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## Ask Us

Q—Why did the SDN not run pictures of the junior and senior class favorites?

A—The junior class picture had to be retaken and will run in the near future. All other class favorites have run, including the senior class.

## In Brief

### Gets new post

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — An agent who led 310 other Hispanics in suing the FBI for discrimination has been named head of the agency in New Mexico, which is where Bernardo M. "Mat" Perez wanted to be.

Perez, 51, will replace James W. Nelson, who will become agent in charge at St. Louis, Mo., effective in May, agent Doug Beldon said here Thursday.

Perez, a 28-year veteran of the FBI, currently is deputy assistant director at the FBI's laboratory division in Washington D.C.

### Mourn trooper

AUSTIN (AP) — Slain state trooper Carlos Warren was honored by hundreds of Texas peace officers and remembered fondly by friends at a funeral service.

"He was always happy, always smiling, he never showed his anger. He cared about everyone," said 16-year-old Markie Ruiz of Del Valle, a friend who attended Thursday's funeral service.

Warren, a Department of Public Safety trooper since 1986, was shot to death early Tuesday at a roadside park on Texas Highway 71 in Travis County. He was 30.

### Jobless rate

DALLAS (AP) — The state jobless rate fell to 5.5 percent in February, down nearly a point from January and from February of 1990, the Labor Department said today.

Nic Santangelo, analyst in the Dallas office of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said the drop is statistically significant but doesn't illustrate an economic change.

"It's hard to make too much of that 5.5 percent unemployment rate," Santangelo said. He said the figure was another reflection of the volatility in the state's job scene that has been seen monthly for about two years.

## Local

### Spring Break

Snyder public schools will dismiss for Spring Break at 2:45 p.m. Monday. Students will not report back until March 18.

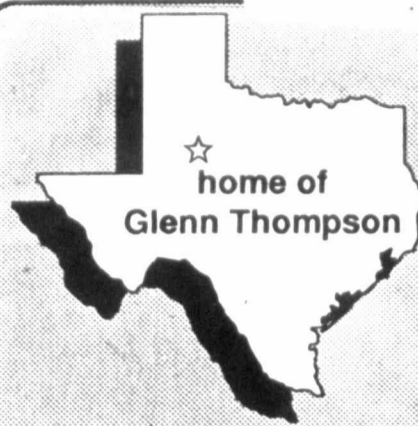
Snyder ISD administration building will also close for normal business during Spring Break. However, anyone wishing to file for Place 2 or 3 on the school board may do so during regular hours.

### Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 55 degrees; low, 29 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 29 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1991 to date, 1.64 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 30s. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Saturday, mostly sunny. High in the mid 60s. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:47 p.m. Sunrise Saturday, 7:01 a.m. Of 66 days in 1991, the sun has shone in Snyder 61 days.



# FRIDAY

# Snyder Daily News

## Guerrero receives on-the-job training in county oil patch

Lena Guerrero, an admitted novice of the oil and gas industry, secured on-the-job training in Scurry County Thursday and today.

Guerrero, the first woman ever appointed to serve on the powerful Texas Railroad Commission, toured the oil patch in the Snyder area Thursday afternoon following a speech before the Snyder Rotary Club.

A six-year veteran of the Texas House of Representatives, Guerrero joked about her appointment by Gov. Ann Richards. "I went on the railroad commission knowing the same thing as every other person going on the railroad commission - nothing - but I knew it in two languages."

Guerrero said a purpose of her trip to West Texas was to learn. "I'm out learning and I found out in the legislature it's okay to say you 'don't know' or 'don't understand.'"

The commissioner will become chairperson of the three-member commission in April. She said she delayed becoming chairman until she had an opportunity to learn more about the agency which regulates a \$57 billion in-

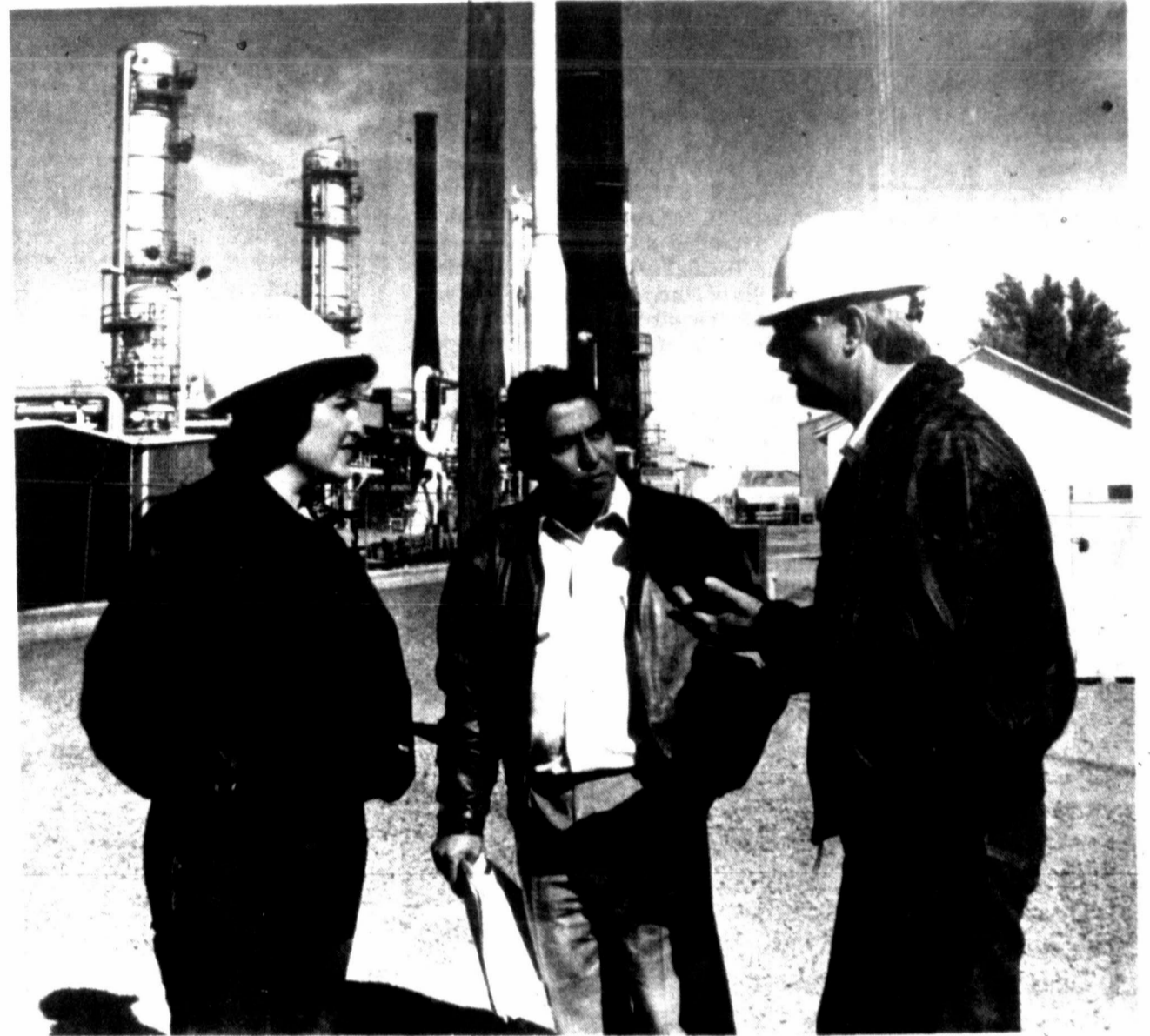
dustry in the state. "Government has to be realistic," she said. "Government is not about laws and policies, but how government really functions in the lives of people."

Guerrero agreed that a national energy policy is needed, but that Texas is only one of six producing states. "What we need first is a state energy policy to include new markets for natural gas."

She said conversion of vehicles to run on natural gas would not only create jobs in Texas, but would help improve the environment.

Addressing a dinner in her honor at Snyder Country Club Thursday evening, Guerrero again stressed the importance of creating new markets for natural gas. She cited conversion of the Houston transit system to natural gas would be a step in creating new markets and new jobs for Texas.

She added that another plus would be for the environment since natural gas is a cleaner burning fuel than gasoline or (See GUERRERO, page 10)



LOCAL TOUR — Texas Railroad Commission member Lena Guerrero and Snyder Gasoline Plant engineer and former classmate of Ms. Guerrero, Roland Longoria, listen as plant superintendent Larry McConkey explains the plant's operations and safety procedures. The plant was one of several stops made during her Thursday afternoon tour of the Scurry County oil patch area. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Open house planned for Masonic Lodges

Masonic Lodges across Texas — including those in Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh — are doing something new this Sunday. They are overcoming a centuries-old stigma of secrecy by opening their doors to the public.

In Scurry County, Masonic Lodges No. 706 in Snyder, No. 934 in Ira and No. 987 in Hermleigh will hold open house from 2-4 p.m.

"We'd like the public to come see what we're all about," said Homer Godair, secretary of the Scurry County Masonic Lodge in Snyder. "We're inviting everyone to come. We'll have refreshments and show people

what we're all about. Few people know, for instance, that Masons provide more charitable donations than any other organization."

Lodge masters are Mike Dennis in Snyder, Jimmy Ward in Hermleigh and Joe Hall in Ira.

Masonry is the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world. It also constitutes the world's largest philanthropy, spending almost \$2 million daily to operate its many charitable programs, including the Learning Center of West Texas, Shrine Hospitals and Burn Institutes, the Eye Foundation and the Knights Templar Educational Foundation.

## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "An old-timer is one who remembers romance as a courtship, and not a relationship."

### Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

O.G. Nieman, in the Hereford Brand, saw the following sign posted on a bulletin board in a local business:

"Children — Tired of being harassed by your stupid parents? Act now! Move out, get a job, and pay your own bills while you still know everything."

Walter Buckel, in the Lamesa Press-Reporter, said you often have to resist the urge to verbally strike back.

"Patience is the ability to put up with people you'd like to put down."

Mike Nichols, in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, claims you can say just about anything about a person just as long as you include the benediction "bless his or her heart." For example:

"I believe Dora May is the ugliest woman I ever did see, bless her heart. She has a face that only a mother could love, bless her heart. Even warts won't stick to that face, bless her heart. And bless her heart, how does she pull a sweater on over that nose?"

Or as in: "Lordy, yes. And that husband of hers was the dumbest man. I've seen more intelligent creatures for sale in bait shops, bless his heart."

## 'Reef' relays here Saturday

Snyder's annual Canyon Reef Relays are scheduled for running Saturday at Tiger Stadium with over two dozen boys and girls track teams from the region scheduled to compete.

Running preliminaries begin at 9 a.m. with the mile run, followed at 10 a.m. by the 100 meter hurdles and the 110 meter hurdles.

Field events also begin at 9 a.m. with the high jump, triple jump, long jump, shot put and discus at various venues in the stadium.

The finals begin at 1:30 p.m. with the 400 meter relay and the 800 meter run. The meet wraps up with an awards ceremony at

5:15 p.m. Admission is free. Concessions will be available.

"It should be very competitive," said Snyder girls coach Patty Grimm. "The field is so big, I just can't see anyone running away with it."

Included in the girls division are teams from Andrews, Big Spring, Borger, Amarillo Caprock, Denver City, Dimmitt, Floydada, Frenship, Ft. Stockton, San Angelo Lake View, Levelland, Pampa, Pecos, Seminole, Snyder and Sweetwater.

The Lady Tigers will be looking to win their third meet in a row

after first place finishes in Frenship's Tiger Relays to open the season and last week's Mustang Relays in Andrews.

Among the boys teams scheduled to compete is the defending New Mexico state champion Lovington squad.

"They have won their state championship for the last 22 years," reported SHS boys track coach Joe Granato. "They finished second last week in Andrews. They are tough."

Also scheduled to appear in the boys division are Lubbock Coronado, Abilene Cooper, Abilene High, Big Spring, Frenship, Floydada, Pecos and Snyder.

## GED ceremonies set Saturday at Windham

Some 20 Price Daniel inmates will receive their GED certificates Saturday in a 10 a.m. ceremony at the unit.

Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education at Western Texas College, will be the featured speaker.

Bill Looney, religious volunteer at the Snyder unit, will give the invocation.

The graduates Saturday will bring to more than 200 the number of inmates who have been trained and received their GED certification since the unit

opened in August, 1989.

The GED or General Education Development certificate is the equivalent to a high school diploma. The diploma is earned by passing five areas of study — essay writing and grammar, social studies, science, interpretive literature and mathematics.

Each inmate is allowed to invite two guests, and a reception with refreshments is conducted in the library following the ceremony.



SCHOOL FINANCE — Rep. David Counts, right, talks with Ira ISD Superintendent Ted Bedwell following a meeting in Ira Thursday in which Counts spoke on school finance. (SDN Staff Photo)

## School finance plans aren't likely to pass muster, says Rep. Counts

State Rep. David Counts told a small crowd assembled in the Ira gymnasium Thursday that school finance plans currently being considered by state lawmakers probably won't "pass muster" with the courts.

"As of today we have four possibilities of having (a school finance bill) which I don't feel like any of them will pass the muster of the State Supreme Court...because they do not address equity," said Counts, who represents the 78th District.

The Knox City Democrat said he scheduled the meeting at Ira with the idea in mind of informing teachers, administrators and interested citizens about a new finance bill. But lawmakers have not agreed on a bill as soon as was expected.

"I had hoped to be able to tell

you 'this is what's going to happen and this is the way it's going to work,' but I can't tell you anything because we don't know. It's in a conference committee and the conferees are five Senators and five House members...and they can actually take and re-write a new bill. When they come out they'll go to the Senate and see if they'll buy it and they'll come to us and see if we'll buy it," said Counts.

The problem of equalization is a massive one, he noted.

"In my own district I would have trouble equalizing taxes," said the Representative, who has 32 schools in his district.

But Counts said he is optimistic that a workable bill will come out of the session.

"All is not black. I'll do anything I have to do as your

Representative to keep the court master from taking our schools over...I have a horror of that. If that happens, you lose all personality, you lose all common sense. It's strictly a person in a room making hard decisions with cold figures."

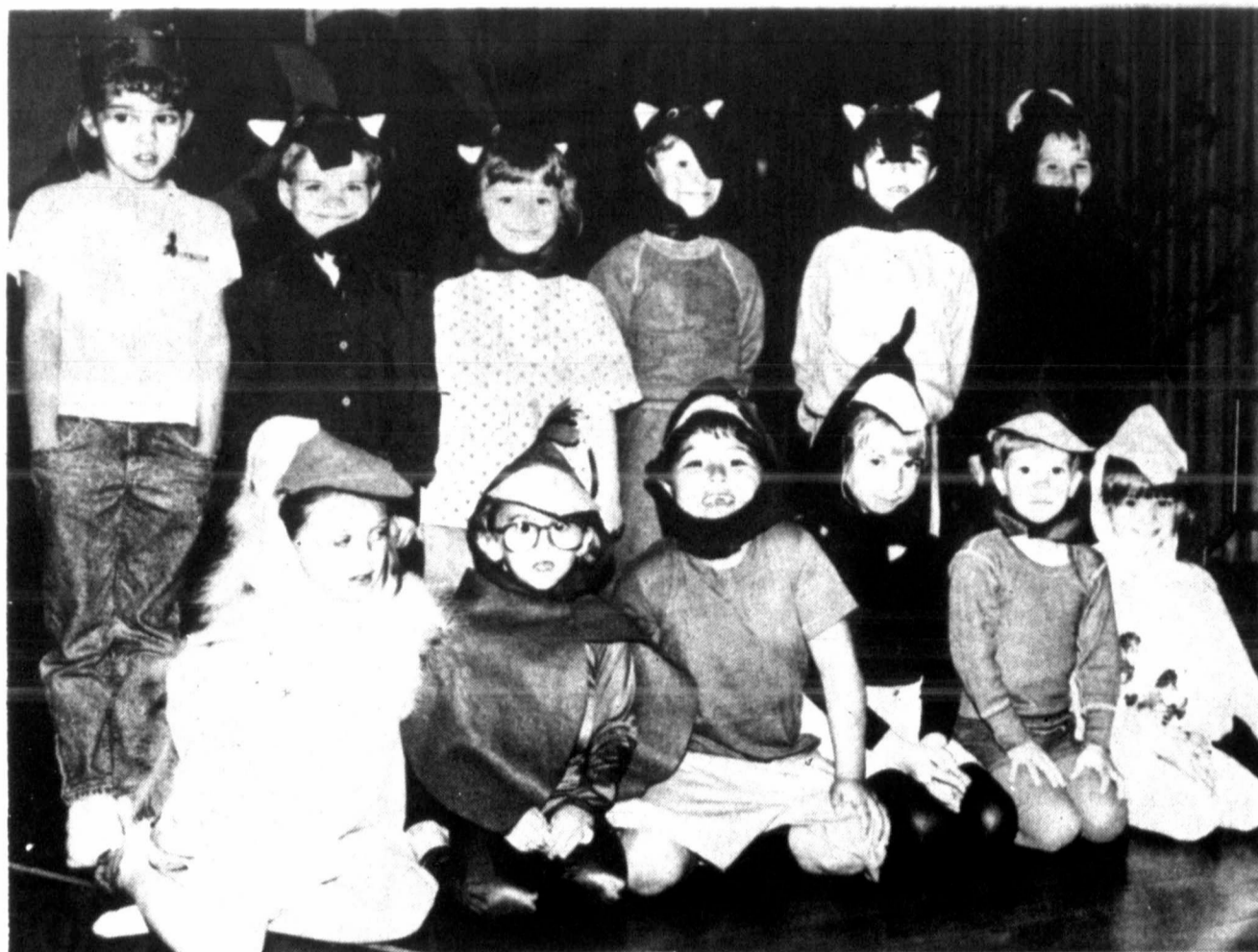
Of the four bills being considered, all would require a constitutional amendment, because they require taking taxes from wealthy districts and distributing them among poorer districts, noted Counts, who explained that it is not constitutional to tax one district and give those funds to another district.

Some members of the audience voiced concern that a Robin Hood approach to school funding might force rural schools to close.

"We'll lose some rural schools (See FINANCE, page 10)



**JUDGES ATTEND SCHOOL** — A total of 102 newly elected justices of the peace from across the state attended a 40-hour basic school Jan. 13-18 in Austin conducted by the Texas Justice Training Center headquartered at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. Newly elected or appointed justices are required to attend a 40-hour course within one year of taking office. Attending were, left to right, Wanda Rushing of Snyder, Scurry County, Precinct 1; Linda Rogers of Seymour, Baylor County, Precinct 2; George W. Rhoads of Old Glory, Stonewall County, Precinct 2; Janette Crownover of Seymour, Baylor County, Precinct 1 and Randy N. Balderson of Graham, Young County, Precinct 1. (Private Photo)



**"THE SKY IS FALLING"** — These students from North Elementary portrayed animals in the open house program, "The Sky Is Falling." They are Beau McPeak, Stephanie Davis, Leslie English, Patricia May and Candace Gonzalez. Not pictured is Craig Forbes. (SDN Staff Photo)

**Astrograph**  
By Bernice Bede Osol

**Your Birthday**

March 9, 1991

Endeavors you share with close friends could have promising possibilities for all concerned in the year ahead. In addition to being worthwhile, they should also be fun.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Your possibilities for realizing your hopes and expectations today are a bit better than most other signs, because your aspirations will be practical. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Everyone is appreciative of acknowledgment, but you're more likely to get what you desire by not trying to solicit praise.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You'll take your involvements seriously today, and you're apt to be philosophical regarding their outcomes. Your attitude will help you to effectively handle developments.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Your greatest gratification today is likely to come from a situation in which you're working on something that is in common with another. It could either be business or social.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Before making a major decision today, it may be advisable to get your mate's opinion regarding the matter. Your partner may see alternatives that you've overlooked.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** If you do not use your time and energy productively today, you're apt to feel guilty about your behavior later. Do the right thing and forego punishing yourself.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Business and pleasure make a compatible mix today, provided you put the major emphasis on socializing and the minor emphasis on promoting what you have to offer.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Your possibilities for doing what you set out to do are very good today, provided you can sustain your motivation. Make sure to keep why you want it done foremost in your thoughts.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** If you let yourself get into situations that are too confining today, you could feel uncomfortable and restless. Try not to let others restrict your movements.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Your best asset today, if you apply yourself, is your ability to make what is already a good thing even better. This could be especially true in regard to finances.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Treat people with whom you're involved respectfully today, but don't let them take charge of situations you're equipped to handle better. You'll be able to do this tactfully.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** If you have to do something important today that requires concentration, make arrangements to perform your assignment in quiet surroundings. Noise or interference will negatively affect your productivity.

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# Republicans blast Bullock's push for state income tax

AUSTIN (AP) — If a politician votes to create a state income tax, is he committing political suicide?

"I hope so," says Jack Rains, former GOP gubernatorial candidate.

Rains and other Republicans are blasting Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock's income tax push, charging that the deck is stacked for a special study committee to recommend the controversial levy.

"It's the same old tax-and-spend, tax-and-spend, with no interest in efficiency in government," state GOP Chairman Fred Meyer said Thursday.

Rains and another former GOP gubernatorial hopeful, Kent

Hance, predicted that Democratic Gov. Ann Richards' special tax task force would recommend the income tax.

"They will come back and say, 'We don't like it but this state needs an income tax,'" Rains said. "There's one absolute truth that never changes: government will expand and spend every nickel they can lay their hands on."

Hance, who based his unsuccessful 1990 campaign on an anti-income tax pledge, agreed.

"There's going to be tremendous pressure for an income tax. Just look at that committee... I feel confident they are going to come out for an income tax," Hance said.

Richards' staff denied the charge.

Gubernatorial press secretary Bill Cryer said the task force will conduct an objective review of all state taxes and fees — with no predetermined course of action. The panel is to report by July 1.

"With (Republican) John Connally as chairman, and business leaders and local officials on that committee, I think it is probably the most balanced group you could find," Cryer said.

"Their charge is very straightforward. There is no hidden agenda," he said.

Bullock, a Democrat, stunned many legislators by declaring that he would lead a campaign to create both personal and corporate income taxes.

He proposed a 5 percent personal income tax and an 8 percent corporate levy that would raise about \$8 billion in 1992-93. He said the levy should be accompanied by rollbacks in school property taxes and repeal of the corporate franchise tax.

Bullock contends that income taxes are the only option pay for court-ordered school finance reform, more prisons and added welfare services, because the state sales tax already is among the nation's highest.

His bombshell drew harsh criticism from Republicans, and less-than-enthusiastic responses from some fellow Democrats.

Reaction from members of the Democratic-controlled Texas House? "Luke-cold," said Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth.

"I would say 85 percent of the members of the Texas House are opposed to it," Craddick said. "(The public) wants to see a slowdown in the growth of government and some cuts and trying to live within our means, like they're having to do."

Lewis predicted there would be a series of tax proposals, including an overhaul of the corporate franchise tax, broadening the sales tax to include food and medicine, an effort to raise the sales tax rate, a tax on advertising and other levies before an income tax would be considered.

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# Facing the mess tarnishes euphoria in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — The daunting task of cleaning up after a seven-month occupation that devastated Kuwait City is deflating the initial liberation euphoria, Kuwaitis have said.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has begun a \$45 million 90-day push to restore essential services such as electricity and water, as well as repair roads and airports.

But for individual Kuwaitis, resuming normal lives and going back to work means facing the orgy of destruction wrought by Iraqi troops.

Government buildings were particularly hard-hit by the occupation, which ended when allied forces swept into the emirate a week ago and Iraqi troops fled. Kuwaitis loudly celebrated their freedom, embracing allied soldiers.

But that initial sentiment has begun to give way to despair.

"When you think where we were and see the destruction, you regret all the lost years," said Ali Al-Khiyat, 32, an announcer on Radio Kuwait. "It's years of our lives wasted. ... How many years is it going to take us to rebuild?"

The same thoughts were echoed across town by Ali Al-Abdullah, who as the city's chief engineer was busy inspecting roads, bridges and sewer plants.

"The city looks rotten, deserted. ... It's very depressing," he said.

Most Kuwaitis don't venture out after dark, much less after the 10:30 p.m. curfew imposed under martial law. The lack of electricity in the city makes navigating the roads at night a frightening task.

The U.S. Army Corps is bringing in generators to get street lighting going, since it will probably be two more weeks before power is restored to the city, of-

ficials have said.

But repairing government buildings is the single biggest task facing the 200-member Corps unit, said its spokesman Jim Parker.

Many official facilities were burned, and the utilities are crammed with unexploded munitions. The Iraqis wired plants to destroy them but many of the munitions didn't explode in the Iraqis' rush to get out of town as allied forces approached.

At government buildings, what the Iraqis couldn't cart off they broke. More than \$210 million will be needed to replace equipment at the state-run radio, while damage to the state television was estimated at \$75 million.

At the television station, the entire library of 200,000 films was taken, including a just-completed Arabic translation of Sesame Street that took nine months.

At the radio station, most of the

record collection was smashed. The top record on a pile tossed onto a desk was a greatest hits compilation of Iraqi music from 1982, recorded on a label called, "The Cradle of Civilization."

Iraqi soldiers had scrawled in blue paint on the wall: "Long live

## Girl Scout cookie booths set Saturday

Girl Scout cookie booths will be set up at two locations Saturday in Snyder.

A Brownie Troop will be at Wal-Mart from 9 a.m. to noon and the city-wide Junior Troop will be at Lawrence IGA from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Anyone needing more cookies is asked to contact JoAnn Cearly at 573-3926.

## Lutherans increase

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — The Lutheran World Federation says the number of Lutherans in the world increased in 1990 by about 900,000 to a total of 59.7 million.

Lutheran churches in Europe showed an overall increase, with churches in the Soviet Union increasing sharply, swelling from 370,000 to 604,000 members. Germany has the most Lutherans — 15.6 million.

The Church of Sweden has the largest membership of any one denomination, increasing from 7.3 million to 7.6 million.

But the second largest Lutheran denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, slipped slightly from 5.25 million to 5.23 million.

the Iraqi army under the leadership of its great leader Saddam Hussein."

Old tapes left by employees of Iraq's ministry of information who came to run the "Mother of All Battles Radio" and the TV station during the occupation are now a source of bittersweet entertainment for Kuwaitis.

Songs about the beauty of Saddam's face and with lines such as, "The borders of Kuwait run from Jerusalem to Bermuda," are hooted with derision.

The television station is putting

together a new archive — film that documents crimes of the Iraqi occupiers that could be used at any future trial.

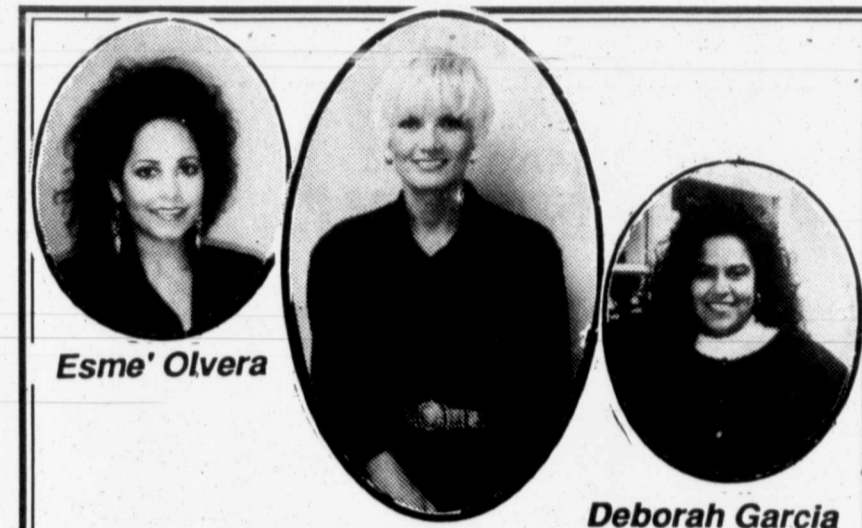
"This will be a great help in proving the inhumanity of Saddam Hussein and the Baath Party. This is the first time we can get a true picture of their torture," said Al-Khiyat.

Kuwait Radio has been back on the air for a week, but the television will have to wait for a steady power supply and for transmission equipment to be replaced.



NEW VENDING MACHINE — Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary recently purchased a refrigerated vending machine featuring selections of sandwiches, milk, fresh fruits, juices and yogurt. The new machine will enable hospital

employees and visitors to eat at the hospital after snack bar hours. Pictured left to right are Auxiliary snack bar chairman Gradine Sterling, Margo Grant and Carl Burleson. (SDN Staff Photo)



Esme Olvera

Deborah Garcia

Sandi Pavlik

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# School board okays boy's suspension

PHARR, Texas (AP) — A school board has voted not to allow an exception to the dress code for a 4-year-old boy whose parents say they promised God they would not cut his hair until they are certain he is free of cancer.

Attorneys said Thursday night's school board vote cleared the way for federal courts to decide the issue involving Joshua Garcia's shoulder-length hair.

Until a lawsuit filed last month against the district is resolved, the vote means that as of today, he will not be admitted to class until his hair is shortened.

Board members cited a need to maintain classroom discipline when they voted against the exception sought by Joshua's mother, Sandra Garcia.

"We have decided tonight that he has to cut his hair," Jaime Ruiz, president of the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District board, said Thursday night.

The only dissenting vote came from board member Robert Contreras. Contreras questioned why the district should expel the boy in the middle of the school year

when his hair has violated the dress code since the beginning of the school year.

The boy's mother said she would not take the boy back to school unless he is allowed to attend with his hair uncut.

"I'm not going to take him and have them refuse him in front of him," Mrs. Garcia said after the meeting at which she appealed for the exception.

The district's dress code prohibits male students' hair from falling below the collar.

Several secondary school principals at the meeting spoke in favor of strict enforcement of the dress code, beginning in the early grades. They said the code

created in 1987 has helped reduce disruptive gang activity in the district.

"It leads to discipline," junior high school Principal Eleazar Romero told the board. "Without discipline, you cannot have any learning take place."

Mrs. Garcia said principal Sofia Valdez told her Feb. 4 that Joshua's hair violated the dress code. The parents then filed a lawsuit, seeking to force the school to allow their son to continue attending. Their attorney, Aron Pena Jr., obtained a temporary restraining order Feb. 6 that barred the district from expelling the boy.

## Senate-passed bill will widen death penalty law

AUSTIN (AP) — Persons convicted of murdering a child 10-years-old or under could face the death penalty under a bill passed by the Texas Senate.

But opponents Thursday said the measure would destroy the state's entire capital murder law.

Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown's bill was sent to the House on a voice vote. A preliminary vote was 25-5.

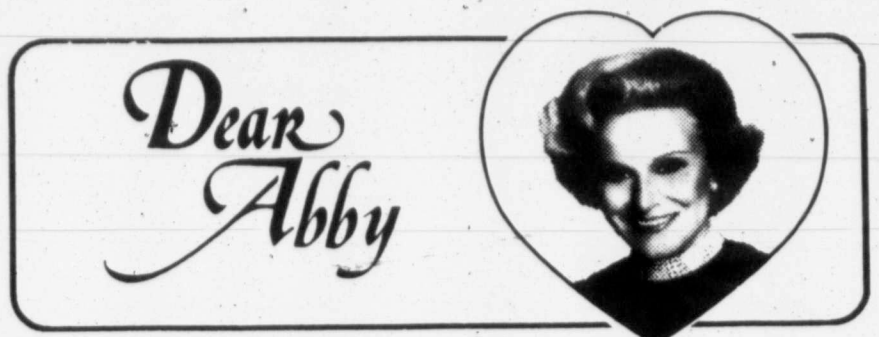
Brown, R-Lake Jackson, said his bill was aimed at parents or guardians who kill their children. He said 586 children died in the last five years because of child abuse or neglect by a parent or surrogate parent.

"It is probably the most heinous crime a person can commit, and this would apply the most severe punishment," he said.

But opponents said it was wrong, legally and morally, to vary punishments based on the victim's age.

"I have a great deal of concern about the implication that some of our children are worth more than others," said Sen. Steve Carriker, D-Roby.

Brown, who originally proposed an age limit of 6, said a cutoff was necessary to protect the most defenseless children. Sen. Ted Lyon, D-Rockwall, amended the bill to apply to children up to 10.



# Smoking Claims Sister's Life But Her Story Saves Others

By Abigail Van Buren  
1991 Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: When everything — and I do mean *everything* — else failed, I finally quit smoking when someone sent me the enclosed column you wrote in 1986. Will you please run it again?

GLORIA IN WINNIPEG

\* DEAR GLORIA: Yes, I will. Here it is:

DEAR ABBY: About a year and a half ago, a woman wrote you a very moving letter about her sister who had died of lung cancer. Then a Denver woman wrote to say that the letter had caused *her* to quit smoking. Please run them again. Someone I love very much needs to see those letters in print.

WM. McD. TORONTO, CANADA

DEAR WILLIAM: Here they are:

DEAR ABBY: I am hurting more right now than I ever have in my whole life. My beloved younger sister died nine months ago. I still can't believe I will never be able to call her on the phone again to gossip and giggle as only sisters do. God, how I miss her!

I asked her doctor what actually killed her, and without batting an eye, he said, "Cigarettes!" Now I feel so guilty because I, her older sister, smoked. Thank God, I was able to quit in time. She tried to quit, but it was too late for her.

Her husband and children are inconsolable. I have learned a lot from this terrible experience. A smoker has a lot more to worry about than dying. My sister's stay in the hospital with lung cancer wiped out her family financially.

Abby, why do advertisers make cigarette ads so attractive? Instead, they should run a before-and-after picture of a once-beautiful woman vomiting and bald from radiation therapy.

I know this letter is too long for your column, but if it will help just one person to reach into her purse (or his pocket) and throw that pack of cigarettes in the trash, it will be worth it.

GRIEVING

DEAR ABBY: On April 5, I read a letter in your column in the Rocky Mountain News that did something for me that nothing else was able to

do. It made me decide to quit smoking.

It was written by a woman signed "Grieving," whose beloved younger sister had died from lung cancer. Her doctor bluntly stated, "Cigarettes killed her."

"Grieving's" final paragraphs hit me like a thunderbolt. Abby, please tell "Grieving" that her letter made this 42-year-old, four-pack-a-day woman reach into her purse and throw her cigarettes in the trash! I've taken an oath never to smoke again.

Too bad she didn't sign her name. She deserves to be thanked publicly.

FREE IN DENVER

DEAR FREE: She did sign her name, but requested that her letter be signed "Grieving" if published.

However, I telephoned her to tell her what a terrific impact her letter had made and asked if I could reveal her identity. She said, "If you think it will help just one person, go ahead."

So, orchids to you, Dorothy Sosebee!

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for your continuing efforts to get people to quit smoking.

My beloved brother died last week. He was a special person, loved by many. He was a good Christian and we find some comfort in knowing that he is with our Lord, but selfishly, we want him here with us now. He knew that cigarettes could kill, but he never thought it would happen to him. He loved us and did not want to cause us all this pain and sorrow.

Abby, please give this message to your readers: if you can't quit smoking for yourselves, please do it for those who love you.

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## Donations pouring in for 'Storm' drive

DALLAS (AP) — Military chaplains are helping to coordinate a fund-raising drive for families of soldiers involved in Operation Desert Storm.

The special fund will give grants and no-interest loans to families that need help meeting their financial obligations.

Former Green Beret Sam Boyd announced Monday that he wanted to raise \$1 million. By Thursday, the fund stood at \$250,000, he said.

"The phones lit up like a Christmas tree after the story aired," said Boyd, who challenged citizens to "put your money where your ribbons are" to help returning service personnel and their families.

"We are real pleased and excited with the response we've had. We've actually had unemployed individuals send us \$20 and \$30, along with a note

apologizing that they couldn't do more," said Boyd.

Boyd said \$100,000 came in Monday for the program, which is being coordinated through the 95 military chaplains in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. In the next two days, an additional \$150,000 was contributed, Boyd said.

"We've reached 25 percent of our goal, and we're getting great response from individuals, but we need corporate America to gird up their loans and do what they need to do," Boyd said.

"We know there are procedures, and various other problems that have to be resolved, but wars are not convenient, and sometimes we just have to make a way to do what has to be done," Boyd said.

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## Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.



By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I suffer from constipation all the time. I've undergone a colonoscopy and take Metamucil or Citrusel. Is there a specific diet I should follow or something I should be doing to alleviate this aggravating condition?

**DEAR READER:** Constipation is one of mankind's most ubiquitous ailments. It normally accompanies aging but also is a common consequence of many diseases, including thyroid deficiency, kidney disorders, Parkinson's disease, stroke and irritable bowel syndrome. It is caused by a vast array of medicines, notably sedatives, codeine and calcium-channel blockers (for hypertension and heart disease).

It is associated with dehydration, bowel obstruction and intestinal infection (such as diverticulitis). It can result from inactivity (thus from any chronic, debilitating disease). It may follow a change in diet, especially in elderly patients who eat sparingly and tend to prefer soft, digestible foods. Depression and other emotional maladjustments can lead to constipation.

Therefore, if you suffer chronic constipation, you should have a medical exam and blood tests because a

## 1st Assembly will show film Sunday

First Assembly of God, located at 1809 College Avenue, will be showing a new motion picture, "His Last Days, at 6 p.m. Sunday. This musical-drama was filmed on location in the Middle East and retraces the steps of Jesus in a new way.

The music and story come alive on the screen in the portrayal of Jesus as he walked in the balance between God and man which is the focal point of the film.

Hosted by Dallas Holm, the film features the all-time classic, "Rise Again," and has universal appeal to children, teenagers and adults alike.

"His Last Days" has been described as thought provoking and sensitive.

## Church chapter plans meeting

The St. Stephen Chapter of the Order of St. Luke will meet Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hermleigh United Methodist Church.

The meeting will begin with a worship service with Rev. Carol Crumpton in charge. Following the service, the group will conduct a business meeting in the church fellowship room. Items on the agenda will include the chapter scholarship and plans for the annual conference.

The group will be awarding a scholarship to a ministerial student from the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference who is presently enrolled in a United Methodist seminary or college. At noon a simple meal will be provided in keeping with the Lenten season. There will be no charge for the meal.

Following lunch, a group discussion and study will be held. The order's newest publication, "The Lord Be With You," will be reviewed. The new study for becoming lay liturgical ministers will be discussed.

The Order of St. Luke of the United Methodist Church is dedicated to sacramental and liturgical scholarship, education and practice. Membership in the order is open to lay persons, seminarians and clergy of the United Methodist Church and to persons of other denominations. Rev. David Hestand, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Paducah, serves as prior of the group.

All interested persons are invited to attend. For more information call 863-2472.

hidden, unsuspected and curable ailment may be at the root of your problem.

If you check out normally and there is no treatable, underlying cause for your constipation, I suggest the following:

- Increase fiber and bran in your diet. Raw fruits and vegetables, bran cereals and salads will help stimulate peristalsis (bowel contractions). Also, these foods are rich in vitamins and minerals.

- Increase your intake of fruit juices and dried fruits. Potassium, a bowel stimulant and vital body mineral, is plentiful in fruit, especially prunes, apricots and raisins. Eight ounces of prune juice is a good natural laxative and, for reasons I've never understood, works better when taken hot.

- Try stool-bulking agents, such as Metamucil (hydrophilic psyllium mucilloid). This natural fiber stimulates elimination by increasing bulk and softening the stool. Recently, Kellogg's has begun marketing a breakfast cereal, Heartwise, which contains psyllium — and tastes good.

- As a last resort, turn to laxatives. Glycerine suppositories, Citrate of Magnesia and Milk of Magnesia are the safest. Avoid laxatives containing mineral oil; they are not appropriate for long-term use because they can lead to vitamin deficiencies. Remember that all laxatives are, to one degree or another, habit forming. Therefore, try to use them infrequently. If constipation occasionally becomes severe, a disposable (Fleet's) enema will provide relief.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Irritable Bowel Syndrome." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their names and addresses to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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## Mormon allegiances examined

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Back in the 1840's, when Mormons were under persecution in the Midwest, a battalion of about 500 of them volunteered for a long, overland march to serve in the war with Mexico.

Some died on the way, and by the time they reached their assigned post in San Diego, the war was ending, but their readiness to serve, despite persecution, exemplified a hallmark of their church — duty to country.

"Our church has always taught members to obey the nation," says Thomas S. Monson, one of the three-man first presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and likely eventually to become its president and prophet.

"In time of war or stress, we have no hesitancy in following the flag," he said. "You won't find any more patriotic group."

While the leadership of Roman Catholic and most mainline Protestant churches supported sanctions instead of arms to oust Iraq from invaded Kuwait, Mormon leaders backed the U.S.-led course.

The patriotic streak is a characteristic of Mormons, linked to their U.S. origins, perhaps to countering their early vilified history, also to church teachings and regular disciplines, putting service ahead of self-interest.

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# Saddam's biggest threat close to home

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The primary threat to the rule of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein comes not from rebelling Kurds and Shiite Muslims, but from his own political and military inner circle, according to U.S. intelligence assessments.

Members of the Republican Guard military corps close to Saddam and officials of the ruling Baath party stand a better chance of toppling the Iraqi leader than the separatist movements staging open revolts, officials said.

In fact, they said, the Shiite and Kurdish rebellions may prolong Saddam's tenure rather than

shorten it, because it will force those in the best position to oust him to unite behind Saddam to avoid splintering the country.

"I think he still has enough forces to maintain some control over the population," Rep. Dave McCurdy, D-Okla., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said Thursday.

"He will be brutal. The question is whether that continued brutality leads to his eventual downfall," McCurdy said in an interview. "I think it will."

Of more concern to the Iraqi president, he said, are those around him in Baghdad.

"It's OK to have the

Republican Guard encircle you," said McCurdy. "But you want to know whether the guns are pointing in or pointing out."

Other government sources said U.S. intelligence agencies have picked up fragments of hard evidence that there is serious discontent among some of Saddam's closest political and military allies.

There are elements within the favored Republican Guard and

the Baath party leadership who regret having allowed him to lead the country into a ruinous war against the United States and its allies, the evidence is said to show.

Analysts also believe that dissent will build further as humiliated and bedraggled Iraqi troops filter back to their homes from the front and the populace becomes better informed about the extent of the war's death and destruction.

## Archbishop comes under fire

**LONDON (AP)** — Shortly before being installed March 27 as the new Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rev. George R. Carey has come under fire from some traditionalists for supporting the ordination of women.

"The idea that only a male can represent Christ at the altar is a most serious heresy," he said in an interview to be published in the forthcoming Reader's Digest.

He said the implications of that position are "devastating and destructive because it means women feel totally excluded." He pointed out that women shared in Jesus' ministry and were

witnesses to his resurrection.

Carey's comments ruffled the Cost of Conscience Movement, formed to oppose ordination of women in England. It said Carey, in effect, was condemning a third of Anglican clergy and the majority in Christendom, including Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy, which have only male clergy.

The Church of England has been debating women's ordination for several years, but has not authorized it, as have many other Anglican branches, including the U.S. Episcopal Church.

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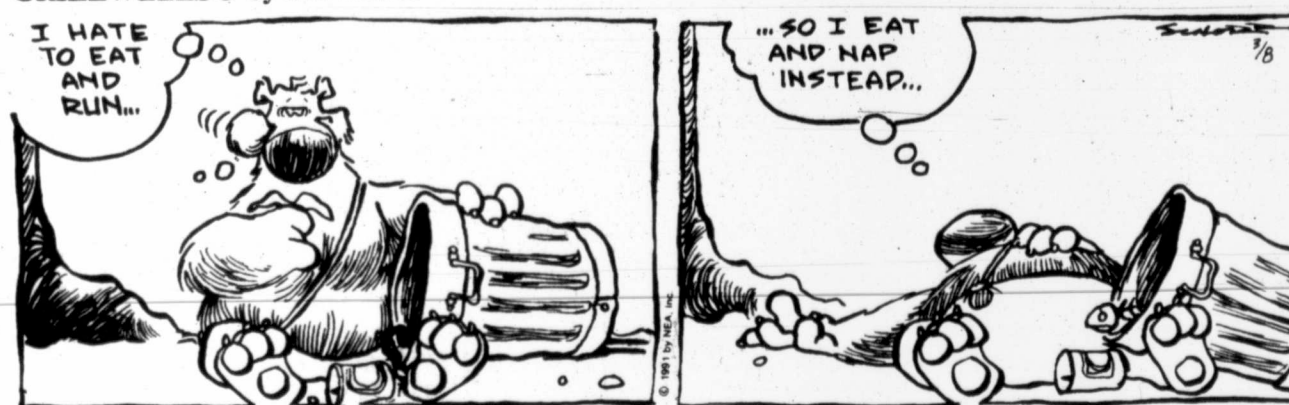
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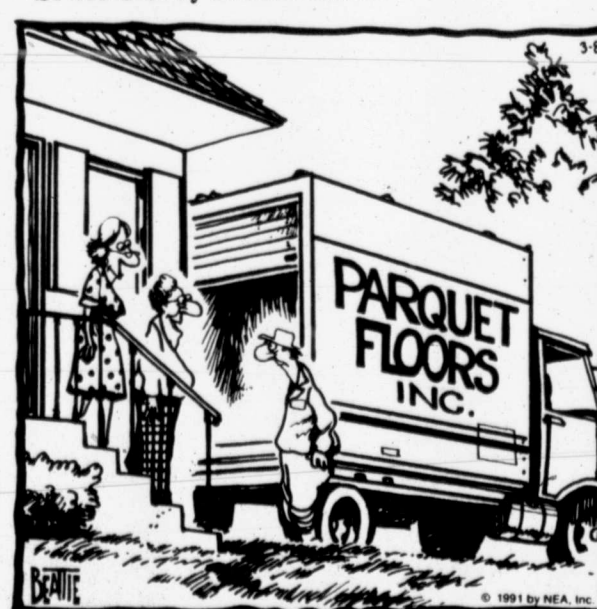
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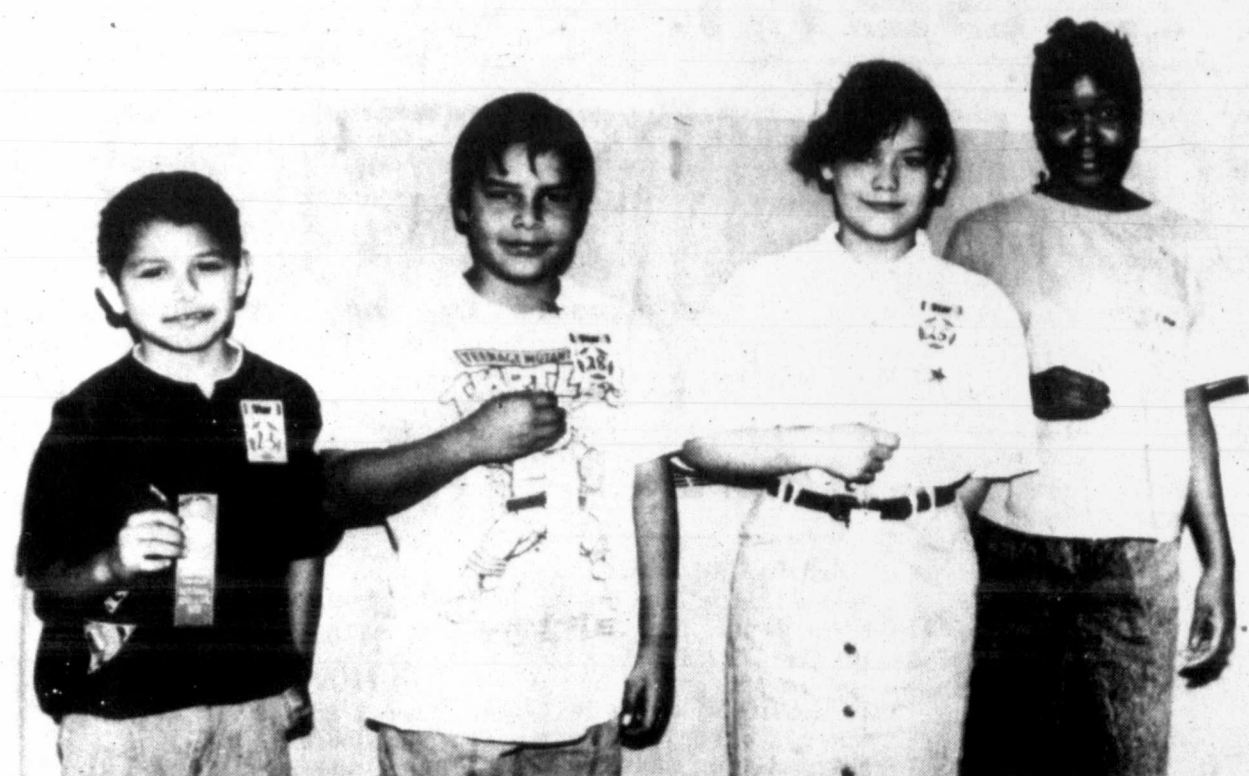
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CENTRAL SPELLING BEE WINNERS — Students winning the spelling bee at Central Elementary were, from left, fifth grader Luis Silva, first place, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Burns; fifth grader John Gutierrez, second place, son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan P. Gutierrez; sixth grader Norma Maldonado, third place, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Maldonado; and sixth grader Velda Simmons, fourth place, daughter of Melinda Simmons. Silva also represented Central last year at the County Spelling Bee as a fourth grader. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Governor tries to get loans for firms hurt by closings

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — Killeen, which bore significant economic losses when troops from nearby Fort Hood were deployed to Saudi Arabia, has become too dependent on the defense industry, Gov. Ann Richards says. "Now, just like we learned in the state of Texas that we cannot be a one-industry state, this area has learned that it cannot be a one-industry town," she said. Gov. Ann Richards said Thursday she has asked the federal government for \$500,000

in loans for small and minority-owned businesses in areas affected by base reductions. Richards said Killeen had 13 percent unemployment since the deployments and 10 percent before the deployments. But the Fort Hood area still must deal with the reality that half of the 24,000 troops sent from here to the Persian Gulf will be reassigned after they return, Richards said. A special task force will meet in Killeen within 30 days to develop a model plan to help

alleviate economic hardship caused by base closings or downsizings around the state, Richards said.

## Guerrero

Continued From Page 1 diesel. "It's a win-win situation for Texas." She said she would base her service on the railroad commission on two principles. "Life isn't fair, but government should be." Secondly Guerrero said, "A primary goal of our agency should be the creation of jobs for Texans. The state benefits when people work. I hope to make a positive impact."

expressed a desire to make the celebration bigger than usual in concurrence with President Bush's request for Americans to honor Desert Storm troops this July 4.

Committee chairman Blanche Chisum reported the Lions Club Convention is slated for April 11-13 and that some 200 out-of-town visitors are expected.

Chisum also said that Snyder is "still in the running" to host this year's Girls' Little Dribbler National Tournament.

Other upcoming events noted were the Western Texas College Rodeo April 18-20 including the exes rodeo April 20 and the annual senior citizens' banquet April 12.

She was introduced by State Rep. David Counts at both functions. Counts served with Guerrero in the legislature.

A native of Mission and a graduate of the University of Texas, Guerrero said she was familiar with hard work and West Texas dust storms. When growing up, her large family of brothers and sisters would work in the corn fields near Dimmitt.

Oil company representatives had a question and answer briefing with Guerrero this morning on energy issues in the Chevron conference room, followed by a luncheon at Snyder Country Club.

The Rudolf Friml operetta "Rose Marie" opened on Broadway in 1924.

# Baker begins 10-day journey

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — On the first leg of a 10-day trip, Secretary of State James A. Baker III is sounding out Saudi Arabia on how it stands on prospects for peace between the Arabs and Israel.

Baker is also taking up with King Fahd and the foreign minister, Prince Saud, an eight-nation Arab plan for a permanent security force in the Persian Gulf.

The outline is set, but not the operational details. The idea is to guard against the kind of threat to Western oil interests posed by Iraq's conquest of Kuwait last August.

Baker's trip to the Middle East is based on the assumption that

the allies' victory over Iraq can be a springboard to settling the Arab-Israeli dispute.

A senior U.S. official said that after helping to eject Iraqi forces

from Kuwait, the Saudis may be ready to consider an accommodation with Israel and taking an active role in defending the gulf.

## Finance discussed

Continued From Page 1 in the near future. And it's not going to be anything we did in Austin if I can help it," said Counts. "There's going to be some rural schools...that voluntarily say 'Hey, we've just gotten so small we no longer have a quality education that we can offer our students.' And that's fine. As long as the local control is there and the local people decide that's what they want to do, I don't have any problem with that. But I don't want to be somebody from Austin saying 'you've got to close your schools Monday.' And I'm not going to be a party to that if there's anyway possible."

Counts also spoke briefly on the recently rejected lottery issue and on a state income tax. He said that while the state could raise funds by instituting a lottery, "That's not the issue. The

issue is the image that we project to our young people. We teach them that (if) they have a good work ethic, they pay attention and learn in school and do the right things they are going to be able to accomplish the things in life that are important. You don't say 'you can do anything you want to as long as you buy a few lottery tickets and you'll get the big bucks one day.'"

Asked about a state income tax, he said, "I am not for an income tax. I'm not voting for an income tax until you tell me to."

He did, however, point out some advantages of an income tax, noting that property taxes and sales taxes would be significantly reduced and that income tax targets a wider group of people. The key disadvantage, he noted, was "you can't put a cap on it. It keeps hedging up."

## Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Floy Smith, 2812 Ave. V; Jewel Brown, 4509 El Paso.

DISMISSALS: Carol Ragland, Mary Horn, Lucille Tierce, Cathleen Collins, Louis Kocks, Ora Ussery, Mary Edith Wiggins, Edward Flores.

Census: 43 (Med.-15, Long-Term Care-27, CCU-1)

## Births

Kenneth and Joyce Freeman announce the birth of their daughter, Kenna Rachilla, on March 5 at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. She weighed seven pounds and two ounces.

Grandparents are Weldon and Fredda Cook of Snyder and Charles and Patsy Freeman of Ore City, Tex.

Great-grandparents are Spurgeon and Monah King of Abilene; Marie Cook of Gorman; Dorothy Freeman and James and Arah Lafitte, all of Louisiana.

## Petroleum prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Petroleum cash prices Thursday as compared with Wednesday's prices.

Table with columns for Fuel oil No. 2 NY, Gasoline, and various petroleum products with their respective prices per barrel.

## Petroleum - Crude Grades

Table listing Saudi Arabian light, North Sea Brent, West Texas Intermediate, and Alaska No. 1 crude oil prices.

## Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) — High, Low, Last, Int'l Paper, and other stock market data.

Large table of stock market data including prices for various companies like AMR Corp, ALLTEL Cp, Amertech, and others.

## Obituaries

### James Hudgins

1917-1991 ODESSA — Graveside services have been set for 2 p.m. Friday for James "Wimpy" Hudgins, 73, of Odessa at the Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Hubbard Kelly Funeral Home. The Rev. Robert Guido will officiate. Mr. Hudgins died Wednesday in the Medical Center Hospital. Born July 13, 1917, in Jodie, Okla., he married Dorothy M. Gilliland Aug. 19, 1943, in Kilgore. Moving to Odessa in 1967 from Snyder, he was a pipeline field superintendent for McVean & Barlow from 1964 to 1982. He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church and Scurry Lodge 706 in Snyder, and served as an Army Staff Sgt. during WW II. Survivors include his wife of Odessa; one son, Ronald Wayne Hudgins of Roswell, N.M.; two daughters, Jerri Halbrooks and Paula Davis, both of Ruidoso, N.M.; two brothers, Kenneth Hudgins of Kilgore and Robert Corley of Anaheim, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

### James Miller

1924-1991 A memorial service has been set for 5 p.m. Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church for Richard "Ritch" Miller, 66, of Sta. Maria, Mallorca, formerly of Fluvanna. Mr. Miller died March 2 at his home in Spain and services were held there last Thursday. Survivors include two brothers, Ralph Miller of Fluvanna and Riley Miller of Justiceburg; one sister, Elizabeth Smith of Trinchera, Colo.; two nephews and four nieces.

### Cash taken from purses at WTC

Two thefts at Western Texas College involving cash taken from purses were reported Thursday. The first report was filed when Shelly White advised an officer at 6:51 p.m. that an amount of cash, less than \$20, was taken from her purse. The purse was in the school's cafeteria office at the time of theft. A report for Class C theft was filed. Police were alerted of the second incident by Tammy Weston of the WTC dorm at 9:17 p.m. Weston also reported the theft of cash from her purse in her dorm room. According to police reports, the amount was less than \$200 but more than \$20. A report for Class B theft was filed. Police said they were unable to speculate if the two incidents were related. In other police action, officers arrested a 51-year-old male for shoplifting at Kmart at 7:14 p.m. The subject was charged with Class B theft and transported to Scurry County Jail.

### Two accidents worked by police

Snyder police worked two traffic mishaps Thursday. A minor accident was reported at 6:37 p.m. in the 2100 block of 29th St. Involved were a 1984 Chevrolet driven by Martha Redden McKinley of Lubbock and a 1990 Chevrolet driven by Jennifer Robin Phillips of 308 33rd St. A hit-and-run was reported at 10:37 p.m. in the parking lot of Scurry County Coliseum. Juan Garcia Rodriguez of 121 25th St. reported that his 1979 Ford pickup had been struck by a vehicle that had left the scene.

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### Community Calendar

#### FRIDAY

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4:50 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, 573-3657 or 573-3956.

Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9410. (Last Friday of the month is open Saturday meeting).

#### SATURDAY

Defensive Driving; Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room, 27th & College; 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Alateen Step Study Group; 2:00 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Park. For more information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.

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

#### SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-8626 or 573-9410.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Black Women's Association; SNB Community Room; 5 p.m.

## Troops returning from gulf service will be scrutinized by USDA

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American troops who defeated Iraq are being told not to come home with a contaminated camel saddle or other souvenirs that could threaten crops and livestock.

A team of Agriculture Department inspectors is in the Persian Gulf to help make sure that doesn't happen.

Two inspectors are in the gulf region and more are expected to follow, the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service said Thursday.

"Our inspectors will brief military units on how to prepare gear and equipment for return to the United States, including tips on how to clean and seal materials for transit," said inspection service Administrator James W. Glosser.

The so-called "preclearance inspections" are routine for U.S. military troop movements when forces have been in areas where exotic pests and diseases exist, he said.

Nine inspectors will be used initially, but that number can increase or decrease as the homeward flow of troops changes.

Major attention will be paid to equipment and baggage that could carry dirt and organic matter harboring soil-borne nematodes, disease-carrying insects or insect pupae.

"Items such as camel saddles may be a problem because they are often stuffed with materials that are prohibited," Glosser said.

The suspected materials could include sand or some other kind of filler that might contain diseases or pests. Animal products, including hides and leather, also can be questionable.

"Inspectors will check rolling stock like tanks, jeeps and personnel carriers; aircraft, such as fighter and cargo jets and helicopters; and ships," Glosser said. "Personal baggage also will be checked for prohibited items such as fresh fruits and meat products."

Glosser said there is a major risk of contamination from agricultural souvenirs that might

## Gulf: no longer wrecker of reputations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Persian Gulf has long been a kind of sand trap for U.S. presidents. Once snared, they find it impossible to escape with dignity.

But by leading the allied victory over Iraq, President Bush may have finally blasted free.

Before Operation Desert Storm, just about everything the United States had done in the region dating back more than 11 years had ended in dismal failure.

The hostage crisis, for example, was a major factor in the eclipse of Jimmy Carter's presidency. And the most anxious moments of Ronald Reagan's White House years occurred when, to the shock of many, he went against his own publicly stated policy by selling arms to Iran.

America's losing streak in the gulf began not long after Carter, during a New Year's Eve visit to Iran in 1977, called the country an "island of stability" because of the "great leadership" of the shah of Iran.

The shah was ousted a little over a year later, notwithstanding the Carter administration's efforts to save him. Nothing has gone right for the United States in Iran since.

Carter's 1980 effort to free the American hostages by force looked more like a Keystone Kop routine than a military operation. His secretary of state, Cyrus Vance, was so appalled by Carter's decision to go ahead with such a long-shot plan that he resigned.

Efforts by three administrations to woo Iran into a dialogue have foundered. Pro-Iranian militants continue to hold six Americans hostage in Lebanon.

When President Reagan looked for a country to serve as a counterweight to perceived Iranian expansionism, he turned to Iraq's Saddam Hussein, of all people.

As part of the strategy, diplomatic relations with Iraq were restored, Iraq was removed

from the U.S. terrorism list and the U.S. military shared information with the Iraqis about Iranian troop movements during the Iran-Iraq War. Trade with the Iraqis flourished. In retrospect, U.S. officials completely misread Saddam, right up to his invasion of Kuwait.

As for Iran, Reagan was adamant about U.S. policy toward a country that sponsored the seizure of innocent Americans. He summed up his policy in four words: "We make no deals."

Oh, really? The truth about Reagan's arms-for-hostages gambit finally emerged at the end of 1986 and caused a sensation. One result was that the administration's anti-terrorism policy was in shambles. Reagan spent much of 1987 trying to recover his political footing. Iran seemed more of a headache for Reagan than the Soviet Union.

Last fall, when Bush began talking about using the military option to reverse Iraq's occupation of Kuwait, some Americans shuddered. Would Bush be the gulf's next victim?

In kicking the stubborn gulf Elliot comments heard

WHEATON, Ill. (AP) — Mark Elliot of Wheaton College's Institute for the Study of Christianity and Marxism says Soviet educators often are more open to considering spiritual values than are Western educators.

He made the comment concerning reports that Soviet educators are considering introducing religious education and Christian-based values in their curricula.

EDITOR'S NOTE — George Gedda has covered foreign affairs for The Associated Press since 1968.

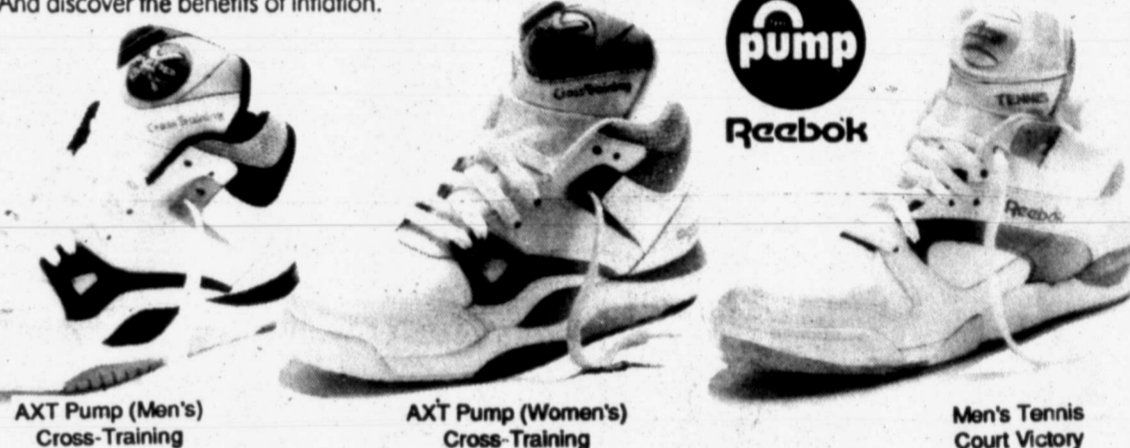
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**OPEN HOUSE PRESENTATION** — These first and second grade students from North Elementary entertained their parents and friends on Monday night at the public schools open house. Students presenting the musical, "The Sky Is Falling," were Cody Beaver Dewey Lee, Jeffrey Proctor, Melonie Adams, Roxanne Chavez, Monica Diaz, Jessica Hernandez, Robin Overby, Lisa Gaither, Amber Garcia, Lacy Wishert, Jodi Shafer, Troy Grametbauer, Josh Newberry, Johnny Wilson, Jose Ozuna, Michael Gaither, April Free,

Jennifer Laurens, Amber Martin, Patricia Rodriguez, Jamie Vaca and Tasha Matthews. Others were Casey Chaney, Corey Clark, J.J. Fernandez, Vincent Flores, Shawn Pesina, Donnie Sims, T.C. Stipe, Kimberly Jasso, Jamie Jones, Patricia May, Ashley Overby, Glenda Parra, Dana Stribling, Riley Tatum, Robin Proctor and Juanita Wilson. These are students of Jean Baugh, Kay Hensley and Kim Krueger. (SDN Staff Photo)



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**Signups for horse judging sought**

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Anyone interested may call the extension office at 573-5423. Owning a horse is not a qualification to serve as a judge.

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**Senate okays name change bill**

AUSTIN (AP) — An ex-convict would not be able to change names until two years after completing parole or probation under a bill passed by the Texas Senate. Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, said Thursday his bill was in response to a case where a man convicted in the murder of a family was able to change his name without law authorities knowing about it. Walter Waldhauser Jr., 36, changed his name to Michael Lee Davis last April, two months after being released from prison.

In 1981, he was sentenced to 30 years in prison for arranging the 1979 murder of John and Diana Wanstrath and their infant son in Houston.

Also under Whitmire's bill, a person requesting a name change

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