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## Ask Us

Q—Does everyone in Snyder's school district vote on the two open positions or is voting limited only to those who reside in the places represented?

A—The only persons eligible to vote in the Snyder ISD election are those registered voters who reside in the voting districts, Places 2 and 3. The same is true with Place 2 on the city council. However, all city residents who are registered may vote for the council at-large seats. The school board does have two at-large seats, but none are up for election this year.

## In Brief

### Poll tax to go

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister John Major's government announced today it will scrap an unpopular local tax that helped bring down Major's predecessor, Margaret Thatcher.

"The public has not been persuaded that the charge is fair," Environment Secretary Michael Heseltine told the House of Commons, acknowledging that the flagship policy of Mrs. Thatcher's third term had failed.

### Judge indicted

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — A South Texas judge has been indicted on a charge that he assaulted a man at the scene of an accident involving several of the judge's relatives.

A Hidalgo County grand jury Wednesday indicted Hidalgo County Court-at-Law No. 1 Judge Rodolfo Delgado on the Class B misdemeanor charge.

## Local

### CDC to meet

The Commercial Development Committee, a subcommittee of the Economic Development Committee, will meet at 7 a.m. Friday at Willow Park Inn.

### Toastmasters

Snyder Tumbleweed Toastmasters Club will meet today at 7 p.m. in the Snyder National Bank community room.

Everyone is invited.

### Bake sale

Union Baptist Church youth will have a bake sale at Wal-Mart from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

They will also be selling First Aid Kits for \$5 and vanilla and lemon extract for \$2 each. Proceeds will be used to send them to youth camp.

### Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 70 degrees; low, 48 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 56 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1991 to date, 1.64 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy and cool with low in mid 40s. Southwest wind 10-20 mph. Friday, partly cloudy and breezy with high in upper 60s. Southwest wind increasing 15-25 mph and gusty. A lake wind advisory will be required.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:56 p.m. Sunrise Friday, 6:45 a.m. Of 79 days in 1991, the sun has shone 74 days in Snyder.



# THURSDAY

# Snyder Daily News

## Late filings give city, school contested races

Place 2 on the Snyder public schools board of trustees became a three-way race with another candidate filing just before the deadline Wednesday.

Snyder City Council also picked up another candidate for the May 4 elections, leaving three people vying for two at-large seats.

Jan McCathern, instructor of speech and technical theater at Western Texas College, filed for Place 2 on the Snyder ISD board Wednesday, challenging Geraldine Parker and incumbent Mike Jordan. The only other seat up for election on the board is Place 3, and incumbent Terry Martin will be running unopposed.

Jane Neeley, office manager at Reef Chemical, joined Jon D. (J.D.) Smith in filing for an at-large seat Wednesday on the Snyder City Council. Also contesting for one of the two at-large seats is incumbent Mike Thornton. The other incumbent, Paul Zeck, did not file for another term.

The two candidates receiving the most votes in the May 4 election at City Hall will be seated on the council.

Running unopposed in May will be Place 2 Councilman Jack Denman and Mayor Troy Williamson.

At Hermleigh, five candidates are running for three at-large seats. They include incumbents Tony Lambaren and Andres Rodriguez, and Jesse Rios, Julius Roemisch and Jimmy Hudgins. Carole Haynes, the third at-large incumbent, did not seek another term.

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Jimmy Frank "Chip" Roemisch will be running unopposed for an unexpired term on the Hermleigh board.

Ira ISD board will have two contested races. Gwen Cumbie has filed for Place 4 on the board, challenging incumbent Bob Barbee, while Doug White has filed for Place 5, providing a contestant for incumbent Sidney Wall.

There are no places on the Western Texas College board of trustees up for election this May.

Thursday, April 4, is the final day for submitting a voter registration application in time

to vote. It is also the last day to request a transfer of registration in time to vote in a new precinct.

The in-person absentee voting period will be from April 15 through April 30. Voters may apply for an absentee mail ballot through April 26.

## Tiger golfers host District 2-4A event

Snyder High School golf teams will host the first stop on the District 2-4A circuit Friday when the Lady Tigers and the loop girls tee-off at 9 a.m. at Snyder Country Club and the boys begin at the same time at Western Texas College.

Competing for the Lady Tigers will be Amy Armstrong, Kim Duncan, Amy Steakley, Wendy Miller and Tiffany Greene.

Playing for the boys will be Chad Jacobi, Brian Fowler, Roe Patterson, Shane Wade and Curry Koenig.

District 2-4A's golf members include Snyder, Lamesa, Levelland and Frenship.



PROJECT BEGINS — City employees Roger Smith and Ricky Sosa dig around a portion of the Ave. T water line as rehabilitation work begins. Line rehabilitation includes flushing the line and then adding a cement lining. City officials said they would begin laying temporary water lines to service affected customers today. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Theft cases cleared with identification of jailed suspect, 32

At least 10 local theft cases have been cleared with the identification of a 32-year-old suspect being held in Ector County Jail.

Charges will be presented to the district attorney for consideration today by investigators from Scurry County Sheriff's Office and Snyder Police Department against the suspect, who is also facing felony charges in Howard, Dawson, Mitchell and Ector counties.

The suspect, a former Snyder resident, has been identified in a series of tool and tool box thefts beginning in November 1990 and continuing until just after the first of the year.

Sheriff's deputy Kerry Fritz and police detective Lt. Steve Warren said the suspect has been linked to some six thefts and two burglaries reported in the county and some of the stolen property had been recovered.

Property valued at \$3,500 taken from the Texas and New Mexico Pipeline Company on West Huff-

man, near Snyder Country Club, and a tool box taken from the vehicle of Ron Utley of Submersible Oil Services containing in excess of \$3,000 worth of banding tools was recovered at an Odessa business where authorities allege the suspect sold the items.

The suspect's 30-year-old brother, being held in Mitchell County Jail, has also been identified in a theft and the Feb. 22 burglary of a Pool Well Service dog house.

Authorities note the investigation is ongoing and additional cases may be cleared.

## Accident victim is stable

A Midland woman seriously injured in a two-vehicle accident Wednesday morning is in serious but stable condition in the surgical intensive care unit of Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Vickie R. Wheeler, 30, was passenger in a vehicle driven by 31-year-old Paul Cook, also of Midland. Cook was pronounced dead at the accident scene, one mile north of Ira on U.S. 350.

Services for Cook are pending at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Cook's car was struck by a south-bound pickup driven by 53-year-old Lou Crowder of Ira. (see ACCIDENT, page 10)

## SISD trustees consider teacher contracts today

Snyder public schools trustees will approve faculty contracts and resignations as part of a lengthy agenda when they convene at 7 p.m. today in the business administration building for their March board meeting.

The board will consider some 246 contracts, including renewals, extensions on continuing contracts, new additions to term contracts and probationary contracts. Also to be approved are three resignations and one leave of absence.

Trustees will also be presented a district improvement plan and an administrator appraisal plan for approval.

Barbara Granato, director of special programs, will address the board concerning federal funding. She will also give an update on special programs within the school district.

Other items on the agenda include the following:

- ordering the May 4 school board election and appointing an election judge;
- appointing election clerks;
- ratifying district textbook selections;
- adopting Texas Association

of School Boards policy updates;

—appointing Lee McNair, business manager, as record management officer;

—approving National Family Care Life Insurance Co. as a participating insurance company for payroll deductions;

—election of members to the board of directors for the Region 14 Education Service Center;

—hearing a request from the Lions Club for the use of school buses;

—and approving past minutes and the payment of bills.

## City seeks finances for wastewater plant

City of Snyder officials are in Austin today, seeking financial assistance from the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund for the city's planned construction improvements to its wastewater collection system and wastewater treatment plant.

The city is seeking \$4 million to repair its Deep Creek lift station, install a new force main to expand capacity and provide reliability, and to construct a carousel activated sludge treatment system on the site of the existing plant.

Estimated costs include \$2.8 million in construction. The remainder includes amounts for

engineering, inspection, testing, legal, administration and other services, including \$661,600 in contingency.

The project became eligible for State Revolving Fund financial assistance through the board's priority rating process during the 1990 fiscal year funding cycle.

The city intends to raise water and sewer rates 20 percent, effective Oct. 1, 1991, to pay for the Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System Certificates of Obligation.

## 'Earth Friendly' exhibit opens at museum Sunday

Poster panels created by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) will be featured in Scurry County Museum's "Earth Friendly" exhibit, set to open Sunday.

"Because of such abuses as acid rain, strip mining, and air and water pollution, many life forms are being destroyed," a SITE spokesperson said. The 15 posters examine the startling losses and suggest alternatives and reversals to this destruction through color photographs and informative text.

Also opening Sunday will be a museum exhibit encouraging environmental awareness and presenting suggestions for personal involvement in protecting the environment.

## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The problem with advice is that you never know if it's good until you take it."

The DQ philosopher, Bunk Casey, says we are living in strange times.

"It's paradoxical," observes Bunk. "People live in mobile homes that don't move, wear leisure clothes to work, eat junk food that costs more than real food, and wear sweat shirts for loafing."

It happened over at Jimmy Nix's auto repair shop on 25th Street. An elderly woman, obviously in a hurry to get someplace, brought her late-model car in and reported some of the electronic gadgets were doing strange things.

It was confirmed that the problem was in the car's electrical system and the mechanic said it

was likely a short circuit.

"Don't just stand there," the woman said impatiently. "Lengthen it."

We read where the Japanese obsession with overachieving may be nearing an end.

According to reports from Tokyo, a Japanese cartoon character named Dhibi Maruko-chan, is famous for her relentless mediocrity. The character has been the year's hottest fad and social idol. Like our own Bart Simpson, the lazy third-grader is out to prove it's cool to be an underachiever.

It's been clear for years that the Japanese are dedicated to being the best in copying western ways. Maybe Americans can make that trait work for us.

Perhaps couch-potatoism and built-in car defects will become a way of life in Japan.

# Bullock calls DHS 'parasite' on state

AUSTIN (AP) — Three new board members have been sworn to the state's welfare agency, possibly heralding a new era at the agency called a "parasite" on the state budget by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

"I think it's very important to restore the credibility of the board and the agency," said new appointee Cassandra Carr of Austin, who was unanimously elected as chairwoman of the board Wednesday.

Bullock made his comment about the Department of Human Services on Wednesday, as Mrs. Carr, Yava Scott of Houston and Bob Geyer of El Paso, the first disabled person to serve, took their oaths of office.

"(The agency) is a drain on our state finances," Bullock said. "Regardless of the sum of money that we dropped in by way of appropriation — it's very questionable whether it would ever get down to the people who really need the help."

Tuesday, a Senate committee issued a report skewering the department and recommending its three returning board members be replaced.

The department, which assists some 2 million needy Texans, already has received two emergency cash appropriations from the Legislature and is seeking a \$3 billion funding increase for the 1992-1993 biennium.

DHS officials defended their agency, saying most of the financial woes were the result of rising costs and expanding caseloads caused in part by federal requirements.

"This agency, in my opinion, is

not out of control. It has not been mismanaged. In fact, this agency has met the numerous challenges, the explosion in people needing services in Texas that has caused the increase in our caseload really very well,"

## Police have suspect in poisoning death

DALLAS (AP) — A land planner's poisoning death shocked her friends and former business associates and left authorities wondering who had access to the chemical used in her slaying.

Police on Wednesday confirmed that Nancy Dillard Lyon's death resulted from arsenic poisoning. The 37-year-old former partner at Trammell Crow Co. died Jan. 14.

Five days earlier, she had been rushed to Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas with stomach cramps and nausea. She was treated for a bacterial infection but was unresponsive.

Arsenic poisoning is very rare, said Dallas homicide detective Donald Ortega. Poison experts said the chemical is difficult to obtain, but people who work in landscaping and forestry — as Ms. Lyon and many of her colleagues did — could easily obtain it.

"If (a landscaper is) a licensed herbicide and pesticide applicator, they would have access to things that you and I couldn't get," said Mark Winter, a poison information consultant at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

"If you've got access to any of the herbicides, you'd have access to some of the arsenicals," he said.

Police have identified a suspect in what Ortega said is the first murder by poisoning in Dallas in at least a decade. One of Ms.

said outgoing chairman David Herndon, of Austin.

Herndon, who was chairman of the board for two months after the resignation of unsuccessful Republican lieutenant governor candidate Rob Mosbacher, did

not seek re-election.

Commissioner Ron Lindsey said DHS officials already had voiced most of the concerns cited in Tuesday's report from the budget-writing Senate Finance Committee.

"I can understand the frustration about having a major driver in the budget that the Senate cannot control, because most of that is a result of what goes on in federal legislation," Lindsey said.

Lyon's friends, who is familiar with the investigation, said the woman knew her killer.

"She died of arsenic poisoning," said Dr. Thomas Kurt, regional toxicologist at the North Texas Poison Center and a consultant on the board of the Dallas County medical examiner's of-

fice. "It was obvious that she didn't do it to herself."

Family members and friends were stunned by the death, said Robin Kohler, a project manager at the Dallas Parks Foundation, where Ms. Lyon was a vice president and founding trustee.

"Nancy was so loved," said

## Judge says kids need heroes

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — A Texas judge said that too often, kids look up to the wrong people and follow the example set by people who are content only to destroy.

"Those people are not heroes, for they care not for the lives they

tear down," said James M. Farris, a state judge in Beaumont, Texas. "Heroes are lasting."

The judge told Wednesday's closing session of the 18th National Conference on Juvenile Justice that he's been haunted for years by the story of the

bright young kid who had been given every chance but finally ended up in prison.

The boy himself said the system had done everything for him, except one thing: he didn't have a hero.

Farris also said he suspected those in the audience — judges, attorneys, teachers and social workers — stayed on the right track because they had heroes.

There are national heroes, such as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.; state heroes, such as the men who fell at the Alamo in Texas, and personal heroes, he said.

"A hero is someone you look up to, one who makes a difference in your life, one who provides a lift as you fly through life," Farris said.

Personal heroes "build you up, they don't tear you down," he said.

Farris shared the stage with a man he called one of his personal heroes, Boca Raton, Fla., police officer Wayne Barton, a former gang member raised in a housing project whose beat is now that housing project. Barton for his part had introduced the judge as being like a father to him.

Barton, one of five national winners of the Jefferson Award for public service last year, asked to be assigned to the project in 1987, and in three years cleaned out the drug dealers and gave the residents pride.

## Governor pushes for moratorium on waste

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards pushed for a measure that would place a moratorium on permits for new hazardous waste dumps, saying the legislation "is crucial to the life and health and safety of our children and our grandchildren."

Richards testified to the Senate Natural Relations Committee which was considering a bill that would halt new permits until March 1992. The measure would then establish new rules banning the dumps within two-thirds of a mile from a home, school, church, park or water supply.

Meanwhile, two lawmakers and Attorney General Dan Morales touted bills that would allow prison sentences for persons convicted of illegal hazardous waste dumping.

"The individuals who run companies which intentionally pollute are no longer entrepreneurs, enterprisers, businessmen and women. These people are criminals," Morales

said. Bill authors, state Sen. Gene Green, D-Houston, and state Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, said current fines and penalties are too weak to deter chronic polluters.

In February, Richards demanded — and the Texas Water Commission approved — a temporary suspension in permit activity that blocked 23 pending applications for hazardous waste disposal facilities. That suspension expires Sept. 1.

Sen. Steve Carraker, D-Roby, said his moratorium bill would also require permit applicants to prove they are financially and environmentally sound. It would also give communities more say in where the dumps could be located.

"We will never solve the problems of waste disposal by doing end runs around local communities," Richards said, supporting the bill.

**Astro-Graph**  
By Bernice Bede Osol



March 22, 1991

You may feel a resurgence of strong desires for more independence in the year ahead. You'll find ways to do your own thing without being selfish in the process.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Doing things your own way has its benefits today, but they won't be worth much if you alienate others in the process. Don't just look out for yourself. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for Aries' Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** The negative effects of a past experience might dominate your thinking today and, instead of starting a new arrangement with a clean slate, you might begin with an old chip on your shoulder.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Someone you presently feel is just pretending to be a friend isn't really as bad as you think. This individual has many of the same faults and virtues you do.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** There's a possibility that you will not fully achieve all you set out to do today, because of inclinations to go off on tangents when success is within reach. Try to be consistent.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Caution and self-doubt are not similar, although you may think so today. Be on guard where necessary, but still have hope in your heart.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Financial involvements with friends could be rather tricky today, so be careful. This includes anything from business deals to simply splitting the tab for lunch.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You could get in trouble today if you tell your mate you're going to do one thing and then do just the opposite. It's best you stick to the game plan agreed upon.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You're a capable person, but today you might get involved in a task that is beyond your abilities. Your ego might not let you find a way to wiggle out.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** A friend with whom you've been having difficulties lately cannot be handled emotionally. You must try to reach this person logically if you hope to resolve a misunderstanding.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Even though you and your mate may have some disagreements today, they can be resolved. The only thing that would be unpardonable is a deliberately broken promise.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You're not likely to suffer from a lack of good intentions today. Where you might come up short, however, is in your ability to fulfill them. Your resolve will not be as strong as your rationalization.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Be careful not to squander your resources today, be they emotional or material. There is a probability you might not manage these two areas with your usual prudence.

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- Have you cleaned out your medicine cabinet recently? As medicines age, the chemicals inside them can change. So a helpful medicine can become a dangerous poison over time. Flush old medicines down the toilet and discard the old container.
- Are harmful products stored in their original containers? Labels on original containers often list first aid procedures in case of ingestion. Products stored in glasses or bottles can be mistaken for food.
- Do you keep a bottle of Ipecac syrup on hand? Use it only on the recommendation of a physician or poison control center, as it is not the proper treatment for all kinds of poisons.
- Are all medicines stored in their original containers? Medicine bottles may list ingredients and if not, the prescription number on the bottle will enable the pharmacist to identify the ingredients. Without the original label, you can't be sure of what you are taking.
- Do you practice good poison-prevention habits? Never refer to medicine as "candy" in front of children, since they tend to imitate adults. Never give medicines prescribed to someone else. Never increase the dosage of a medication without a doctor's recommendation.
- Do dangerous cleaning solutions, medicines and chemicals have child-resistant closures. Check items before purchasing them.
- Do you keep the number of your physician, rescue squad and poison control center near the phone?

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**SPECIAL RECOGNITION** — Hilda Molina, Hermleigh High School student, has received special recognition from the TI-IN Satellite network which the school subscribes to. She was recently recognized for scoring a 99 in sociology and for earning honorable mention in a language contest. (SDN Staff Photo)

Prohibition came to an end in 1933 as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, thereby repealing the 18th Amendment.

Movie producer Walt Disney was born in 1901 in Chicago.

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**ADMIRING NEW SIGN** — These members of the Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors met March 11 at the clubhouse. The new lettering, identifying the building, was purchased through individual and club donations. Participating clubs are AAUW, ABWA, Alpha Study Club, Altrurian Daughters, Art Guild, Atheneum Study Club, B&PW, Cosmorama Study Club, Delta Kappa Gamma and Snyder Garden Club. Representatives from these clubs

are from left, front row, Maxie McNew, Mary Beth Vestal, Margaret Easterwood, Zelma Wilson, Gussie Gray and Mary Lois Wilson. On the back row are Clara Tate, Jane Crenwelge, Charlotte Smith, Christy Thompson, Sadie Longbotham and Vera Holsinger, Jeanie Sealy and Francis Denman. The group planned a bake sale to be held prior to the monthly luncheon-game day set for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 27. (SDN Staff Photo)

**Windows topic for local sorority**

On March 5 members of Xi Alpha Alpha Theta held their regular meeting at the Snyder Country Club with president Lisa Rollins presiding. A report was heard from service committee chairman Jackie Buckland, informing members of assistance, meals and flowers that had been provided to members of the chapter and others outside the chapter. The president reported the executive board had received a request from Longview Beta Sigma Phi City Council to assist them in selecting their "Beta Sigma Phi First Lady." The nominees were graded according to a set of requirements provided by the Longview City Council, along with individual data sheets on each nominee. She said the request had been completed. Gay Idom presented a program on "Window Treatments." Using a slide presentation to illustrate, she talked about the different influences on style throughout the 19th and 20th Centuries. In expounding on the 19th Century, she told the group that the Victorian and Cottage Victorian influences were very strong. At the turn of the century, the influence was from several eras, with eclectic being the predominant style. During the 20th Century, she noted, contemporary came into style, evolving into the "anything goes" style of today. She stressed that window treatments have always been a very important part of decorating the home and often depicts personal likes and dislikes of the residents.

**Planning concert**

NEW YORK (AP) — Gloria Estefan marked the first anniversary of her near-paralyzing bus crash with a No. 1 single, a best-selling album and a successful tour. "I'm feeling great, and I feel blessed to be so fortunate," Estefan said Wednesday from Yokohama, Japan, where she's preparing for a March 24 concert.

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**Bridge** By James Jacoby

**NORTH** 3-21-91  
♦♦♦♦  
♥AKJ42  
♦K1085  
♠AK74

**WEST**  
♦AK10985  
♥107  
♦96  
♠865

**EAST**  
♦QJ63  
♥Q8653  
♦AQ3  
♠3

**SOUTH**  
♦742  
♥9  
♦J742  
♠QJ1092

Vulnerable: East-West  
Dealer: West

South West North East  
5♦ 2♦ Dbl. 4♦  
All pass

Opening lead: ♦K

hand with a trump, ruff another spade high, cash the A-K of hearts, discarding the last spade, and draw trumps. Finally lead a diamond to dummy's 10. You lose two diamond tricks, but that is all.

The same play works if North is the declarer and East leads the queen of spades. One anonymous expert ended with egg on his face. As soon as the dummy appeared, he ruffed the spade lead low without further thought. He couldn't recover.

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. © 1991, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

**Best sellers**

- FICTION**
1. "Heartbeat," Danielle Steel
  2. "The Druid of Shannara," Terry Brooks
  3. "Cold Fire," Dean R. Koontz
  4. "The Eagle Has Flown," Jack Higgins
  5. "The Plains of Passage," Jean M. Auel
- NON-FICTION**
1. "Homecoming," John Bradshaw
  2. "Wealth Without Risk," Charles Givens
  3. "Financial Self-Defense," Charles Givens
  4. "Forever Fit," Cher
  5. "Riders on the Storm," John Densmore

Congress moved from New York to Philadelphia in 1790.

**District garden clubs meet in Breckenridge**

The District VIII, Texas Garden Clubs' spring convention was held in Breckenridge March 8-9. Albany, Breckenridge and Ranger clubs were hosts to garden clubs from 35 cities.

Snyder Garden Club members attending the convention, "March Winds-Then and Now," were Julie Fox, Billie Jean Sterling, Lanette Patterson, Mary Ann Key and LaVerne Hood.

Those attending pre-convention activities had dinner in the Old Jail Museum in Albany, followed by a tour of the museum.

The local garden clubbers attended the Saturday's activities held at the Elks Lodge in Breckenridge beginning at 8 a.m. with registration and a coffee hour. The business session followed from 9:30 to 12:30.

Following lunch, installation of District VIII officers was held with Mrs. Cleon Nunnally of Big Lake as the District Director for

**Jumping bunny**

KIMBERLEY, South Africa (AP) — The springhaas, or jumping hare, has a rabbitlike body and head, a long bushy tail and very long hind legs which allow it to leap 25 times its own length.

It inhabits the plains of eastern and southern Africa and feeds at night on crops and plant food.

**Even experts falter**

By James Jacoby  
Everyone is told not to play immediately after the dummy is tabled. But even experts do not always take this excellent advice. Place your thumbs over the East-West cards and decide how you would play in five clubs when the spade king is led, West having opened with a weak two-bid in spades. This hand was played during the Cap Gemini Pandata World Top Tournament in the Netherlands last January. One East-West pair scored plus 790 in four spades doubled. Two North-South pairs tried six clubs, which was too high. The other five North-South pairs were in five clubs. When West was on lead, a diamond would have defeated the contract immediately, but every West led a top spade.

Now you have to be careful as declarer. If you make the reasonable assumption that you will lose two diamonds, your 11 tricks must come by way of five trumps, two top hearts, two established diamonds and two spade ruffs in dummy. But you have to watch out for your entries.

The correct play is to ruff the spade lead high in the dummy. Next cross to

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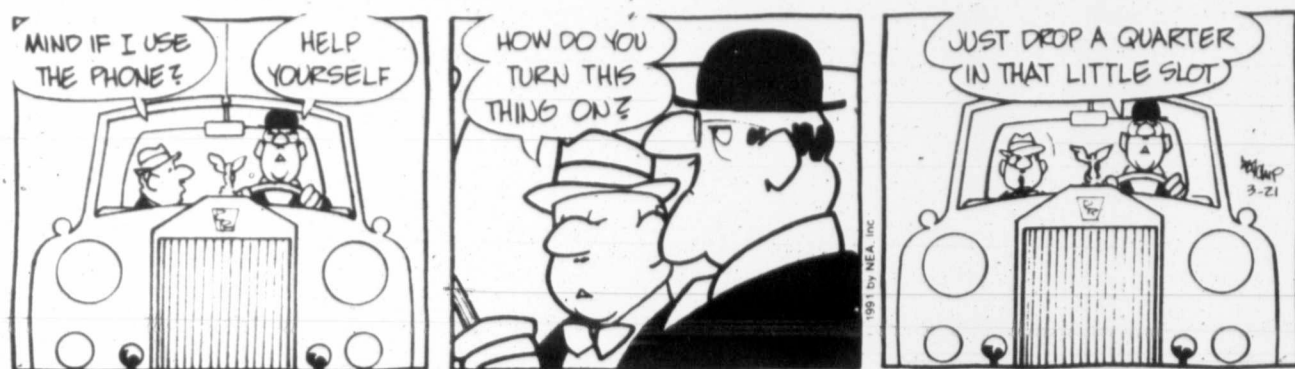
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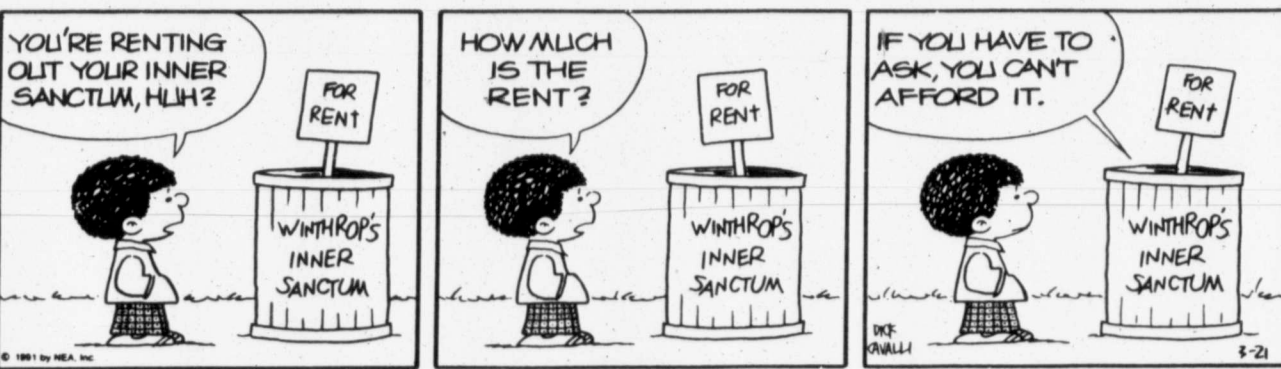
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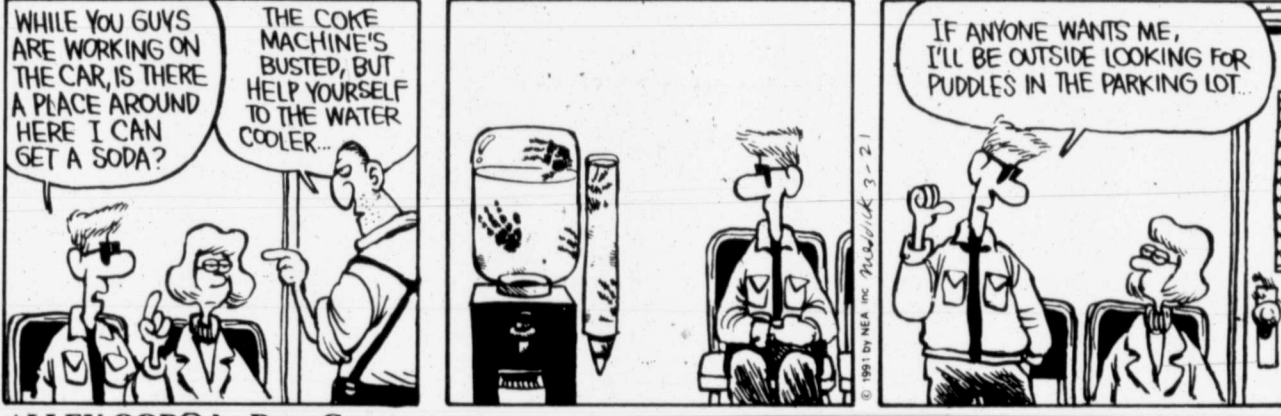
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# Fort Stewart School System may lose its accreditation

FORT STEWART, Ga. (AP) — World War II-era buildings on cement blocks — also will fall below standard if not improved soon, the association said.

While soldiers from Fort Stewart were using expensive, high-tech weapons to whip Iraq, their children were being taught in classrooms so rundown that the school is in danger of losing its accreditation.

Diamond Elementary, one of two elementary schools on the Army base, was built for 500 students in the 1960s. It has almost twice as many pupils now, and 12 trailers in desperate need of repair accommodate the overflowing enrollment.

Foil covers some windows to keep heat from escaping. Carpets are soaked by rain. New paneling on the walls only partially hides the mold left from earlier leaks. Sections of the floor are roped off.

"It's merely stopgap measures, Band-Aids," said Assistant Principal Neil Koven. "It's nothing permanent."

Stopgap measures are all school officials have until the Pentagon comes through with money to expand and renovate the military school.

The Defense Department, citing budget restraints, has not requested any money for school construction since 1988, but a spokesman said it plans to do so now and that the school is on the Pentagon's priority list.

If the renovations aren't completed by the end of the school year, Fort Stewart's two-school system could lose its accreditation.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which accredits schools, said Diamond's library-media center is one-fourth the required size.

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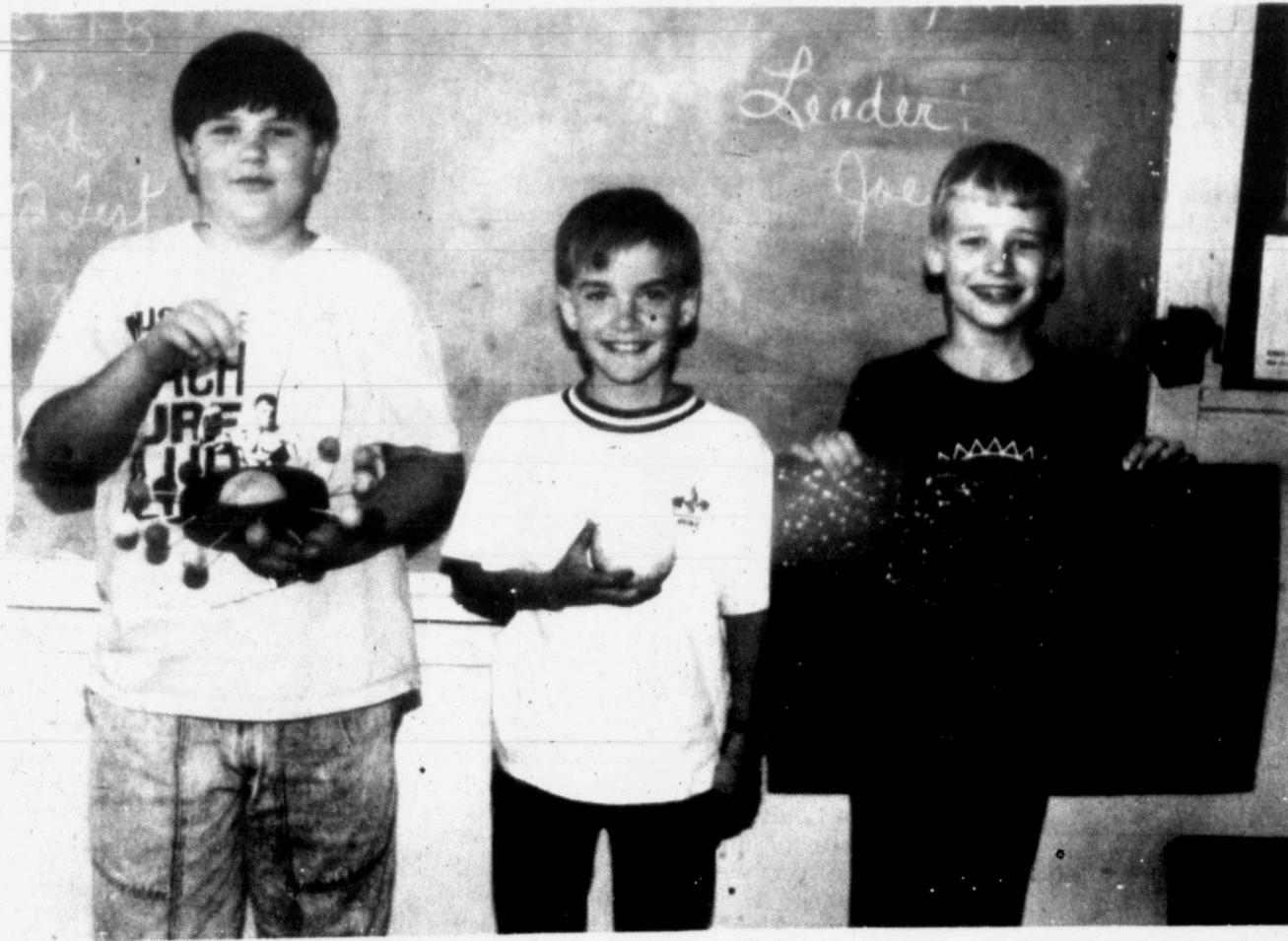
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**SCIENCE PROJECTS** — Hermleigh fourth graders recently completed science projects. Students pictured include from left, Randell Price, Brad Roemisch and Josh Hudgins. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Convicted cop killer says he shot Irby in self-defense

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Convicted killer Carl Buntion says he is sorry for shooting Houston Police Officer James Irby, but the death row inmate insists he killed the policeman in self defense.

"I knew he had only one thing on his mind — to kill me," Buntion, 46, said Wednesday in his first death row interview.

Irby, a popular 18-year force veteran, was shot in the head after he had pulled over a car for a traffic violation June 27.

Buntion, who was paroled just six weeks before the shooting for the latest of about a dozen convictions that began in 1961, was riding in a car driven by a friend, John Killingsworth.

Buntion said Irby allowed him

to leave the car and begin walking the five blocks home when Killingsworth yelled to him not to leave without taking a gun that was under the seat of the vehicle.

Killingsworth's comment attracted Irby's attention, who spotted the .357 Magnum in Buntion's waistband, he said.

"He just panicked and pulled his gun in a fashion I thought he was going to blow me away," Buntion said of Irby. "He had a 'quick draw' holster and he went into a combat position. He slipped that gun out just like Wyatt Earp."

Buntion said he didn't realize he had fired at Irby and hid behind another car to avoid being shot by the officer.

"I took off running. I didn't

know Mr. Irby had been shot," he said.

Asked why he didn't just give himself up, he replied: "You have a shootout with police, who are you going to give up to?"

Witnesses also said Buntion shot Irby twice more while the officer was wounded on the street. "That's a bunch of baloney," he said. "I wasn't riding around to be Jesse James."

Irby's slaying and Buntion's long criminal history prompted a public outcry about prison and jail crowding and the parole system with Irby's widow serving as a spokeswoman.

## Ministers want temporary ban on controversial film

HOUSTON (AP) — Several black ministers are calling on authorities to ban the gangland film "New Jack City" from local theaters until its producers determine the movie's impact on youths.

"The movie is pouring fuel on an already blazing flame," the Rev. James Dixon said Wednesday. "We want the movie temporarily removed until Warner Bros. researches its effect."

The ministers asked the Harris County District Attorney's Office to implement a temporary ban, but prosecutors told them they had no jurisdiction in the case and referred them to a private attorney, said an assistant district attorney who asked not to be

identified. "We want (film director) Mario Van Peebles to make millions of dollars," Dixon said at a news conference. "But he's not there to counsel the drug addicts that we counsel. He's not there to counsel the woman whose children have died."

Dixon and three other ministers who comprise the Urban Crisis Task Force said the federal Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 encourages private industry to be involved in anti-drug efforts.

The ministers also want the district attorney's office to enforce the movie's 'R' rating, barring children under 17 from entering the theater without an adult.

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The medical history may enable the doctor to differentiate the many causes of abdominal pain. An examination will further narrow the possibilities. For example, heart disease is sometimes associated with abdominal pain, as is aortic aneurysm (swelling of the aorta) and "intestinal angina" (lack of blood supply to the bowel). These conditions can often be discovered during examination, without the need for expensive testing.

Similarly, the cause of your leg aches could be diagnosed by a meticulous examination, during which the doctor checks the pulses in your lower extremities and assesses circulation to the muscles. Perhaps you have arteriosclerotic obstruction of the arteries to your intestine AND to your legs, with resulting symptoms.

Unfortunately, in the medical profession, familiarity may lead to carelessness. If your doctor has known you for many years, he or she may engage in time-saving shortcuts: less listening to your complaints and less examining. Even if your doctor is familiar with you, you still deserve a suitable examination. Ask for one, or request a referral to another physician.

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# Senate approves foreclosure changes

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation to give a break to borrowers whose properties have been foreclosed is a step closer to law.

Under the bill, a lender still could sue a borrower to recover more money than the property brought at a foreclosure sale. But a major change in the law would allow a borrower to ask a court to deduct the property's fair market value from the total debt.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, said that under the law now, a property's value isn't considered in such proceedings.

"Under current law a mortgage holder, if the payments are behind, can post for foreclosure the property ... They sell it at the courthouse steps. More often than not, the only bidder is the creditor," Parker said Wednesday.

"Generally, there is no state standard on how much to bid, so theoretically they can bid any price," he said.

If the outstanding debt is for \$100,000, and the foreclosed property is auctioned for \$25,000, a creditor then can "sue you for the deficiency on your note," Parker said.

"While that suit's going on, they go out and sell it for more than \$100,000 ... They can still sue you and get a deficiency judgment against you — even though they made money on the property — and you can't even raise that issue in court. A lot of people think that's unfair."

Under the bill, a creditor going through a nonjudicial foreclosure would take the property, and the debt would be extinguished.

If a creditor goes to court seeking a deficiency judgment for the additional money, a debtor could prove the fair market value at the time of the sale. That value then would be deducted from the debt.

The bill was approved, 29-0, Wednesday and returned to the House for action on Senate amendments.

Similar legislation was adopted in 1989 but vetoed by then-Gov.

Bill Clements.

In other action, the Senate: — Sent the House legislation to continue operations of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation after rejecting a bid to eliminate a provision for designating an agency

bicycle coordinator.

Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, said he didn't see the need for such a position.

"I don't think anybody in here is necessarily anti-bicycle use. I do have a problem when we're setting up ... a whole new special

interest. The next thing we'll see, we'll have a joggers' use committee set up," Armbrister said.

But Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, said the department should be concerned about all transportation issues.

## Investors in Neil Bush's firm part of congressional probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are looking into two businesses that invested \$2.3 million in one of Neil Bush's oil companies, as part of an inquiry into venture capital firms that use federally guaranteed money to make loans and investments, congressional sources say.

The two firms were controlled by an investor who is a big Republican contributor and a longtime friend of President Bush, Neil Bush's father. One of the firms later had financial trouble and was asked by the government to sell all its assets.

The Small Business committees in the House and Senate are investigating problems of Small Business Investment Corporations, aides say.

Seventy-three of some 400 SBICs — private, for-profit companies that provide venture capital to small start-up businesses — have failed since October 1987 as the economy has weakened, according to the federal Small Business Administration.

Neil Bush's second oil business, Apex Energy Co. of Denver, was started with a \$2.3 million investment in May 1989 by two SBICs, Wood River Capital Corp. and a subsidiary, Bridger Capital

Corp.

"We're looking at at least a dozen SBICs, of which Wood River is one of them," said an aide to the House Small Business Committee who spoke on condition of anonymity.

John Lyford, a spokesman for the Senate Small Business Committee, said questions about financial backers of the presi-

dent's son "are likely to be brought up" at a future hearing on SBICs.

The two SBICs that aided Bush's company were controlled by Louis Marx Jr., a prominent investor and longtime friend of the president who contributed \$10,000 to the Republican National Committee during the 1988 campaign.

## O'Donnell: super collider expenses might double

DALLAS (AP) — Land for the superconducting super collider could cost more than double the original projections, according to a member of a Texas commission helping to coordinate the project.

By completion of land acquisitions, the cost could rise to \$87 million, paid by borrowing from the state's \$1 billion in collider bonds, Peter O'Donnell Jr., a Texas National Research Laboratory Commission member, said Wednesday.

However, much of the money would eventually have to be repaid, according to a state agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy. Officials have expressed confidence the state

can do it, but have yet to determine exactly how.

"We'll have to see," said O'Donnell. "The sources would be interest off future bond proceeds, or it could be a direct appropriation from the state."

Land purchase costs could rise or drop by the end of the year, when the acquisition is expected to be completed.

During a commission meeting Wednesday at Love Field, member Charles Perry said the state has bought or condemned about 40 percent of the collider property, which includes two campuses and a 54-mile ring, totaling 16,500 acres.

"We are going to be essentially completed by the end of this year," said Perry.

While 10,300 acres are outright acquisitions, the remainder are for sub-surface rights. The \$87 million estimate includes the cost of land and the acquisition process, including appraisals, officials said.

## Jordanian national who helped man escape Kuwait granted asylum in the U.S.

DALLAS (AP) — A Jordanian national who risked death to guide a Texas man out of war-ravaged Kuwait City was granted political asylum here by immigration officials who thanked him for his effort.

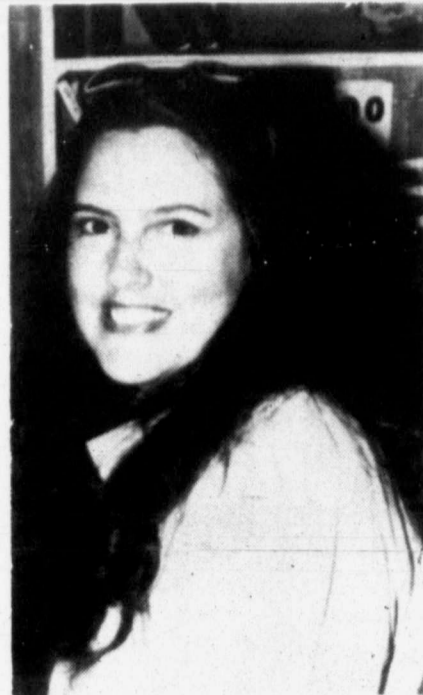
The man, known only as Nizar, was flanked Wednesday by the man whose life he saved and by smiling agents of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service during a ceremony.

"We owe this gentleman a great debt," said Ronald Chandler, district director of the Dallas INS office.

The federal agency granted the 21-year-old Nizar asylum five months ahead of schedule, officials said.

"I don't have the words to explain my feelings," said Nizar, whose last name was kept secret to protect his family and who still is learning English.

"It is a great feeling. These people have helped me too much. I am very grateful to them," he



DEANIE FRANCIS MILLS

## Mills' book signing set here Saturday

Local author Deanie Francis Mills will be featured at a book-signing for her latest novel of suspense, "Spellbound," at Wal-Mart Saturday, from 2-4 p.m.

"Spellbound," published under the name D.F. Mills, is a thriller, which deals with satanic cults and ritualistic crime. The main character, Faith "Dani" Daniels, was a victim of a cult as a very small child. Now, while teaching school in a small Texas town, Dani begins experiencing the same old terror when mutilated bodies begin showing up; and cryptic messages from Dante's "Inferno," delivered to her home, seem to connect her in some mysterious way with the killers. As Detective Nathan Kendall investigates the crimes and the messages, he begins to doubt Dani's sanity, and wonders about her possible involvement.

Mills spent nine months investigating ritualistic crimes with full cooperation from various law enforcement agencies while researching the novel.

She pens the Snyder Daily News column, "Country Life," and is the author of a previous novel of suspense, "Darkroom." Ten percent of all royalties for both books will be donated to the Noah Project.

Nizar, with the INS move, will be eligible for permanent resident status in one year and could ultimately obtain citizenship.

Hawkins said the asylum request was expedited after U.S. Sens. Phil Gramm and Lloyd Bentsen interceded on his behalf.

Nizar said he plans to continue English classes and eventually study aerospace engineering at Texas A&M University.

### Berry's World

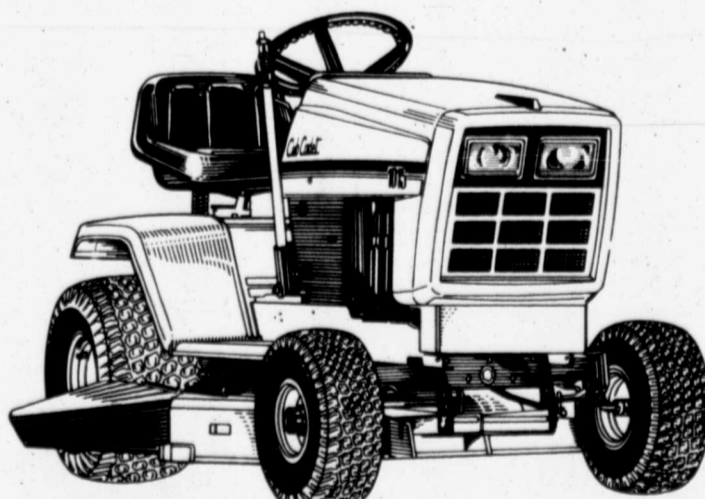
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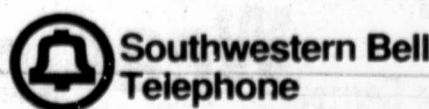
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("Southwestern Bell") submitted an application on January 4, 1991 to the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting that the central office-based PBX/type service market be declared subject to significant competition pursuant to the Commission's Substantive Rule §23.27. If this proposal is approved, Southwestern Bell intends to provide service to this market segment via its PLEXAR-Custom service, which provides for contractual rates and charges to be based on an individual customer-specific basis.

PLEXAR-Custom is a central office-based service which provides switched voice and/or data communications similar to a customer-premises PBX. PLEXAR-Custom service is currently being provided on an individual customer-specific basis via Southwestern Bell's Customer Specific Pricing Plan Tariff for central office-based telecommunications systems of 200 stations or more. If Southwestern Bell's application is approved, the PLEXAR-Custom service tariff will be revised to also include central office-based telecommunications systems which require between 75 and 200 stations.

Centrex and Plexar-II services are currently priced according to a standard tariff regardless of the customer's geographic location in the state. If this application is approved, customers needing 75 to 200 stations will be able to obtain this service priced on an individual customer-specific basis rather than under a standard tariffed rate.

Southwestern Bell's application proposes that the service market for PBX/type systems of 75 stations up to 200 stations be declared subject to significant competition statewide in all of the exchange areas served by Southwestern Bell and in which the central office capability to provide the service exists and/or can readily be made available.

Persons who wish to intervene, protest, or comment on this application should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas by June 21, 1991 at 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. You may also call the Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf. Please refer to this matter in all correspondence as Docket No. 9960.



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## Former Aggie coach...

# Davis is amazed at coverage

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Former Texas A&M basketball coach Kermit Davis Jr., in his first interview since being forced to resign, said he was amazed at the headlines he got around the state.

"I just couldn't believe with everything that goes on in the world that the basketball coach at Texas A&M under scrutiny could cause that big a stir in people's lives around the state of Texas," Davis said Wednesday.

"It was almost like you were treated like a serial killer who'd been on the loose for two years and they'd finally caught him," he said. "I guess that goes with being involved with a highly visible program like Texas A&M."

Davis talked with members of the media at his College Station home Wednesday. He sat on his porch and talked at length about his first year as Aggie coach, and about what led to A&M demands

last week that he quit or be fired. Davis, 31, was hired a year ago to replace Shelby Metcalf, who was the dean of Southwest Conference coaches until athletic director John David Crow fired him in mid-season.

But early in his first season, Davis came under intense scrutiny. The Syracuse Post-Standard reported in late December that Davis broke NCAA rules in the recruitment of Syracuse transfer Tony Scott.

Scott told the newspaper that his transfer was arranged by New York talent scout Rob Johnson, and Scott also said he was promised extra benefits prohibited by NCAA rules.

A&M began a three-month investigation, which concluded that Johnson became a "representative of the institution's basketball interests" in violation of NCAA rules. The investigative report, prepared by A&M vice president Robert Smith, did not substantiate Scott's claims.

"I was real sad that this happened, not only from a self-centered standpoint of myself, but also for the bad publicity that Texas A&M has gotten over the last two or three months," Davis said.

"I think that when you look at Robert Smith's report you see that those allegations were proven untrue. I know that I made some mistakes, but they were not ones that merited all the attention that they got since Dec. 20 when the story broke."

The Houston Chronicle wrote a

false story on March 7, Davis said, reporting that he was told after a Feb. 27 loss to Rice that he was being fired.

After the story broke, Davis said, "no one from the administration ever called me and told me that it wasn't true."

He added: "The fact is I didn't have much communication at all with the administration through the whole thing. I never was given any kind of report (update) on the investigation."

Davis said he remained optimistic throughout the investigation that he would be back for the second year of his 4-year contract, which paid him a base salary of \$75,000 per year.

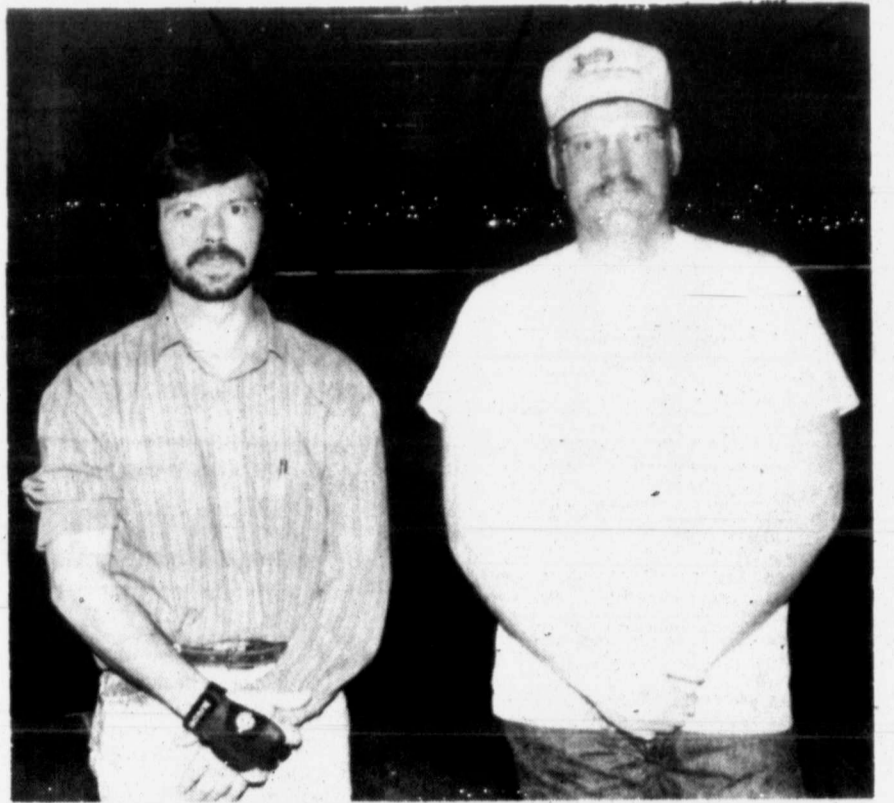
Davis reportedly will be paid the equivalent of three or four months' salary, but said the settlement wasn't the main issue in two days of negotiations between him, his attorneys and A&M officials.

"The main thing that I wanted to discuss was that of all the wild and speculative things that happened, just exactly what were the violations that were stated?"

The 95-page report, which was released to the media on March 14, the day before Davis' resignation, said 13 alleged violations were investigated and eight improprieties were found. The report links Davis to five of the eight.

"You really read the report, what were the things that really happened?" Davis said. "Rob Johnson went with me in a recruit's home, a kid we never did (have) visit. (Johnson) was considered an athletic representative, which is a judgment call on who becomes an athletic rep and who doesn't. The fact that I let a player's wife borrow \$8 to send her financial aid forms in, and I admitted it. I told them I did it out of compassion for somebody I thought was in desperate need of it."

Davis has not met with any of the Aggie players or signees since he turned in his resignation.



TOP TEAM — Mike Shrimplin, left, and Robert Early teamed up to win the doubles competition at the recent Snyder Men's City Bowling Tournament at Snyder Lanes. The pair rolled a 1306 to take the title. In addition, Shrimplin was the singles winner at the tournament with a 732 score. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Snyder girls run at meet

ANDREWS — Snyder's junior high girls competed in the recent Andrews Track meet with the seventh grade winning five first places followed by three top finishes for the eighth graders.

"This meet at Andrews was just a practice meet," said coach Mike Meek of Snyder.

"No ribbons or points were awarded. The girls did fairly well, considering the mass confusion of the situation."

Kelly Clay nabbed a first in the triple jump for the seventh grade girls with a 31-1/2 effort.

Teammate Sharon Gulseth's 6:23.4 was good enough to win the mile run and the sprint relay team of Veana Clay, Brooke Cozart, Lindsey Griffin and Mendy Winter topped the field with a 58.7 time.

Monica Harbin, Rita Rodriguez, Griffin and Jennifer Gordon hammered out a 2:10.7 in the 800 meter relay for first and Harbin, Griffin, Veana Clay and Cozart notched top honors in the mile relay with a clocking of 5:04.0.

Eighth graders grabbing top finishes included Jill Voss, with a 68.0 time in the 400 meter dash. Keisha Jackson, who scooted to a 29.6 finish in the 200 meter dash and the sprint relay team of Jackson, Voss, C'ella Clayton and Paige Gayle, who teamed up for a 55.0 time.

The junior high girls will compete at Friday's Snyder Track Meet.

## Women's Juco national tourney

By The Associated Press  
At Tyler, Texas  
First Round  
Monday, March 18

Muskegon, Mich., 66, Kankakee, Ill., 60  
Ellsworth, Iowa, 69, Orange County, N.Y., 49  
Mitchell, Conn., 89, NE Christian, Pa., 82  
Hilbert, N.Y., 60, North Dakota-Lake Region 55  
Utah Valley CC 96, Hiwassee, Tenn., 94  
Louisburg, N.C., 87, Mount Aloysius, Pa., 85

Tuesday, March 19  
John A. Logan, Ill. 74, Moberly, Mo. 69  
Wallace, Ala., 93, Sheridan, Wyo., 68  
Hilbert, N.Y., 81, Garden City, Kan., 65  
Hinds, Miss., 71, Ellsworth, Iowa, 66  
NE Oklahoma 65, Mitchell, Conn., 51  
Kilgore Col., 116, Muskegon, Mich., 83

Wednesday, March 20  
Second Round  
Central Arizona 96, Utah Valley CC 91  
Odessa Col., Texas 85, John A. Logan, Ill. 72  
Palm Beach CC 95, Louisburg, N.C. 69  
Truett-McConnell, Ga., 103, Wallace St., Ala. 63

Thursday, March 21  
Winner's Bracket  
Kankakee, Ill., 79, Orange County, N.Y. 47  
N.D.-Lake Region 102, NE Christian, Pa. 62  
Loser's Bracket  
Kilgore, Col., vs. Hinds, Miss.  
NE Oklahoma, vs. Hilbert, N.Y.  
Central Arizona vs. Odessa Col., Texas  
Palm Beach CC vs. Truett-McConnell, Ga.

Friday, March 22  
Duke (28-7) vs. Connecticut (20-10)  
Ohio State (27-3) vs. St. John's (22-8)  
WEST REGIONAL  
Second Round  
At The Jon M. Huntsman Center  
Salt Lake City  
Saturday, March 16  
Arizona 76, Brigham Young 61  
Seton Hall 81, Creighton 69  
At The McKale Center  
Tucson, Ariz.  
Sunday, March 17  
Utah 85, Michigan State 84, 20T  
UNLV 62, Georgetown 54  
Regional Semifinals  
At The Kingdome  
Seattle  
Thursday, March 21  
Arizona (28-6) vs. Seton Hall (24-8)  
UNLV (32-0) vs. Utah (30-3)

## NCAA glance

By The Associated Press  
All Times EST  
EAST REGIONAL  
Second Round  
At Cole Fieldhouse  
College Park, Md.  
Saturday, March 16  
Temple 77, Richmond 64  
Oklahoma State 73-70, Oklahoma State 64

At The Carrier Dome  
Syracuse, N.Y.  
Sunday, March 17  
North Carolina 84, Villanova 69  
Eastern Michigan 71, Penn State 68, OT  
Regional Semifinals  
At The Meadows Arena  
East Rutherford, N.J.  
Friday, March 22  
Temple (23-9) vs. Oklahoma State (24-7)  
North Carolina (27-5) vs. Eastern Michigan (28-6)

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL  
Second Round  
At Freedom Hall  
Louisville, Ky.  
Saturday, March 16  
Kansas 77, Pittsburgh 66  
Indiana 82, Florida State 60

At The Omni  
Atlanta  
Sunday, March 17  
Alabama 96, Wake Forest 88  
Arkansas 97, Arizona State 90  
Regional Semifinals  
At The Charlotte Coliseum  
Charlotte, N.C.  
Thursday, March 21  
Indiana (29-4) vs. Kansas (24-7)  
Arkansas (33-3) vs. Alabama (23-9)

MIDWEST REGIONAL  
Second Round  
At The Metrodome  
Minneapolis  
Saturday, March 16  
Duke 85, Iowa 70  
Connecticut 66, Xavier, Ohio 50  
At Dayton Arena  
Dayton, Ohio  
Sunday, March 17  
Ohio State 63, Georgia Tech 61  
St. John's 84, Texas 76

Regional Semifinals  
At The Silverdome  
Pontiac, Mich.  
Friday, March 22  
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## Sooners make NIT semifinals

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — For Providence it wasn't supposed to end this way, not with guard Eric Murdock hitting only 19 percent of his shots.

For Oklahoma, with a season-high 26 points from 6-foot-8 sophomore Bryan Sallier, Wednesday night's 83-74 victory and a trip to the National Invitation Tournament semifinals in New York was vindication of sorts for an inconsistent season.

"If we were in the NCAA, we might be home right now. Instead, we're going to New York, where I've never been before," a beaming Sallier said after he spent most of the game having his way with the Friars underneath.

The remainder of the NIT semifinal field will be completed tonight when the quarterfinals resume with Arkansas State at Colorado, Massachusetts at

Siena and Stanford at Southern Illinois.

Providence (19-13) relied all season on seniors Myrdock and Chris Watts in the clutch. But while Sallier and Jeff Webster, with 17 points, scored inside for the Sooners, the Friars' outside bombs came up duds.

Murdock, with a 25.9 scoring average, was 5 of 26 and missed all seven 3-point tries. Watts was 6 of 26, including 3 of 13 from 3-point range. Overall, Providence shot 33 percent to Oklahoma's 54 percent.

## Shrimplin wins 1st at bowling tourney

Mike Shrimplin posted a score of 732 to win the men's singles competition of the annual Snyder City Men's Bowling Tournament at Snyder Lanes, recently.

Shrimplin and teammate Robert Early captured the doubles title with a 1306 tally.

The team championship went to Bobby McMillion, Hank Earnest, Ewell Mackey, Steve Mackey and Monte West playing for the AAA Coffee Service squad.

Jack's Roadboring finished as the second-place team. Bill Stevens' 1937 gave him the All-Events championship at the tourney.

Special awards went to Henry Dever for his 247 scratch game and Audie Jones who rolled a 260 handicap game.

Series honors belong to Shrimplin for a 659 scratch series

and Randy Billingsley for a 689 handicap series score.

Ewell Mackey's 1728 topped all competitors in the scratch all-events competition.

Others finishing high in the tournament include James Magness, who bowled a 689 for runner-up in singles play and third place R.M. Collier, who managed a 654 tally.

Darrell Grant and Billingsley combined for a second-place 1280 in the doubles division followed by Ewell Mackey and David Lyle just one pin back at 1279.

Jones took second position in the all-events category with a score of 1886. Jim Whitney's 1877 was the tournament's third-place effort.

## Track squads run at Monahans event

Snyder's thinclads, both the boys' and girls, will compete in this week's Sand Hill Relays in Monahans.

Both teams' last outings were at the Canyon Reef Relays in Snyder the week before Spring Break.

Snyder's girls posted a fourth-place finish here while the SHS boys took sixth in their division.

Katina Brandon and Vinnie Clay, the Lady Tigers' vaunted field-event specialists, each posted a personal best finishing one-two in the shot put.

Brandon's 38-1 heave was good for top honors in the event while Clay took a 38-0 for runner-up.

The finishing order was reversed in the discus throw as Clay launched the orb 118-0 for first and Clay came in second with a 115-1 effort.

Snyder high jumper, Ed Rios, posted a personal best of 6-7 to come in second in his event at the Canyon Reef meet for the boys.

He also grabbed second-place points for Snyder in the 110 meter hurdles with his 15.54 clocking.

Senior Shelby Bufkin also earned points for the Tigers at the meet with his 50.76 third-place time in the 400 meters and a 23.44 200 meter effort that was also good for third place.

Both SHS track squads will be in action again next week as the boys travel to the San Angelo Relays and the girls run in the Indian Relays at Seminole.

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The administration favors strengthened controls against the spread of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and curbs on traffic in high technology arms. Conventional arms, including sophisticated weaponry, are another matter.

The White House rejects the idea of a freeze or embargo on conventional arms sales, saying that stability in the Middle East and elsewhere is best served by strengthening U.S. allies and maintaining a power balance.

Arms sales and aid to Persian Gulf allies are seen at the Pentagon as a way to foster post-war stability while minimizing the future U.S. military presence there.

AP analysis

Besides, the United States doesn't want to lose the business.

The financial support for defense exporters provided by foreign competitors such as France, United Kingdom, West Germany and others, and a declining U.S. defense budget over time could seriously erode our defense industrial base and reduce our ability to produce the arms we need," said Marlin Fritzwater, the White House press secretary.

"Our interest is in getting stability and balance, which will prevent conflict, but there are still going to be weapons sales," Fritzwater said.

That trade is supervised, subject to licenses and permits, but controls don't always work. Made-in-U.S.A. weapons sometimes last longer than the governments that buy them or the friendships that foster military trade. And high-tech exports to an ally can show up later in the hands of an enemy.

"We need to be very careful who we sell to," Defense Secretary Dick Cheney told the House Foreign Affairs Committee this week.

He went to Congress with a warning: the Persian Gulf War is the "type of conflict we are most likely to confront again in this new era, major regional contingencies against foes well armed with advanced conventional and unconventional weaponry...."

"Iraq's forces were considerable, but not entirely unique," Cheney said. "There are other regional powers with modern armored forces, sophisticated attack aircraft and integrated air defenses, anti-ship cruise missiles, and even modern diesel submarines."

"The problem will be exacerbated by a post-Cold War phenomenon: the transfer of Cold War surplus armaments, increasing economic pressures on arms dealers, and growing indigenous technical capabilities in the Third World," Cheney said.

By the year 2000, he said, about 15 developing nations are expected to have ballistic missiles and eight of them have nuclear weapons capability or are close to getting it. Cheney said 30 such nations will have chemical weapons by then, and 10 more will be able to deploy biological weapons.

Cheney said one of the lessons of the Gulf War is the need for tighter controls on such weaponry.

"We cannot allow the end of Cold War-level hostilities to open further the door to the transfer of unconventional or ballistic weapons systems," he said.

On conventional armaments, including some of the warplanes and missiles that won the air war against Iraq, Cheney said caution is in order but the first priority is security for U.S. friends and allies.

President Bush said Monday that he would like to see a reduction in the flow of weapons into the area, but that there are a lot of other difficult problems to be confronted. He also has said the administration won't cut off arms sales.

Congress has been advised that the United States plans to sell \$1.6 billion in new weapons to Egypt. Arms deals also are in the works with Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey (see ARMS, page 10)

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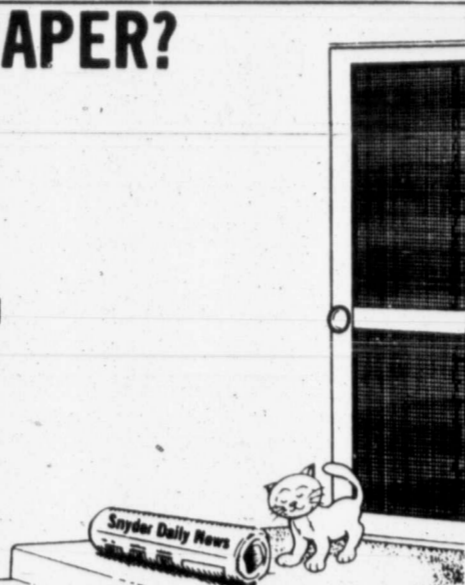
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# Ambassador to Iraq says Saddam is a 'liar'

WASHINGTON (AP) — For months, April Glaspie had been Washington's mystery woman. Had the U.S. ambassador to Iraq really raised no objection when Saddam Hussein summoned her last July and threatened to invade his neighbor?

Had she told him, a week before the invasion, that the United States had "no opinion on Arab-Arab conflicts, like your

border disagreement with Kuwait?"

Now she has had her say.

In blunt, crisp and un-diplomatic language, she told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday that Saddam was a liar and his "so-called transcript" that quoted her conversation with him was "maliciously edited," an example of Iraqi "disinformation."

The Iraqis released the transcript in September and the State Department did not disavow it. To some, Miss Glaspie became the scapegoat.

She was kept out of sight, in the belly of the State Department. Said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., "We have an ambassador who, on the instructions of the State Department, virtually gave the green light to Saddam Hussein."

Not so, said Miss Glaspie, 48, first American female ambassador to an Arab state and an expert on the region.

It was Saddam, not she, who was abject in that July 25 meeting, a week before he sent his troops and tanks across the border, she said.

She said he told her to inform President Bush "that he would not solve his problems with

Kuwait by violence."

At first, said Miss Glaspie, Saddam thought he could bluff.

But when the United States — against the advice of every Arab ally — stood up to him, warned him of its vital interests, engaged in naval maneuvers with the United Arab Emirates and "acted like a superpower" he backed down, she said.

"He was 'stymied,' she said. "He was flummoxed. ... He surrendered."

But then Saddam recalculated, and miscalculated badly, the ambassador said. He convinced himself the United States would not respond to an invasion, that Arab states would never allow American troops to be stationed on their soil.

Glaspie said Saddam was desperate. He needed Kuwait's oil. He had overspent when oil was \$20 a barrel, saying he was sure the price would rise. It fell to \$14 in July.

But, if Saddam miscalculated, Miss Glaspie said, so did the United States.

"Our mistake was like that of every other government in the world: we did not realize that he was stupid," she said.

She said the United States may have been lulled by the prevalence of border disputes between Arab countries and the knowledge that other Persian Gulf states were poised to make concessions to Iraq on the disputed Ramallah oil fields and on debts left over from the Iran-Iraq war.

As for the transcript of her meeting with Saddam, it had been "selectively edited," Miss Glaspie said.

She had said the United States had no interest in the Iraqi-Kuwait border dispute, but she said Saddam left out the rest of her remark: "We would insist on settlements being made in a non-violent manner, not by threat, not by intimidation and certainly not by aggression."

With a smile, Miss Glaspie said it was her word against his.

"I hope my credibility is at least as great as Saddam Hussein's," she added.

## 2 Navy planes collide

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Two Navy P-3 Orions collided in the air early today during a training mission off the coast of Southern California, a Navy spokesman said. Twenty-six crewmen were missing, Navy spokesman Mike Kreis said.

Search and rescue teams in helicopters have found some debris but have located no bodies or survivors, Kreis said.

The site of the crash was 60 miles due west of San Diego, he said. Twelve crew members were on one plane and 14 on the other, Kreis said. The planes were on a training mission from Moffett Naval Air Station in Northern California.

The P-3 is a propeller-driven submarine hunter.

A Navy helicopter reported seeing a ball of fire at sea at about 2:30 a.m. PST, said Bob Howard, a Navy public information officer. The helicopter's crew reported seeing wreckage but no survivors, he said.

Rain showers and strong winds were reported in the San Diego area overnight. About three hours after the planes collided, a funnel cloud was sighted about 5 miles offshore from San Diego's Mission Beach.

The National Weather Service said pilots in the area reported severe turbulence at about the time the funnel was sighted. The same planes, however, are regularly used by weather forecasters to fly into hurricanes.

Howard said the Navy was uncertain what part weather played in the collision. He said the cause of the crash was under investigation.

The aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln was assisting in the search for survivors today, Howard said.

When used to hunt submarines, the planes can be armed with torpedoes, nuclear or conventional depth charges, mines and Harpoon and Sidewinder missiles.

The planes originally built in 1959 by Lockheed for the Navy have a wing span of about 100 feet, a length of 116 feet, 10 inches, and a height of more than 33 feet. Their maximum speed is 473 mph, and they have a cruising speed of 378 mph.

## Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)				PENNEY JC			
High	Low	Last	Change	High	Low	Last	Change
AMR Corp	57 1/4	56 3/4	56 1/4	-	53 1/4	52 3/4	53
ALLTEL Cp	40 3/4	39 1/4	39 1/4	-	11 1/4	11	11 1/4
Ameritech	68 1/8	68	68 1/8	-	67 1/8	67	67
AmStores	87 1/2	86	87 1/2	-	29	28 1/2	28 1/2
AmerTAT	34 1/4	33 3/4	33 3/4	-	25 1/2	25 1/4	25 1/2
Amoco	54 1/4	53 3/4	54	-	30	29 3/4	30
AndarkPTr	28	27 1/4	27 1/4	-	33 1/2	33	33 1/2
Arklia	19 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4	-	9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4
ArmoInc	5 1/4	5	5 1/4	-	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4
AtlRichld	134 1/4	133	133 1/2	-	39 1/4	39	39 1/2
BakerHugh	38 1/8	38 1/4	38 1/8	-	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
BancTexas	5 1/8	5 1/8	5 1/8	-	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
BellAtlan s	50 1/4	49 3/4	50 1/4	-	66 1/2	66	66 1/2
BellSouth	53 1/2	53	53 1/4	-	58 1/4	57 3/4	58 1/4
Beth Steel	14	13 3/4	13 3/4	-	27 1/4	27 1/4	27 1/4
Borden s	35 1/4	34 1/4	35	-	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4
Caterpilr	50 1/2	49 3/4	50	-	54 1/4	54 1/2	54 1/2
Centel	31 1/4	31 1/2	31 1/2	-	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4
CentSo West	43 1/2	43 1/4	43 1/2	-	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4
Chevron	78 1/4	78 1/4	78 1/4	-	19 1/8	19 1/8	19 1/8
Chrysler	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	-	31 1/8	30 1/8	31 1/8
Coastal s	33 1/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	-	36 1/2	36 1/4	36 1/2
CocaCola s	55 1/4	54 3/4	54 3/4	-	45 1/4	43 1/4	44 1/4
Colg Palm	76 1/4	76	76 1/4	-	64	63	63 1/4
ComlMetl	20 1/4	20 1/4	20 1/4	-	19	18 3/4	18 3/4
CyprusMn	21 1/4	21	21	-	40 1/4	38 3/4	39
DalIsemIn	10 1/4	9 3/4	10	-	36 1/2	36 1/4	36 1/2
DeltaArl	72 1/4	71 3/4	71 3/4	-	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
DigitalEq	71 1/4	70 3/4	70 3/4	-	73 1/4	72 3/4	73
Dillard	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/4	-	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
DowChem	49 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/4	-	48 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/4
DresserInd s	25 1/4	25	25 1/4	-	24 1/4	24 1/4	24 1/4
DrumPond	37 3/4	37	37 3/4	-	28 1/4	27 3/4	27 3/4
EstKodak	42 1/2	42	42	-	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Enserch	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	-	29 1/2	29	29 1/2
Exxon	58	57 1/2	57 1/2	-	31 1/2	30 3/4	31 1/2
FICtyBep	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	-	54 1/4	54 1/4	54 1/4
FlowerInd	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	-	8 1/4	8 1/4	8
FordMotor	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4	-	-	-	-
GTE Cp s	31 1/4	31 1/4	31 1/4	-	-	-	-
Gndynam	29 1/4	28 3/4	29 1/4	-	-	-	-
GenElct	67 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	-	-	-	-
GenMills s	57 1/2	56 1/4	57 1/2	-	-	-	-
GenMotors	38	37 1/4	37 1/4	-	-	-	-
GnMotrE s	41 1/4	40 1/4	41 1/4	-	-	-	-
GlobMar n	4 1/4	4	4 1/4	-	-	-	-
Goodrich	39 1/4	38 3/4	38 3/4	-	-	-	-
Goodyear	22 1/4	21 3/4	22 1/4	-	-	-	-
GATIPac	54 1/4	54	54 1/4	-	-	-	-
Gulf StaUt	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	-	-	-	-
Haliburtn	50 1/2	50 1/4	50 1/2	-	-	-	-
HouInd	35 1/4	35 1/4	35 1/4	-	-	-	-
IBM	115	113 1/2	113 1/2	-	-	-	-
IntlPaper	61 1/2	60 3/4	60 3/4	-	-	-	-
JohnsJhn	90	90	90	-	-	-	-
K Mart	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	-	-	-	-
Kroger	22	21 1/2	21 1/2	-	-	-	-
vJTV Cp	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	-	-	-	-
Litton Ind	83 1/4	83 1/4	83 1/4	-	-	-	-
vJLoneStar	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	-	-	-	-
Lowes	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	-	-	-	-
Lubys s	18 1/4	18 1/4	18 1/4	-	-	-	-
Maus s	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	-	-	-	-
MayDSI	50 1/2	50 1/4	50 1/4	-	-	-	-
Medtronic	109 1/4	109 1/2	109 1/2	-	-	-	-
Mobil	63 1/2	62 3/4	62 3/4	-	-	-	-
Monsanto s	55 1/4	55 1/4	55 1/4	-	-	-	-
Motorola	58 1/2	58 1/4	58 1/4	-	-	-	-
NCNB Cp	30	29 3/4	29 3/4	-	-	-	-
Nynex	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	-	-	-	-
Or; aEngy	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	-	-	-	-
PaCTelesis	43 1/2	42 1/2	43	-	-	-	-
PanHECp	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	-	-	-	-

## Obituaries

### Annie Ledbetter

1907-1991

ALBANY — Services are set for 2 p.m. Friday at the First Pentecostal Church for Annie Lee Ledbetter, 83, who died Tuesday in an Albany hospital. Burial will follow in the Albany Cemetery.

She was the sister of Mark Gray of Ira.

Born in Lueders, she had lived in Albany for more than 65 years. She was a homemaker, a member of the First Pentecostal Church and the widow of Walter K. Ledbetter.

Other survivors include a son, Nathan Ledbetter of Albany; four daughters, Betty Petree of Cisco, Ruth Downey, Vivian Havens and Mary Baird, all of Abilene; a sister, Artie Burge of Albany; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and nine step-children.

### Interior minister for Lebanon denies report

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Interior Minister Sami al-Khatib today denied a newspaper report that American hostages would soon be freed.

"It's baseless," he told The Associated Press, but would not comment further.

Ad-Diyar, the newspaper in which the report had appeared on Wednesday, today said that Syrian army officers had met with Shiite Muslim clerics and urged them to free the captives.

The newspaper, which is based in Christian east Beirut, does not have a record of accurate reporting on the 13 Westerners missing in Lebanon, who include six Americans.

Ad-Diyar's front-page report on Wednesday said the six American hostages would be released Friday at an unidentified hotel in Beirut in the presence of al-Khatib and the commander of Syria's military intelligence in Lebanon, Brig. Gen. Ghazi Kenaan.

"They will be transported to Damascus where (Syrian) Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa will turn them over to the American ambassador there," it said.

The paper predicted that the remaining Western hostages "would probably be released the coming Saturday in the presence of the ambassadors of their respective nations in Lebanon."

In its latest report, Ad-Diyar did not identify the Syrians who reportedly met with the Shiite clerics. It said only that they were "ranking army officers."

It said they met separately on Sunday and Monday with Sheikh Subhi Tofeili and Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, leaders of Hezbollah, and told them that the hostages "must be freed as soon as possible."

It said the talks took place at a hotel that serves as the headquarters of the Syrian army units policing Beirut.

However, Iranian news media had reported that these two Shiite officials arrived in Tehran on Saturday and met with President Hashemi Rafsanjani in the Iranian capital on Monday.

Shiite sources close to Hezbollah told The Associated Press today that the two officials had not yet returned to Beirut. The sources requested anonymity.

Hezbollah's official spokesman, known as Abu Hawra, refused to comment on the reported meeting. When contacted by the AP, he simply reiterated the longstanding Hezbollah claim that it was not involved in hostage-taking.

Most of the Westerners missing in Lebanon are believed held by Shiite kidnappers linked to Hezbollah, or the Party of God.

## Lawmakers hit snag in school finance talks

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards says she is concerned that lawmakers are not nearer to agreement on a school finance reform plan, with a Texas Supreme Court deadline looming in a dozen days.

"I am concerned that we do not seem to be closer to a resolution than we do," Richards said Wednesday.

She said she planned to meet with Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, and Rep. Ernestine Glossbrenner, D-Alice, leaders of the House-Senate conference committee on school finance.

The Texas Supreme Court unanimously ruled unconstitutional the current \$14 billion-a-year school finance system, which relies on state aid, local property taxes and some federal money.

Differences in local property wealth now lead to disparities in education funding. Justices said if lawmakers do not devise a reform plan by April 1, they will order a stop to state funding for schools.

Legislative negotiators have said they are close to a compromise. But still disagree on some issues, including the way the state distributes additional money to school districts that have higher costs.

## Snyder High School wins judging contest at WTC

A team from Snyder High School won first place in the livestock judging at the annual Western Texas College Livestock and Land Judging Contest held this week.

Jason Summers and Bay John Long of Snyder were the top two individuals in livestock judging with 421 and 420 points, respectively.

First place in land judging went to Lamesa High School, which also won first place in that event last year. The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District cooperates in sponsoring the land judging.

Snyder High School had a total of 1,220 points in the livestock judging. Sweetwater was second with 1,214 points, followed by Wall No. 1 with 1,205.

Lamesa students tallied 643 points to win the land judging. Brownfield placed second with 613, followed by Anson No. 1 with 569.

A total of 50 teams participated in the livestock judging and 19 in land judging. Bob Doty and Jim Judah, WTC agriculture instructors, directed the competitions.

### LIVESTOCK JUDGING Overall Individual Awards

1. Jason Summers, Snyder No. 2, 421; 2. Bay John Long, Snyder No. 1, 420; 3. Joe Scott, Sweetwater, 416; 4. Rodney White, Ira No. 2, 413; 5. James Rainey, Sweetwater, 410.

Sheep Team: 1. Ira No. 2, 416; 2. Wall No. 2, 416; 3. Hazbuddie No. 2, 414.

Individual: 1. Rodney White, Ira No. 2, 147; 2. Brandon Lesch, Wall No. 2, 145; 3. Cassi Smith, Colorado City No. 1, 145; 4. Bay John Long, Snyder No. 1, 145; 5. Brian Miller, Ira No. 2, 143.

Swine Team: 1. Post No. 2, 424; 2. Sweetwater, 414; 3. Wall No. 1, 414.

Individual: 1. Misty Bartlett,

## Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Eliza Trew, 2004 Ave. W.; Lillie Lewis, Snyder Oaks Nursing Center; Helen Rutledge, 3742 Dalton.

DISMISSALS: Debra Vaughan, Jennifer Rogers, Woodrow Black, Callie Zeck, Beatrice Aguilar and baby.

Census: 47 (Med.-15, Long-Term Care-26, CCU-2, OB-2, Nursery-2).

## Births

Spencer Ehalt announces the birth of his brother, Ryan Scott, born March 15. Parents are Garth and Kelly Ehalt of Telkwa, British Columbia. Maternal grandparents are Kay Bennett of Telkwa, and the late Kenneth Ray Williamson. Paternal grandparents are Erv Ehalt of Telkwa, and the late Irene Ehalt. Great-grandparents are Bill and Doty Hart of Snyder and the late P.W. Birdsell.

## Plains

### Plains economy back on stride

The Plains region will enjoy modest job growth in 1991—mirroring the statewide rate—now that employment in oil and gas has stabilized in the wake of industry consolidation and employee transfers out of the region. The West Texas region, encompassing Abilene, Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo and Wichita Falls, will gain 5,000 jobs this year.

A relatively large oil and gas industry should help insulate the Plains from some effects of the national recession. Retail and wholesale trade will provide the most new jobs as the Plains' overall economy improves. The region's manufacturing should stabilize, and job losses will not be as severe as in the rest of the state.

Because the Plains economy has regained its footing and fewer residents are leaving the region, the area will increase its population in 1991—the first gain since 1983.

Source: John Sharp, Comptroller of Public Accounts.



## No Good Way to Tell Sister Her Boyfriend Is Bad News

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Jenny," is 20 years old. Her boyfriend is 17. They have been together almost a year. She says she's "in love" with him, and they started sleeping together last year.

A few months ago, he forced Jenny to have sex with him against her will. She told him it was rape. He said it was a misunderstanding. He apologized, and she took him back.

A couple of months later they had a big fight, and afterward he slept with another girl. He admitted he did it to make her mad, and she forgave him. They're still together!

Abby, I'm confused. I'm 19 years old and I thought people who loved each other were good to each other. I'm worried about my sister, but if I tell our mother, Jenny will never forgive me.

How can I get her to see this guy is no good? Jenny thinks that if you love someone you forgive him unconditionally. Please don't publish my name or my city. If Jenny knew I was writing, she'd be furious — but I don't know where to turn.

CONFUSED

DEAR CONFUSED: You appear to be far more mature than your older sister. The principle of unconditional forgiveness is admirable, provided neither party uses it to take advantage of the other. Such is not the case with Jenny and her boyfriend.

If Jenny is looking for a lasting romance, she will have to find someone more mature than a kid who takes what he wants, has no respect for women and is spiteful to boot. Tell your sister that unless she is very, very careful, she could wind up with



a pregnancy, a sexually transmitted disease, or both. And her boyfriend is neither mature nor caring enough to accept responsibility for either.

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A winner says, "Let's find out"; a loser says, "Nobody knows."

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A winner credits his "good luck" for winning—even though it wasn't his good luck; a loser blames his "bad luck" for losing—even though it wasn't his bad luck.

A winner listens; a loser just waits until it's his turn to talk.

A winner respects those who are superior to him and tries to learn from them; a loser resents the superiority of others and tries to find chinks in their armor.

A winner does more than his job; a loser says, "I only work here."

A winner says, "I fell"; a loser says, "Somebody pushed me."

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## Gulf-related horse names requested

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Patty Johnson and her husband Charles were having trouble thinking up a name for their newborn filly last August.

And then one night, while watching coverage of the Persian Gulf conflict in their Iowa living room, the name hit Patty like a Scud missile.

"Bomb Saddam," she blurted out loud.

More than eight months later, the Johnsons are among hundreds who have requested Gulf War-related names for their quarter horse or thoroughbred.

Jim Goodhue, the registrar over the past 21 years for the Amarillo-based American Quarter Horse Association, said his office is up to its withers in applications for names made popular by the successful allied war effort.

"Everything you can think of has been requested," said Goodhue. "Whenever an event of this magnitude breaks out, there is usually a flurry of names requested that coincide."

The same surge is being noticed by The Jockey Club in Lexington, Ky., which names American thoroughbreds, said Molly Hackathorn, a registration processor.

"It's been incredible," Ms. Hackathorn said. "I don't have an actual figure. But once the operation turned from Desert Shield to Desert Storm it seemed like every fifth application was for Desert Storm, Scud Buster, Patriot Missile or Stormin' Norman."

Mrs. Johnson, who trains horses with her husband in Stewart, Iowa, said Bomb Saddam was a natural.

"We had been watching so much of the news about the troops in Saudi Arabia. One night that just popped in my head," she said. "At the time, we wanted the troops to bomb Saddam so it just clicked."

"Now we are just hoping she will bomb the competition on the race track. We want to see her in the winner's circle."

Unfortunately, many of the Gulf War-related names being requested have already been used.

Several applications to name a quarter horse "Stormin' Nor-

man" after the burly but personable allied forces leader Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf were denied because the name was awarded in 1971.

Desert Storm, another moniker in high demand, was given to a quarter horse in 1961. Yellow Ribbon was taken in 1947 and Fort Hood in 1965.

The same names have also been used by thoroughbreds prior to the Gulf War.

But names granted to quarter horses since allied troops were deployed to Saudi Arabia include

Desert Shield, Patriot Missile, Saudi Sunset and Scud Buster.

"I was thrilled and shocked when I opened the envelope and saw that we had gotten the name Desert Shield," said horse breeder Martha Wells of Orange, Calif. "When I requested it, I thought: for sure it would have been taken already. It's quite an honor. My only fear is that the little colt will not live up to the name."

Mrs. Wells said days of following the war coverage prompted her to request the name for her 1-year-old horse.

## Queen Elizabeth II to visit

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II will return to Kentucky on May 23 for a private visit that will include an inspection of her thoroughbreds.

It will be the queen's fourth trip to the Bluegrass since 1984 and will be made after official visits to Washington, D.C., Florida and Texas.

She will be staying again with her friends, Will and Sarah Farish, who own Lane's End Farm in Woodford County.

"It's a private visit to relax after an extensive trip throughout the country," Will Farish said Tuesday.

Farish said the queen, as usual, will check on mares and foals and see new stallions and stallions to which her mares have been bred. She will leave May 26.

Joanna Tudge, a spokeswoman with the British Embassy in Washington, said the queen

would arrive May 14 in Washington, and then travel to Miami, Tampa, Fla.; Austin, Texas; Dallas and Houston.

On the official part of the trip, she will be accompanied by her husband, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, but he won't be coming to Kentucky. The royal couple last visited the United States together in 1983.

During the queen's last visit to Kentucky, in 1989, British Embassy spokesman Francis Cornish said the queen kept coming for two reasons:

"Firstly, because she is an experienced expert and extremely enthusiastic horse breeder and horse owner, and Kentucky has an unrivaled reputation as a horse breeding state....

"And the second reason is, on her two previous visits she's apparently enjoyed herself."

## Environmental groups and Nadar are against free trade agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — A coalition of consumer advocates led by Ralph Nader is calling on Congress to deny the Bush administration's request to negotiate a non-amendable free trade agreement with Mexico.

Consumer advocates warned Wednesday that the Bush administration could "bargain away" health, safety and environmental laws if allowed to use the fast-track to negotiate a Mexican agreement or to conclude international trade talks under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Congress could deny the administration's request for a two-year extension in fast-track authority with a vote of either the House or Senate before June 1.

The administration contends there would be no trade agreements without fast track, because the United States' trading partners will not negotiate a pact that could be later amended in Congress.

Nader claimed Wednesday that the Bush administration was pushing for a free trade agreement with Mexico to benefit major U.S. companies, which would relocate south of the border to take advantage of lax environmental and worker safety laws, and cheap Mexican labor.

"They (the administration) have no loyalty to American workers when it comes to doing the bidding of U.S. multinational corporations, who want to get the cheapest deal abroad, no matter what the costs are at home," Nader said. "Their first allegiance is to U.S. multinational corporations. Way down on the list are American workers, consumers and the environment."

Under a free trade agreement, Nader claimed, major U.S. companies could "exploit" Mexican workers "and displace our workers at the same time."

The National Toxics Campaign said it questioned why the Bush administration was "so

## Probation agreement will free man after seven years in prison

LITCHFIELD, Conn. (AP) — After her husband beat her and slashed her throat eight years ago, Tracey Motuzick fought back, winning new legal protection for battered women and a landmark lawsuit against the police who failed to protect her.

But when she limped into Superior Court on Wednesday, she was powerless to stop her attacker's release from prison.

Charles Thurman will be released on good behavior from Somers State Prison on April 12 after serving just over half of a 14-year sentence.

"As long as he's out I'm going to be scared for the rest of my life," said Motuzick, whose story was told in a 1989 TV movie, "A Cry For Help: The Tracey Thurman Story."

Judge Wendy Susco ordered Thurman, 29, to have no contact with his ex-wife or the couple's 10-year-old son and to submit to a psychiatric examination and accept any recommended treatment, including medication or hospitalization.

Tracey Motuzick, then Tracey Thurman, was seeking a divorce when Thurman nearly killed her in 1983. He stabbed her 13 times in the face, throat and body and kicked her in the head. The assault continued even after police arrived.

Motuzick turned around and sued Torrington police, claiming they failed to protect her from her husband, who had stated

publicly he planned to kill her. A federal jury awarded her \$2.3 million in 1985. She eventually settled for \$1.9 million.

The case, the first of its kind in a U.S. District Court, established the constitutional right to police protection of victims of domestic disputes.

It also led to a 1986 Connecticut law making domestic violence a crime that must be prosecuted whether or not the victim chooses to press charges.

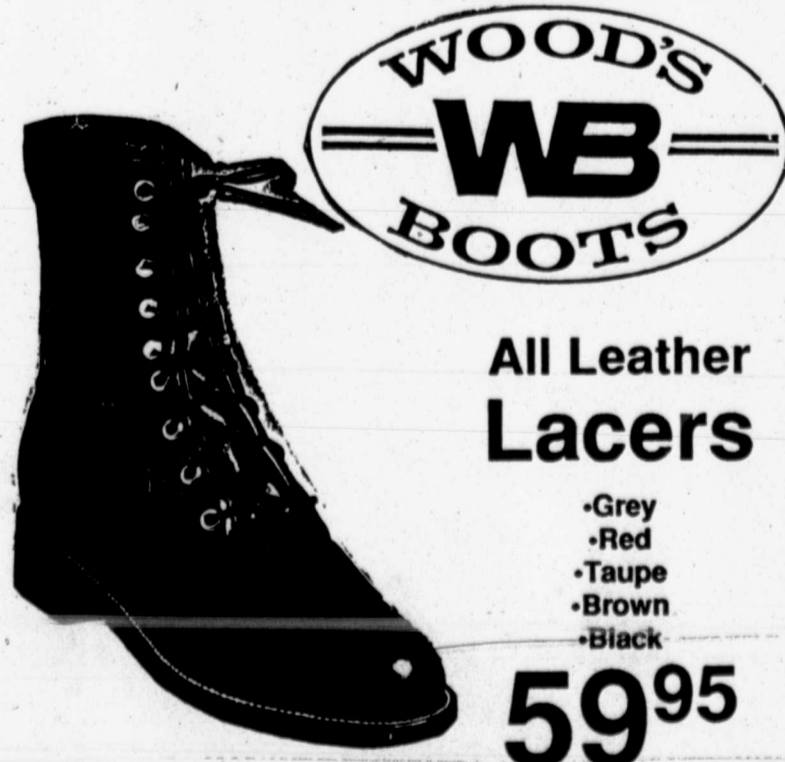
On Wednesday, Thurman, his legs shackled together, said nothing in court except to answer "yes" when the judge asked if he understood the terms of his probation. He never faced his ex-wife but glared briefly at her new husband.

"I feel as though my lawyer did the best job that he could," Motuzick said, fighting back tears, as she left the courthouse.

Motuzick, 29, is still scarred and partially paralyzed from 1983 attack. She attended the hearing with her husband, her father, a bodyguard and several employees of a Torrington shelter for battered women.

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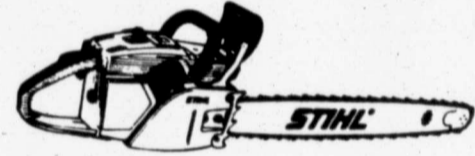
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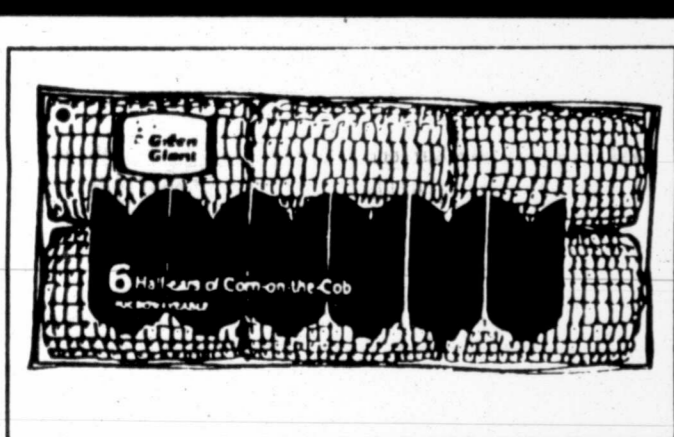


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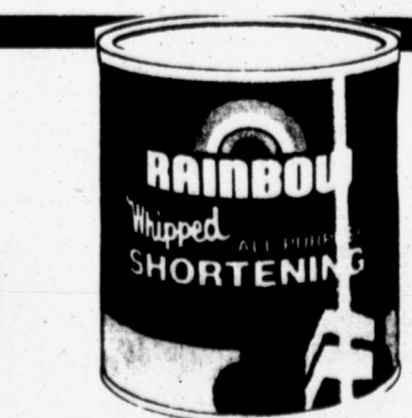
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