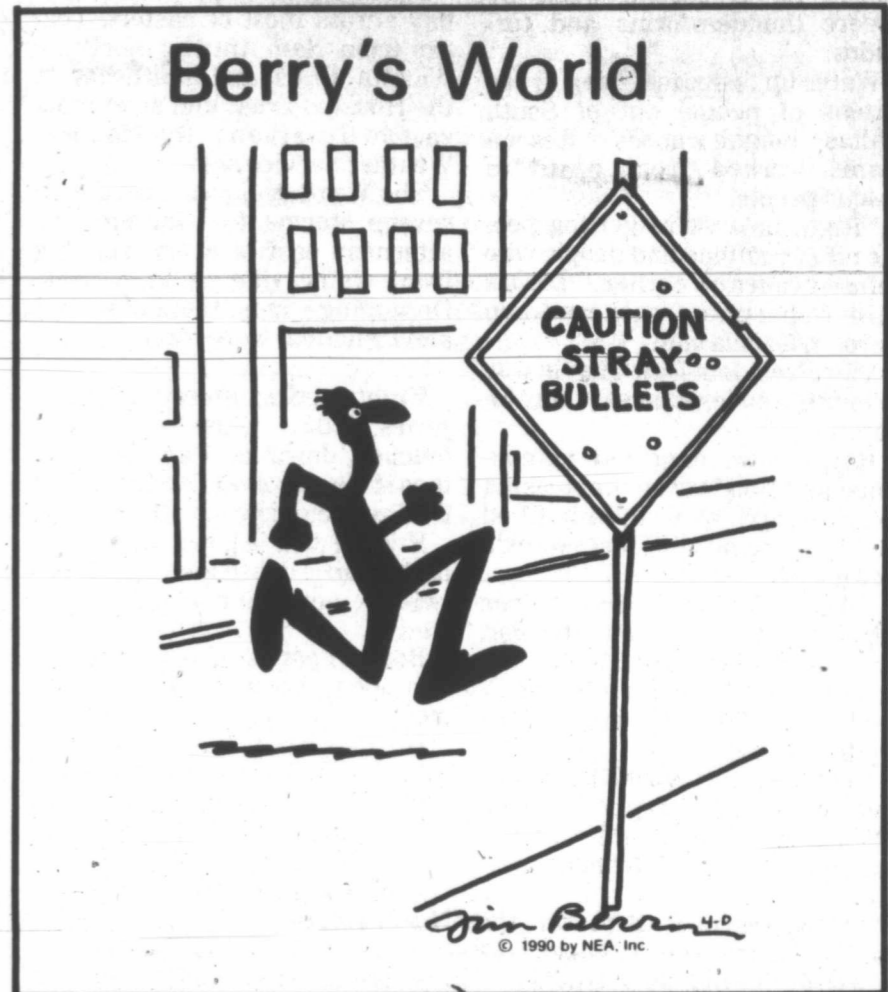
The Supreme Court said such a discussion would be illegal anytime there is a quorum or majority of the decision-making body present.

John Hildreth, director of the Southwest Regional Office of Consumers Union, said the decision "reaffirms the fundamental concept of openness in Texas government."

"The Supreme Court remedied a decision which would have slammed the door on access to decision making by major regulatory agencies," Hildreth

said. Nancy Monson, executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, hailed the ruling as "an excellent decision."

During a break in the meeting, Acker's lawyer, Andrew Taylor, said he overheard commission members discussing the application in the restroom.



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