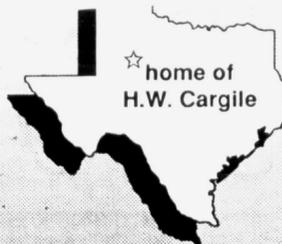


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MONDAY

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Ask Us

Q—How have teacher's salaries progressed in the last few years?

A—According to the Texas Research League, the average classroom teacher's salary was \$26,527 in 1988-89. This compares to \$24,487 in 1985-86. In 1980-81, however, the average salary was \$15,690.

In Brief

Apartment fire

GARLAND, Texas (AP) — More than 100 residents of a Garland apartment building were rendered temporarily homeless after an Easter morning fire raged through the complex. The residents found solace at nearby Axe Memorial United Methodist Church, which took in many of the victims and provided food, clothing and comfort.

Pipeline blast

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Investigators today were trying to determine what caused a natural gas pipeline to burst, sparking a fire that sent flames shooting at least 100 feet into the air.

No injuries were reported in the incident, which occurred just after 7 p.m. Sunday in a rural area eight miles east of Tyler, said Texas Department of Public Safety communications operator Vaughn Nelson.

Emergency crews closed valves on both sides of the line break shortly after 10:15 p.m. and allowed the gas remaining in the pipeline to burn off, said Lone Star Gas Co. spokesman Howard Matson.

Local

Band boosters

Band boosters will meet at 7 p.m. today in the high school band hall.

Business

Snyder Business Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the chamber of commerce board room.

Appraisal

Scurry County Appraisal District board of directors will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday at Willow Park Inn.

On the agenda is the audit and appraisal report and recognition of past appraisal review board members.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 44 degrees; low, 30 degrees; high Sunday, 64 degrees; low, 32 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 38 degrees. No precipitation. Total precipitation for 1991 to date, 1.64 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair early, increasing cloudiness with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms after midnight. Low in the mid 50s. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the morning, decreasing cloudiness and windy during the afternoon. High in the mid 70s. South to southwest wind increasing to 20 to 30 mph and gusty by late morning. A lake wind advisory will be required.

Almanac: Sunset today, 7:03 p.m. Sunrise Tuesday, 6:31 a.m. Of 90 days in 1991, the sun has shone 85 days in Snyder.

Local students excel in academic contests

Snyder High School students stood out in the University Interscholastic League District 2-4A contest held at Western Texas College over the weekend, winning 10 first places and sending 19 individuals on to Area competition.

James Beauchamp won first place in editorial writing and headline writing and took second place in extemporaneous persuasive speaking. Beauchamp was one of several multiple-event standouts for Snyder.

The competition began Thursday and concluded Saturday. Students advancing will compete again in Regional level competition, scheduled for April 19-20 in San Angelo.

Shawn Bogard took first in feature writing and second in editorial writing while Christy Christenson won first in literary criticism and third in ready writing.

Other first-place winners were Kurtis McCathern in Lincoln-Douglas debate, Amy Armstrong in ready writing, Erin Rambo in poetry interpretation, Tom Galyean in extemporaneous informative speaking and Ginny Fenton in accounting.

In addition, the team of Chris Gober, Chris Cunningham and Jennifer Beard took first place in the science team competition.

Second place winners included Courtney Lowrance in extemporaneous informative speaking, Jennifer Purcell in prose interpretation, Shannon Canada in feature writing, Rene Aguirre in accounting, Janet Nitsch in literary criticism, Julie Zeck in ready writing and Cunningham in science.

Third place recipients included Tonya Mauldin in extemporaneous informative speaking,

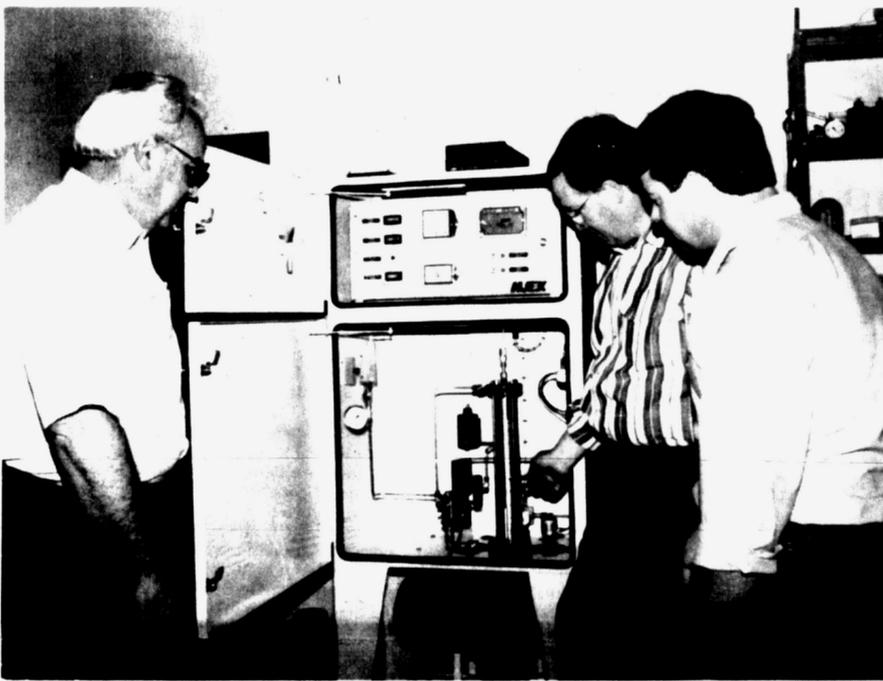
Emily King in prose interpretation, Canada in headline writing, Kristi Prather in accounting and Gober in science.

First alternates from Snyder included Sara McDonald in prose interpretation, Armstrong in keyboarding, and Cunningham in number sense. Second alternates were Toson Cromeens in extemporaneous persuasive speaking

and Sutherland in science.

In addition Snyder's Sutherland, Cunningham and Brandi Doyle comprise the district's alternate number sense team.

Receiving sixth place were Michael Patterson in spelling and Stephanie Hedges in poetry interpretation (see UIL, page 8)



HIGH TECH MACHINE— Gary Roberts, production supervisor; Paul Zeck, Y-Z president; and Troy Hall, shop foreman (left to right); inspect one of the company produced odorant injection systems. The machine is used in the natural gas industry and is one reason for the company's success in recent years. (SDN Staff Photo)

Contract renewal, rate increase before council

Ambulance contract renewal and a rate increase request from Lone Star Gas are among the agenda items facing Snyder City Council as it meets for its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. today at City Hall.

Also on the agenda is discussion on replacing two street sweepers, board and commission appointments and the second reading of an ordinance to increase water rates for city customers.

Snyder EMS Inc. is under contract to provide ambulance services for the city. The company is expected to request a contract extension which will include no increase in subsidy or rates.

Snyder EMS will be asking for a five-year contract.

Lone Star Gas will be proposing a monthly increase of 44 cents per customer, to be added to the present monthly customer charge of \$7.98 for residential and \$11.98 for commercial. The total increase in proposed annual revenue for Lone Star Gas would be \$20,116.80.

In its consideration of appointments, the council will consider the appointment of C.W. Overhulser Jr. to replace Mike Dennis and the reappointment of Dick Norris on the Planning and Zoning Commission; the appointment of Tom Wadleigh to the

(see COUNCIL, page 8)

Copier, county pool discussed in meeting

Scurry County commissioners accepted a lease-purchase agreement for a copying machine, discussed the county swimming pool and liability insurance and heard a letter from Cogdell's CEO during their weekly meeting this morning at the county courthouse.

The court accepted a bid from Kodak for an IBM copying machine for the county clerk's office. The agreement, including a service agreement, is a three-year, lease-purchase arrangement at a cost of approximately \$21,000. The county will have the option of buying the machine for \$1 at the end of the three year payout.

County Judge Bob Doolittle read a letter from Cogdell Memorial Hospital's CEO Tim Lancaster in which the hospital administrator proposed quarterly meetings with the court to discuss various healthcare issues. A tentative April 4 noon meeting was discussed but not finalized.

Also discussed was the county-owned swimming pool. Figures in a report given to the court indicated that the pool lost some \$4,700 last year. Commissioners noted that revenues at the pool were down last year due to the pool being closed several days and that this year was

(see POOL, page 8)

Y-Z Industries is local success story

By ROY McQUEEN
SDN Publisher

The ingenuity of a three-generation family business is gaining international market acceptance and that success is driving expansion of Y-Z Industries, Inc. in Snyder.

Underway at the privately-owned firm on the Old Lubbock Highway on Snyder's northside is a 17,000-foot expansion that will double the firm's shop space and eventually double the firm's employment.

Y-Z Industries is a custom design and manufacturing concern that caters to the petroleum industry. With Scurry County oil production on the decline, Y-Z Industries is a rare exception as an oil-related service firm experiencing unprecedented growth.

Paul Zeck, grandson of the firm's founder, I.V. Zeck, says Y-Z has experienced a 15 to 20 percent growth each year for the past eight years.

The company's turning point came in about 1982, about two years after Zeck returned to Snyder to join his father, Ted Zeck, in the family business. Paul Zeck describes his father

as a "true Thomas Edison inventor" with the unique ability to turn a concept into a product.

Despite his dad's inventive genius, the 1974 Texas A&M engineering graduate said his dad's admitted weaknesses were in marketing, packaging, sales, technical support and in personnel.

"Dad would have a great idea, invent it and perfect it, and then lose interest when the challenge was obtained," Zeck said. The younger Zeck added a new marketing dimension to a good, but relatively unknown product started some 20 years earlier.

The company had its beginning in 1949, during the heyday of the Snyder oil boom, as a machine and engine shop. Ted Zeck joined his father in 1951 and the firm continued engine work and as a general oilfield machine shop.

In the early 1950s the firm branched into specialty engine inventions that gave engines on drilling rigs more horsepower and greater fuel efficiency.

Established as Harlow-Samons, Inc. of Wichita Falls, the firm changed to Y-Z Engineers Service before becoming

ing Y-Z Industries in 1974.

In the mid 1950s, Mobil approached the firm to build a crude oil sampling device, an invention that has become the heart of the company's growth.

The device allows a sample to be taken from a flow line over a

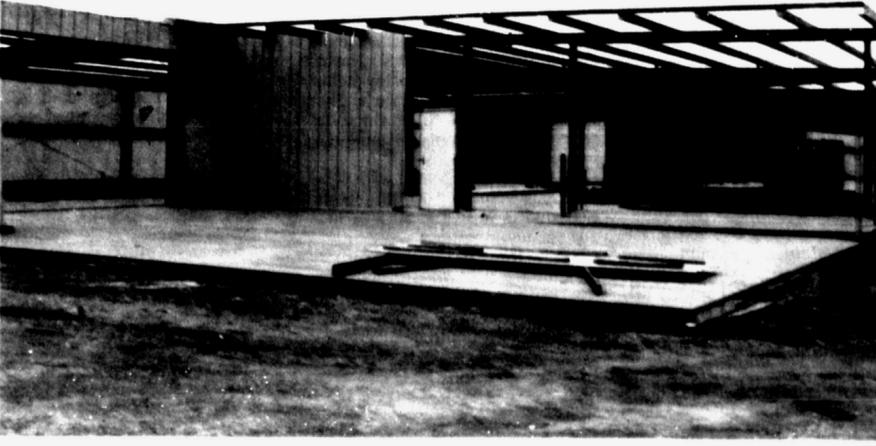
period of time. The oil is then analyzed for quality, and thus the price of the crude oil is established.

Between 1960 and 1963, Y-Z began development of a sampling system for LP gas. The high pressure nature of the gas re-

quired more engineering and more precise equipment.

By 1969, a decision was made to close the machine shop doors to the general public and the firm decided to concentrate solely on manufacturing. Ted Zeck

(see Y-Z, page 8)



SNYDER SUCCESS STORY — Construction is underway at Y-Z Industries that will double the firm's shop space and employment. (SDN Staff Photo)

Alligator hunters...

3 accused of deceiving wildlife officials

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Felony charges have been filed against two landowners and a professional alligator hunter accusing them of deceiving Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials to obtain tags allowing them to harvest alligators in Southeast Texas.

a lucrative business because prices have climbed to up to \$800 each.

A landowner or hunter wanting a tag, which is necessary to hunt alligators, completes an application listing their property as habitat.

A Jefferson County grand jury on March 14 indicted Jefferson County landowners Louis M.

Broussard, 55, and James S. Polk, 60, on charges they falsely claimed ownership of Orange County property on parks and wildlife applications.

Donald J. Broussard, 48, a Port Arthur alligator hunter who is not related to Louis Broussard but acted as his agent, was also indicted on a charge of deceiving state wildlife officials.

The charge, securing execution of a document by deception, is a third-degree felony and carries a punishment range of 2 to 10 years in prison.

All three men were released on \$1,000 bond and each has retained Beaumont lawyer Joseph "Lum" Hawthorn.

Biologists evaluate the habitat to determine how many alligators may be tagged, and issue tags based on the alligator population.

Broussard, Polk and Broussard are accused of obtaining a total of 75 tags illegally.

The population of large alligators in Florida and Louisiana has dwindled, causing demand for the Texas reptiles to soar, said Terry Turney, a biologist with the Murphree Wildlife Management Area near Port Arthur.

A full alligator can cost from \$600 to \$800. Alligators recently have sold for \$71.50 per foot, he said.

"Texas alligators are in real demand," he said. "Their scales on their bellies are such that they really like them. They're a more desired alligator than (those from) Louisiana or Florida."

Demand for Texas alligators has increased as the population of the larger reptiles has grown, state parks and wildlife officials say.

Chambers County, which is known as the "alligator capital of Texas, claims to have more alligators than people.

Few landowners hunt the reptiles on their own property and usually cut deals with hunters for a percentage of hide sales, officials say. Donald Broussard did that with Louis Broussard.

Donald Broussard, who says he has been hunting alligators since the state of Texas reopened alligator hunting season in 1984, works for 11 other landowners as well.

"I feel like there's been a monumental foul-up with Parks and Wildlife recordkeeping," Donald Broussard said. "(The indictment) really affects my credibility, and it's really been a blow to me."

Study: rural abuse reports mirror figures from cities

DALLAS (AP) — Results of a study on police brutality investigations in Texas contradict statements by the head of the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division that the majority of the accused were prison officers. The Dallas Morning News reported.

The study also showed that reports of police brutality are just as likely to occur in rural areas as in high-crime urban areas of Texas, according to Justice Department data.

Information from 1987 and 1988 investigations into police abuse show that of the 634 federal in-

vestigations into Texas officers, 243, or more than one-third, focused on police and sheriff's departments in rural areas. A third — 236 — were conducted in urban areas of at least 100,000 residents.

The figures also show that no civil rights investigations were conducted in 133 primarily rural counties, which account for more than half the counties in Texas, the newspaper reported Sunday.

Federal authorities also investigated 155 state troopers, jailers, federal agents and prison guards. But by far the majority of officers accused of civil rights

violations were those in daily contact with the general public — not with prison inmates.

Statistics for the two years contradict statements by John R. Dunne, head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, during congressional hearings two weeks ago.

Dunne, facing members of Congress outraged by the videotaped March 3 beating of a black motorist by Los Angeles police, said that Texas police appeared to have undergone more investigations but that the majority of the accused were prison officers.

Figures from his own department, however, show that officers from sheriff's departments, police departments and the Department of Public Safety accounted for 489 of those investigations, and prison guards accounted for 93 cases, or 15 percent.

Spokeswoman Amy Casner said Dunne might have meant that "many" of the officers were correctional officers.

Texas leads the nation in probes of alleged civil rights violations at the hands of law enforcement officers, federal data shows.

The bulk of the cases were concentrated east of Interstate 35, which bisects Texas from Gainesville in the north to Laredo on the Rio Grande border with Mexico.

Grocery co-op goes to bankruptcy court

DALLAS (AP) — Creditors of Affiliated Food Stores will get their first chance to change the cooperative's bankruptcy reorganization proposal today.

The distributor and marketer for about 400 grocery stores will emerge from bankruptcy as a publicly held corporation if U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert McGuire and creditors confirm the Chapter 11 plan.

Affiliated's executives and attorneys are hopeful confirmation will occur by late April or early May, spokeswoman Cathy Oppel said.

"They are expecting amendments," Ms. Oppel said. "There's no way you can think of every point in a bankruptcy case of this size and scope."

Affiliated filed under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code last Aug. 31 after receiving word that First City, Texas bank had canceled its \$6 million line of credit. Affiliated and First City

are in litigation over the decision.

The cooperative filed Chapter 11 to protect its inventory, most in a 1-million square-foot facility near its Keller headquarters. Affiliated's total debt and equity load is about \$110 million.

A key component of the reorganization plan is payment of 30 cents on the dollar to unsecured creditors owed \$40.6 million.

The plan also calls for the company to swap new common stock for about \$27 million in debt claims by current stockholders, including the owners of grocery stores in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas that Affiliated supplies.

A share of the new stock would be issued for each \$100 of the debt owed to a member grocer under the proposal.

Since entering bankruptcy, the cooperative has continued normal business with its member and client grocery stores. The number of stores it served fell from 500 during the year before the bankruptcy filing.

More left after Affiliated filed for bankruptcy, but Ms. Oppel said most of them have returned.

"Some are returning from having the first few weeks show that (the filing) didn't affect our ability to give them groceries," she said.

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Tire & Appliance
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Snyder, Texas
Auto-Truck-Farm
573-4031



Scurry County
Anadarko Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 1 I.B. Wade, a Sharon Ridge field re-entry, three miles northwest of Ira. Planned for a depth of 3,146 feet, location is in Section 141, Block 97, H&TC survey.

LEM Operating Co. has completed the No. 14-B Perry Echols in the Sharon Ridge field, 2.5 miles southeast of Ira. The well produced four barrels of 30 gravity oil and 44 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,695-747 feet, and location is in Section 33, Tract 1, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Ruwco Oil and Gas Corp. has completed the No. 1 Connie in the Tri-Rue field, three miles southwest of Ira. The well produced 192 barrels of 40 gravity oil.

Gas-oil ratio was 650-1 with perforations from 6,727-756 feet. Location is in Section 171, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County
Starkey Oilfield Services Inc. has completed the No. 9 Mrs. I.N.

McCrary in the Post field, 11 miles east of Post. The venture was finalized to produce 27 barrels of 36.7 gravity oil and 80 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,843-910 feet, and location is in Section 78, Block 5, GH&H survey.

Graham Royalty Ltd. has completed the No. 511-TS North Huntley unit in the Huntley field, five miles northwest of Post. The well was finalized to produce 35 barrels of 37 gravity oil and 185 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 286-1 with perforations from 3,560-387 feet. Location is in the H.G. Brandon survey.

Howard County
Deminex U.S. Oil will drill the No. 2 McCrary in the BC field, one mile southwest of Fairview. Planned for a depth of 9,250 feet, location is in Section 1, Block 33, T1N, T&P survey.

Borden County
Cobra Oil and Gas Corp. has plugged and abandoned the No. 1-479 Don A. Jones in the Myrtle

north field, 15 miles northeast of Gail. Location was in Section 479, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Sayers Operating Co. has plugged and abandoned the No. 2 Clayton Johnson in the Good field, six miles north of Vealmoor. Location was in Section 42, Block 32, T4N, T&P survey.

V-F Petroleum has completed the No. 1 Muleshoe, a wildcat located eight miles southeast of Gail. The venture produced 11 barrels of 39.4 gravity oil and 204 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 636-1 with perforations from 8,426-500 feet. Location is in Section 22, Block 30, T4N, T&P survey.

Fisher County
Dresdner Petroleum has completed the No. 1-D J.W. Cave in the Claytonville field, seven miles west of Roby. The venture was finalized to produce 142 barrels of 38 gravity oil and 40 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 965-1 with perforations from 5,200-242 feet. Location is in Section 117, Block 3, H&TC survey.

War's end seen easing cost of fuel

WASHINGTON (AP) — The easing of global oil supplies will mean lower fuel costs for farmers taking to their fields this spring, according to new projections by Agriculture Department economists.

Also, they said, the end of the Persian Gulf War can lead to the restoration of important export markets, but there are a lot of uncertainties about that.

Several months ago, the department's Economic Research Service was talking

about the possibility of world oil prices averaging \$30 per barrel or more in 1991. That would have lifted farm energy costs 10 percent to 15 percent from last year.

Last November, three months after Iraq invaded Kuwait, crude oil prices rose to more than \$40 a barrel, double what they had been in July.

As the situation eased, however, the research service reduced its 1991 oil price projection to about \$28 per barrel, reflecting the larger global supply than had been anticipated.

"Crude oil prices have fallen sharply since January and are now expected to average \$21.50 per barrel during 1991, rather than \$28 as previously assumed," economist Diane Bertelsen said in the April issue of Agricultural Outlook magazine.

Overall, she said, 1991 farm expenses are expected to rise about 2 percent from last year, less than previously indicated. Fuels,

as well as farm wage rates and interest rates, are expected to cost less.

Direct government payments to farmers this year are expected to drop 5 percent from 1990, probably to less than \$9 billion. Last year's payments were down around 15 percent to an estimated \$9.4 billion from \$10.9 billion in 1989.

According to USDA records, direct payments to farmers rose to a record \$16.7 billion in calendar 1987, then dropped to \$14.5 billion in 1988 as higher commodity market prices took hold.

But Bertelsen cautioned that current projections are tenuous and that many changing factors are at work, including new commodity programs for major crops.

"Program participation for 1991 is more difficult to gauge than usual, in part because of uncertainty about farmers' response to provisions of the new

farm act," she said. "Incentives to participate are mixed."

Lower market prices and greater planting flexibility allowed by the new law encourage participation, Bertelsen said. But a reduction in the number of acres eligible for payments and, for some crops, larger land-lying requirements discourage participation.

Greg Gajewski, also of the Economic Research Service, said the end of the Gulf War "will substantially lift" trade with the Middle East.

"For U.S. agricultural exports, however, too many questions remain unanswered to accurately estimate how much of a rebound to expect," he said.

In the 1989 fiscal year, the Middle East accounted for \$2.3 billion worth of U.S. agricultural exports, 5.7 percent of the total that year. Iraq alone, using large amounts of U.S. guaranteed export credits, spent \$790 million on U.S. farm products.

U.S. agricultural sales to the Mideast dropped 12 percent to just under \$2 billion in fiscal 1990, and USDA is forecasting an additional 10 percent this year.

Julie Harris says she admires Cher very much

NEW YORK (AP) — Julie Harris has been called one of the last great stage actresses. So who does she admire?

"Cher is someone who I just adore," Miss Harris, 65, said in a recent interview. "I think she's the absolute end. ... Now if I could have looked like Cher and also been able to act as well, that's everything."

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Questions, Not Answers, Come From Reader's Phone Machine

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I have a minor problem, but it is very irritating. It's my telephone answering machine. I made a recording saying, "You have reached (my telephone number)." Then I say, "Please leave your name, the time you called and your telephone number, and I will get back to you as soon as possible."

Abby, often callers will hang up before the instructions are finished. That's fine. Their loss.

But the other evening, I returned to find the following message on my machine: "It's 6:35, please call me as soon as possible" — nothing else. It was a woman's voice that I did not recognize. Is one expected to be clairvoyant?

And while I'm airing my complaints, how about those world travelers who send postcards signed simply, "Tom, Mary, Peggy or Bob," and expect you to know who they are? Usually, these are people we don't see very often, and the handwriting must be compared with signatures we received on Christmas cards.

I hope you print this. Meanwhile, thanks for letting me get this out of my system.

ME

DEAR ME: You're welcome. That's what I'm here for.

DEAR ABBY: I recently attended a wedding, a company dinner and a commemorative dinner. At all three events, professional and amateur video camera users were present.

At the company dinner, those who were called up to receive their bonus checks were hidden by camera holders.

At the commemorative dinner, a tripod was set up directly in front of our table; when I asked the cameraman to kindly move, he refused and suggested that I move my chair.

Where? We all had assigned seats, and there were no empty seats.

The wedding was a "production" produced to make the video to preserve for posterity. The wedding party and the guests were ordered around by the cameraman who was paid to get a video of the ceremony from start to finish. There were also amateur camera holders, and even flashbulbs going off! It was a farce. Abby, why must the magic of the present be sacrificed in an effort to preserve "memories"?

Please comment. These camera and video enthusiasts should not be permitted to run (and ruin) everything.

OLD-FASHIONED

DEAR OLD-FASHIONED: I agree. The magic of the present should not be sacrificed to preserve memories for posterity.

DEAR ABBY: I am quite sure that everyone who reads your column has been bored by people who are in the habit of telling long, drawn-out stories that are usually pointless and seem endless.

May I share a wonderful suggestion given to me by a very wise friend?

To test the interest of your audience, if someone interrupts you in the middle of a story and nobody asks, "And then what happened?" — shut up!

I have tried it many times over the years, and I must admit, I have shut up a lot.

SAMMY K., RANCHO MIRAGE

To get Abby's booklet "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Fluvanna Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Family Council; Snyder Nursing Center Council Room; for information call 573-6675.
Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.
Ladies Auxiliary of VFW; VFW Hall; 7:30 p.m.
Overeaters Anonymous; fellowship hall of Morning Side Baptist Church 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 or Kelly at 573-7705 for information.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (open); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626 or 573-9410.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; 10 a.m.
Sparklers-Chamber of Commerce Volunteers; The Shack; 12 noon.
Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Assoc; The Shack; 12 noon.
Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Twentieth Century Study Club; 3 p.m.
Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.
Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God Church; 3:30 p.m.
University Women; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.
Adult Children of Alcoholics; Park Club in Winston Park; 6:30 p.m.; For more information call 573-8885 or 573-9410.
Stanfield Elementary Parent Council; school cafeteria; 7 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
Snyder Police Auxiliary; SNB Community Room; 7:30 p.m.
Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m.
TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444 or Mae Cole at 573-8628.
Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 573-3308 or 573-5867.
Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club's prayer coffee, at Melinda Earley's home, 3727 Ave. U; 10 a.m.
Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.
Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Knapp Extension Homemakers Club; 1:30 p.m.
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City Bridge Room; 1:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.
Deep Creek Cloggers, lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.
Boy Scout Roundtable; Boys Club, 28th & O; 7 p.m.
Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; West Fire Station; 7 p.m.
Operation Storm Support Group; National Guard Armory; everyone welcome; 7 p.m.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-8110 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

Storytime; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.; 4 and 5-year olds.
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
Overeaters Anonymous; 1 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Park; For more information, call 573-8322, 573-7705 or 573-9839.
Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4:5-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101, 573-3657 or 573-3956.
Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9410. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting).

SATURDAY

Alateen Step Study Group; 2:00 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Park. For more information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.
People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42ann oomnos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-8626 or 573-9410.
Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Women differ over success of implant

HOUSTON (AP) — Eight years after undergoing jaw surgery, Janet Painter Tubbs' has pain even more excruciating and mountains of medical bills.

But Deanna Reistino is grateful for the jaw surgery she received nine years ago that freed her from her misery.

Both women suffer from temporomandibular joint syndrome, or TMJ. The disease affects the powerful joint that connects the upper and lower jaws, causing severe headaches, earaches and jaw pain.

Both women received the same treatment. Reistino's was a success, but Tubbs' jaw implant disintegrated.

The problem began when a Teflon coating on some of the implants began to wear off, causing bone degeneration or immune system problems.

And Tubbs, a 35-year-old small-businesswoman from nearby Conroe, has little of collecting any money from Vitek, the defunct Houston company that made the device. She is one of more than 300 patients who have sued the company.

The implant was recalled earlier this year by the Food and Drug Administration because it

can damage the jawbone or induce an immune reaction, the agency said.

Today, the founder of Vitek, Charles A. Homsy, is locked in a fierce battle with federal regulators. Testimonials from doctors treating patients like Reistino, a 51-year-old Houston housewife, are being pitted against complaints of dissatisfied patients like Tubbs.

For some members of Congress and some doctors, the case raises the question of who dropped the ball — Vitek or the Food and Drug Administration, a federal agency with a broad mission but shrinking funding.

The case has received Congress' attention in testimony before the oversight and investigations subcommittee of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Thousands of patients are believed to have received the Proplast-Teflon Interpositional Implant, the device marketed by Homsy.

Model plane hobbyists' like museum

RESTON, Va. (AP) — For a guy who has been a model airplane enthusiast since he was a kid, Hurst G. Bowers has the best job in the world.

The retired Air Force colonel is museum curator at the Academy of Model Aeronautics, overseeing its prized collection of about 400 of the finest model planes ever built.

When he shows up for work at the suburban Washington headquarters of this national organization of 170,000 model plane hobbyists, Bowers must think he's died and gone to heaven.

Crammed into glass cases and hanging from the ceiling of the building's circular atrium are replicas of the biggest names in aviation history — Santos du Mont's box-winged flying machine, World War I Fokkers and Nieuports, Charles Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis," a sleek F-104 Starfighter jet, the space shuttle Enterprise.

They range in size from a nylon-covered spruce model with an 18-foot wingspan, powered by two chain saw motors, to a gasoline-powered midjet with a three-inch propeller that once clocked 82 mph in a national race.

Among the oddities are a wing-flapping "ornithopter" and a large yellow glider designed to obey shouted ground commands picked up by large microphones in its fuselage. "It didn't work too well," Bowers said.

There's the red and yellow model of a Bellanca Skyrocket

that set an unofficial distance record of 454 miles for non-stop flight in 1983 over Florida's interstate highways. And there's the red and silver replica of the "Early Bird," the 1934 Lockheed Orion from which the Detroit News broadcast late bulletins to radio listeners.

The collection also contains some of the cheap, mail-order gliders that Bowers built as a youngster from balsa wood, tissue paper and glue at the kit

table in his hometown of Cannon, Ga. His hero was Lindbergh.

"During the Depression, you could spend two bits on a movie, and that was it," Bowers said. "But you could buy a 25-cent model plane kit and get two weeks of entertainment out of it."

An older cousin, Bruce Wilder, who lived in nearby Royston, Ga., introduced 7-year-old Bowers to serious model building.

Bowers dropped model planes when he started playing football and chasing girls in high school. He joined the old Army Air Corps in World War II and became a bomber pilot. He stayed in the Air Force for more than 30 years, mostly flying transport planes around the world.

Bowers, 66, said his model plane hobby inspired his Air Force career and still provides long, happy hours of diversion.

Overcrowded prisons mean more use of jails in counties

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Not only are overcrowded state prisons forcing shorter sentences, but some felons aren't even getting to the Texas Department of Corrections before county jails put them back on the streets.

Hundreds of criminals have been granted "parole in absentia" — a safety valve to relieve pressure on a Texas prison system. The system is so crowded that since 1987, taxpayers have footed millions of dollars in costs to house state prisoners in county jails.

Although the inmates don't

serve any less prison time before they're paroled in absentia, they do serve their entire term in county jails.

In the 1989-90 fiscal year, there were 10,769 PIAs statewide, according to figures from the pardons and parole division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The number of PIAs peaked in late 1989, when the state was averaging 1,200 per month, state figures showed. That figure has been about 650 per month this year — and shows signs of climbing, figures show.

A Texas crime study released

last month by the National Center for Policy Analysis in Dallas showed that 90 percent of felons in the Texas criminal justice system are "doing time" outside of prisons. The center is a non-profit, non-partisan public policy research institute.

Criminal justice officials say PIAs are becoming far more common as state pressure mounts to keep prison populations below a court-mandated 95-percent capacity.

That also means giving prisoners little or no accessibility to rehabilitation programs. Most county jails just don't have the resources.

Texas is one of the few states to use parole in absentia. Authorized by the Texas Legislature in 1985, PIA works in tandem with the parole system. Felons who reach their minimum prison time while at a county jail are paroled without being sent to a Texas Department of Corrections facility.

Inmates who qualify usually are serving time for property crimes such as burglary and theft.

Felons charged with aggravated sexual assault, aggravated sexual abuse, aggravated robbery, aggravated kidnapping and capital murder don't qualify for PIA. Nor does any criminal found with deadly weapons, state officials said.

In many cases, county officials say, prisoners who are eligible for PIA face harder times in county jails, where inmates are kept under much higher security and cramped conditions, and have little access to rehabilitation programs. In some cases, mattresses in county jails are stacked at every available spot on floors.

Washington today...

Lawmakers learning about what's ethical

WASHINGTON (AP) — After investigating former Speaker Jim Wright's finances, Republican Whip Newt Gingrich's book deal and Rep. Barney Frank's relationship with a male prostitute, the House ethics committee is ready to practice some preventive medicine.

The committee will conduct clinics to give lawmakers "the advice they need to avoid ethical problems," the panel's chairman, Rep. Louis Stokes, said in a recent interview.

Stokes, D-Ohio, is beginning his second stint as chairman at a time when Congress' reputation has been scarred by the steady string of ethics investigations — including the Senate scrutiny of the Keating Five.

Since 1989, the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct — the ethics panel's formal name — investigated not only Wright, D-Texas; Gingrich, R-Ga.; and Frank, D-Mass.; but also Rep. Gus Savage, D-Ill., and former Rep. Jim Bates, D-Calif., in separate sexual harassment cases.

Stokes said he believes Congress is "no better or worse than any other institution" in following ethics rules. The committee, he said, doesn't exist "for the purpose of looking for wrongdoing. We're not in the business of being prosecutors as such."

The panel has a responsibility to help members "comply with all the rules ... to avoid getting into difficulty," he said. "I want members to feel the committee is there to help them."

Stokes, who previously served as ethics chairman from 1981-84, will work closely on the evenly divided panel (seven Democrats, seven Republicans) with ranking GOP member James Hansen of Utah, a committee member since 1981.

Hansen agrees with the preventive-medicine approach, to allay any concerns that the committee is "the Gestapo out to rack them."

Some House members, he said, have been reluctant "to go down

to that dungeon (the committee's offices in the Capitol basement) because they thought, 'The next thing I know I'll be charged with something.'"

This year's committee, increased in size by two members, will operate under a new system. A subcommittee of four to six members will function in each case as a grand jury, deciding whether to issue charges of possible ethical misconduct.

The remaining members will then decide whether violations of rules occurred; if so, the entire committee will convene "to dispense punishment or recommend disciplinary action to the full House."

Besides Stokes and Hansen, only Rep. Fred Grandy, R-Iowa, has prior experience on a committee that forces lawmakers to judge their colleagues — and sometimes their good friends.

Serving for the first time are Democratic Reps. Gary L. Ackerman and Matthew F. McHugh of New York, George "Buddy" Darden of Georgia, Benjamin L. Cardin of Maryland, Jim McDermott of Washington and Nancy Pelosi of California.

Newly appointed Republicans are Nancy L. Johnson of Connecticut, Jim Bunning of Kentucky, Jon Kyl of Arizona, Porter J. Goss of Florida and David L. Hobson of Ohio.

Bridge

By James Jacoby

NORTH 4-1-91			
♦ 7 6			
♥ Q 10 8 7 6 2			
♦ 8 4 3			
♣ K 8			
WEST		EAST	
♦ A 10 4		♦ Q J 9 5 3	
♥ A 9		♥ 5 4 3	
♦ K 9 6 2		♦ 10 5	
♣ J 7 4 2		♣ Q 9 6	
SOUTH			
♦ K 8 2			
♥ K J			
♦ A Q J 7			
♣ A 10 5 3			
Vulnerable: East-West			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	All pass		
*Jacoby transfer			
Opening lead: ♥ A			

James Jacoby, superstar

By Phillip Alder

It is difficult to write about a good friend who has died. Jim Jacoby, one of the world's greatest bridge players, was the fifth-ranked masterpoint winner in North America, and the ninth-ranked World Bridge Federation Grand Master. He had a great will to win, but he was always courteous to his partner and opponents.

Today's hand was played by Jim in partnership with his father, Oswald. The bidding features the Jacoby transfer bid, which they developed and popularized. Three hearts was a game try, and South bid four with his maximum.

With West holding the spade ace and diamond king, there appeared to be four losers, but Jacoby found the way home. West led the ace and another heart. Declarer unblocked his king under the ace, won the second trick with dummy's queen, and drew East's last trump. South and West discarding spades.

Next came dummy's club king, a club back to the ace, and a club ruff, but the Q-J didn't drop. Jacoby tried the diamond finesse, but it lost and West returned the club jack. It was ruffed in dummy, and at trick nine, the last trump was cashed, South discarding the spade eight. West had to keep three diamonds, so came down to the singleton spade ace. Reading the position perfectly, Jacoby led a diamond back to his ace (relieved to see East's 10) and exited with the spade king. West had to lead away from the 9-6 of diamonds into declarer's J-7.

Jim Jacoby was a wonderful ambassador for bridge. He will be sorely missed.

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2 months:	DTP, OPV, Hib CV
4 months:	DTP, OPV, Hib CV
6 months:	DTP, OPV, Hib CV
15 months:	DTP, OPV, Hib CV, MMR
4 years:	DTP, OPV, Hib CV (if you haven't had one yet), MMR

Have your child's immunization record prepared and up to date prior to registration. Clinic dates for immunizations before Spring Round-Up will be:

March 28	8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
April 2	8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
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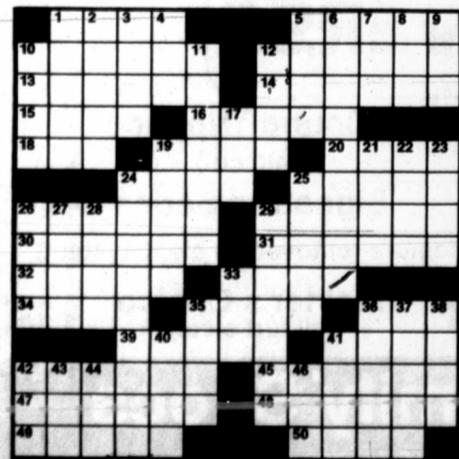
- ACROSS**
- 1 Dull (sl.)
 - 5 Vagabond
 - 10 Auctioneer, perhaps
 - 12 Mountain range
 - 13 Actress — May
 - 14 Shining
 - 15 Arizona Indian
 - 16 Fiber
 - 18 Beverage
 - 19 Clan
 - 20 Monster
 - 24 Puts on
 - 25 Vow
 - 26 Spray
 - 29 Walking poles
 - 30 Eliminates
 - 31 Tenant
 - 32 Held captive
 - 33 Wife of Jacob
 - 34 Drinks

- DOWN**
- 1 Prove false
 - 2 South American animal
 - 3 Inter — among others
 - 4 — party
 - 5 Billion (pref.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 6 Somewhat lemon-colored
- 7 Opposite of post
- 8 Mrs. in Madrid
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- 11 Is angered by
- 12 Impudence (sl.)
- 17 Those in office
- 19 Injured with horns
- 21 Sets
- 22 Classify
- 23 Irish
- 24 Of food absorption
- 25 Place
- 26 Animal welfare org.
- 27 Campus area
- 28 Coax
- 29 Narrow
- 33 Lawyer F. — Bailey
- 35 VP's superior
- 36 Despises
- 37 Build
- 38 Ship's pole
- 40 Mimicked
- 41 — California
- 42 Swift aircraft (abbr.)
- 43 Poetic "your"
- 44 Knock
- 46 Sign of the zodiac



Sports Shorts

Lady Vols win womens' cage crown

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The seeds of Tennessee's women's college championship were sown in a bitter loss to Virginia last year. Tennessee beat Virginia 70-67 in overtime Sunday in the championship game of the women's Final Four.

Dena Head, a 72 percent shooter from the line, hit two free throws to tie it at 60 in regulation, then hit five more in overtime to give Tennessee the title.

Last year, Virginia beat Tennessee 79-75 in overtime in the regional finals to keep the Lady Volunteers from playing in the 1990 Final Four at Knoxville.

"Last year, losing to Virginia in the tournament really hurt us," said Tennessee coach Pat Summitt. "We were upset losing to them in overtime and not having the opportunity to be in the Final Four on our home court and in front of our home fans."

It was Tennessee's third national title in five years. They also won in 1987 and 1989.

Graf notches upset over No. 1 Seles

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Steffi Graf got more than just an upset victory over top-ranked Monica Seles in the finals of the U.S. Women's Hardcourt Championships.

Graf got her confidence back.

"I think I'm on the right way now," Graf said Sunday after winning the championship title for the third time. "I think I made (Seles) play. That's a good feeling to have."

The 6-4, 6-3 victory moves Graf a step toward regaining the top women's tennis ranking.

Seles, 17, ascended to the No. 1 world ranking March 11 after Graf's record reign of 186 weeks. Because the U.S. Women's Hardcourt Championships is only a 32-player draw, Graf will not overtake Seles in the computer rankings.

Sunday's victory was Graf's first tournament victory since November's Virginia Slims of New England and her first over Seles since 1989.

Amy Alcott nabs Dinah Shore crown

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Amy Alcott decided to accept the championship trophy of the 1991 Dinah Shore tournament with quiet dignity.

That was her plan, anyway.

"I wasn't going to jump in this time," said Alcott, who had leaped into the lake around the 18th green at Mission Hills Country Club to celebrate her Dinah Shore victory three years ago.

"I thought at this point in my life, I just wanted to accept the trophy with some dignity. But it's just not my style."

So Alcott, with some prodding from Shore herself, took a celebratory dip.

She led from the first day and won going away, finishing eight strokes in front of runnerup Dottie Mochrie Sunday.

Alcott also bettered her own record for the tournament, with a 15-under-par 273 total, thanks to a 10-foot birdie putt on the final hole that beat her old record by one shot.

Leonard admits to cocaine abuse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former world champion Sugar Ray Leonard acknowledged Saturday that he used cocaine and alcohol during the early 1980s after an eye injury appeared to end his boxing career.

Leonard, 34, who has appeared in nationally broadcast anti-drug public service announcements, said he used cocaine for three years, quitting in early 1986. Leonard's confession came after a published report that Juanita Leonard, his wife of 10 years, had accused him during divorce proceedings last summer of physically abusing her while under the influence of alcohol.

Gooden could become highest paid

Dwight Gooden might finally have the contract that has caused so much commotion.

Agent Jim Neader said he intended to meet today with New York Mets' management in Port St. Lucie, Fla., to put the finishing touches on a three-year extension that could make Gooden the highest-paid player in baseball.

The deal would be worth at least \$15 million and would include an option year in 1995.

Roger Clemens currently is at the top of the salary list, averaging \$5,380,000 a season on an extension that begins next year.

"Depending on how the total payout goes, he will be one of two," Neader said. "That is what we will be working on tomorrow. I'm going to come down to work out the final details."

Mavs' Tarpley to be charged today

DALLAS (AP) — Roy Tarpley, the Dallas Mavericks recuperating star forward who has twice violated the NBA's anti-drug policy, was arrested Saturday on suspicion of drunken driving. Two Dallas police officers observed Tarpley in his 1988 sports car traveling 63 mph in a 35 mph zone about 1 a.m., police spokesman Ed Spencer said.

Tarpley, who sustained a season-ending knee injury on Nov. 9, was transferred to the county jail without handcuffs, Spencer said. He posted a \$200 bond on a charge of investigation of driving while intoxicated, Dallas County sheriff's deputy B.D. Brown said. Spencer said police would file a formal DWI charge against Tarpley today.

Brian McIntyre, the NBA's vice president of public relations, said the league was "looking into the situation." But NBA policy states a player can't pick up a "third strike" unless he tests positive for cocaine or heroin.

Hershiser placed on disabled list

This would've been hard to imagine a few years ago, but now it's true — neither Orel Hershiser nor Fernando Valenzuela will be with the Los Angeles Dodgers on opening day.

Hershiser was put on the 15-day disabled list Sunday because his shoulder is still too weak to pitch in games.

Hershiser underwent reconstructive surgery last April 27 and has been throwing on the sidelines in spring training. He worked out again Sunday, but isn't strong enough to play in exhibition games.

"This is no disappointment," Hershiser said. "I've made good progress, but I know I'm not ready to start the season."

Last week, the Dodgers released Fernando Valenzuela, 30. He and Hershiser, 32, formed one of baseball's best known pitching tandems for most of the 1980s.

Hershiser, the 1988 Cy Young Award winner, made only four starts last season before his shoulder blew out. The Dodgers hope he will be able to pitch effectively this year, but there are no guarantees.

Softball tournament is scheduled

The First Velasquez Plumbing Slow-pitch Softball Tournament is scheduled for April 5-7 in Snyder.

Team trophies will be awarded first through fourth place squads and first and second place team members will receive individual trophies.

In addition, 10 all-tournament awards will be handed out along with an MVP trophy and a sportsmanship trophy.

For more information call 573-6352 during the day and 573-6048 at night.

Duke, Jayhawks vie for title

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Duke and Kansas were expected to be the lounge acts at the Final Four. Instead, they're headlining tonight's big show.

The Blue Devils shocked top-ranked UNLV 79-77 and Kansas upset North Carolina 79-73 on Saturday to reach the NCAA championship game. Just how big a surprise was that? Well, two days ago you could have gotten better odds on Jerry Tarkanian growing hair than a Duke Kansas final.

Two people not stunned by the semifinal results were Duke guard Bobby Hurley and Kansas coach Roy Williams.

"It's not any miracle that we're here," Williams said Sunday. "The reason we're in the Final Four is because we're a good team."

Hurley, who played a nearly flawless floor game against UNLV, doesn't think the Blue Devils will suffer a letdown after

stopping the Rebels' 45-game winning streak and avenging a humiliating 30-point loss in last year's championship game.

"Our goal all season has been to win the national championship, not just get to the final," Hurley said. "Winning last night was probably the most satisfying game I have ever played in. But we won't be satisfied with just last night."

Although Duke (31-7) will be playing in its fifth title game, the Blue Devils are still seeking their first championship — a record for Final Four futility. However, the current players claim the failures of the past won't haunt them tonight.

"What happened the last three years will not have any affect at all," said senior Greg Koubek, the only person to play in four Final Fours. "This is my last opportunity to win it, and I'm going to be focused and ready."



SENIOR ALL-STARS — Snyder's Little Dribbler Senior All-Stars, who will meet Levelland in the opening round of the regional tournament in Lamesa April 11, are, back row from left, coach Tracy Braziel, Matt Parker, Marc Sparlin, Jeff Hobbs, Reagan Key, Clinton Williams and coach Larry Braziel. Front row from left, Donny Durst, Tye Parks, Wayne Braziel, Robby Huestis and Page Patterson. Not pictured is coach Russell Gafford. (SDN Staff Photo)

Indian Relays...

Snyder girls win big at meet

SEMINOLE — Snyder dominated the girls' field at the Indian Relays here Saturday, ringing up a whopping 208 points for first place.

Host Seminole came in a distant second with 120 followed by Andrews with 100 and Jal, N.M. at 47.

The Lady Tigers won top honors in every field event and placed in all running events, as well.

"Considering the cold weather conditions, the girls did great," said Snyder coach Patty Grimmett.

"The majority of our girls placed and some even posted personal bests."

Regina McNair ran her fastest mile ever (7:02.88) and Dawn Myers' 18.01 in the 100 meter hurdles was her best ever.

Joellen King posted a 4-10 leap in the high jump for first place Saturday. Teammate Annie Ragland registered a 4-8 effort for third in the event.

King also finished in third position in the long jump with her 14-4 1/4 jump.

Snyder standout Nicky Riggins' 15-7 1/4 won the long jump for the Lady Tigers.

Liz Greathouse, a regional qualifier last season in the triple jump, won Saturday with a hop of 32-11. Riggins took runner-up with her 31-9 try.

The shot put and discus went the way they have gone most of the season for Snyder as Vinnie Clay and Katina Brandon wound up in first and second, respectively, in both events.

Clay hurled the discus 111-4 and followed with a 36-9 heave in the shot put for the events' blue ribbons and was trailed by Brandon's 103-10 and 36-5 1/4.

The Lady Tigers were led by Schanekka Thompson and Trina Thompson in the running events over the weekend.

Schanekka scrambled to a 17.30 clocking and a first-place finish in the 100 meter hurdles. She also wound up sixth in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 57.10.

Trina Thompson's time of 13.12 was tops in the 100 meter dash.

Snyder also took first in the sprint relay as Sonya Pennington, Riggins, Greathouse and Trina Thompson combined for a 53.05.

Rios paces Tigers with 6-6 high jump

SAN ANGELO — Ed Rios copped first place with a 6-6 effort in the high jump Saturday to lead the Snyder boys track squad to a 10th place, 16-point finish.

Rios and San Angelo Lake View's Kevin Dumas each cleared 6-6 but the SHS senior took top honors by virtue of fewer misses.

"I don't know how I missed 6-8," Rios said after the meet.

"I guess I need to go about an inch higher in order to get my heels over the bar. That must have been the only thing that touched the bar."

Dumas has been the only high jumper this season to beat Rios. He accomplished that at the

NBA glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Boston	52	20	.722	—
x-Philadelphia	40	32	.556	12
New York	35	37	.486	17
Washington	26	45	.366	25 1/2
New Jersey	23	49	.319	29
Miami	22	50	.306	30
Central Division				
x-Chicago	53	18	.746	—
x-Detroit	45	27	.625	8 1/2
x-Milwaukee	43	29	.597	10 1/2
x-Atlanta	38	34	.528	15 1/2
Indiana	36	36	.500	17 1/2
Cleveland	25	46	.350	28 1/2
Charlotte	22	50	.306	31 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
x-San Antonio	47	23	.671	—
x-Utah	46	24	.657	1
x-Houston	46	25	.648	1 1/2
Orlando	26	44	.371	21
Dallas	25	45	.357	22
Minnesota	22	48	.314	25
Denver	19	52	.268	28 1/2
Pacific Division				
x-Portland	53	18	.746	—
x-LA Lakers	51	21	.708	2 1/2
x-Phoenix	49	22	.690	4
Golden State	37	35	.514	16 1/2
Seattle	37	37	.500	17
LA Clippers	28	44	.389	25 1/2
Sacramento	19	51	.271	33 1/2

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched division title

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Comanche Relays in Ft. Stockton early in the season.

In addition, Rios claimed fourth in the high hurdles here with a 15.15 clocking and Snyder long-distance runner Billy De Lao turned in a 10:24.48 in the 3200 meters for fifth place.

Austin Reagan took the team championship with its 65.33 points. Estacado wound up in second with 50 followed by Lake View's 44, 26 from Brownwood and Kerrville Tivy's 24.

The Russian track team, Ryazan, copped third place in Division I competition with a total of 51 points, trailing just Converse Judson's 84 and 66 from Temple.

Victor Nikanorov of the Ryazan squad earned first-place points in the 2-mile run with a time of 9:59.09 and Ilya Martinov posted the top triple jump, a meet record 47-9 3/4.

The Tiger thinclads will return to the cinders Saturday at the Cotton Patch Relays in Wall.

The Wall gathering will be the final tune-up for SHS before the District 2-4A meet in Levelland April 12-13.

San Angelo Relays
Division II

Team scores: 1. Austin Reagan 65.33; 2. Lubbock Estacado 50; 3. San Angelo Lake View 44; 4. Brownwood 26; 5. Kerrville Tivy 24; 6. Sweetwater 20; 7. Stephenville 18; 8. Andrews 17; 9. Burk Burnett 16.33; 10. Snyder 16.

Field events

Triple jump: 1. Ledbetter, Stephenville, 42-1 1/2; 2. Dumas, Lake View, 41-9 3/4; 3. Hicks, Burk Burnett, 41-3 1/2; Shot put: 1. Laurence, Tivy, 51-10 1/2; 2. Brown, Reagan, 51-1 1/2; 3. Hicks, Burk Burnett, 41-3 1/2; High jump: 1. Rios, Snyder, 6-6; 2. Dumas, Lake View, 6-6; 3. Spencer, Mineral Wells, 6-4.

Running events

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SENIOR ALL-STARS — Snyder's Little Dribbler Senior All-Stars, who will meet Levelland in the opening round of the regional tournament in Lamesa April 11, are, back row from left, coach Tracy Braziel, Matt Parker, Marc Sparlin, Jeff Hobbs, Reagan Key, Clinton Williams and coach Larry Braziel. Front row from left, Donny Durst, Tye Parks, Wayne Braziel, Robby Huestis and Page Patterson. Not pictured is coach Russell Gafford. (SDN Staff Photo)

Indian Relays...

At a group-press conference, Duke's five starters were asked if they would consider the season a failure if they lost to Kansas.

"No," said sophomore Thomas Hill. "Our team has accomplished a lot. It's good just getting to the Final Four."

Freshman Grant Hill disagreed.

"It's been our goal all season to win the national championship. Anything else would not be satisfying to me," he said.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski has guided the Blue Devils to four consecutive Final Fours and five in the last six years. But he still is dogged by questions about his failure to win the big one.

"I don't look at anything we have done in the past as a failure. I look at it as great experiences," Krzyzewski said. "I think you learn from victory and defeat. I think I've been a better coach this year than I've been in the past."

Unlike Duke, Kansas hasn't been burdened by great expectations this season. In fact, it has taken consecutive victories over mega-powers Indiana, Arkansas and North Carolina to convince people that the Jayhawks (27-7) are for real.

"This team has been on a roller coaster all season," said Williams, recalling that the Jayhawks lost their first two Big Eight games to Oklahoma and Oklahoma State before rebounding to capture a share of the league title.

"We've been ugly at times, but I've never been around a team as competitive as this one."

Williams came to Kansas in 1988, three months after the Jayhawks won the national championship under Larry Brown. He's the fourth coach to lead Kansas to an NCAA title game, joining Brown, Phog Allen (1940, 1952 and 1953) and Dick Harp (1957). Only Brown's 1988 squad and Allen's 1952 team, which included reserve guard Dean Smith, won the championship.

If this year's team is going to win the title, it will have to play much better than the last Kansas squad to face Duke. Williams still has vivid memories of the Blue Devils' 102-77 rout in Durham on Feb. 18, 1989.

Danny Ferry was the leader of that Duke team. Now the main man is junior center Christian Laettner, who scored 28 points against UNLV, including the winning free throws with 12.7 seconds remaining. Laettner leads Duke in scoring, rebounding and steals, and is tied for second in assists with Grant Hill.

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"The Shape of the World," a six-part Public Television series premieres tonight at 9 p.m. (check local listings), and runs for five subsequent Monday evenings.

With a name like that, it had better be good. And it is.

Patrick Stewart, best known as Capt. Jean-Luc Picard on "Star Trek: The Next Generation," steers us genially through a fact-packed, six-hour tour through centuries of efforts to map the world and fathom its contours.

IBM, the series' sole underwriter, is providing science and social studies supplements to the PBS series to more than 200,000 high school teachers in Europe, North and South America, Asia, Australia and New Zealand, as well as free video excerpts.

The programs are about geography and map-making, and much, much more.

With rare depth and sophistication, the series explores how curiosity, politics, religion, mysticism and greed shaped humanity's evolving conception of our planet.

Tonight's opening installment, "Heaven on Earth," begins with the observation that through the centuries and until very recently, people who made maps tended to place their own countries or villages at the center of the

universe.

Even after humanity shook free of the notion that the earth was flat, mapmaking and surveying continued to be motivated by a mixture of curiosity, and the drive for security, material wealth and political dominance.

The show begins, in fact, in a village in Java that still holds as sacred a 400-year-old map made of cotton depicting its ruler's domain. To them, the map remains a potent symbol.

From there, the program takes us to ancient times when conceptions of the world were shaped not by satellites or science, but by spirits and religion.

Egyptians thought the world rectangular and flat. An early map depicted earth as a crude, flat disk. The Chinese, though brilliant mapmakers, also saw the world as flat and were convinced that only barbarians existed beyond the world they knew.

The ancient Greeks were the first to turn to science and deduced the earth's roundness in the sixth century B.C. Three centuries later, the brilliant Eratosthenes used the steps of a camel and the midday sun's reflection in a well to deduce that the earth was 24,663 miles around — just 200 miles from the truth.

The show reminds us of the enduring contribution of the second century map-maker Claudius Ptolemy. Shunned by Medieval Europe for a thousand years, his unbelievably accurate maps of

the known world were triumphantly rediscovered in 1295 A.D. by a monk in Constantinople.

Ptolemy's ideas "cast a blinding shaft of light," says Stewart. His view of the world became dominant in the Christian world and helped usher in the Renaissance and the age of exploration.

The next two episodes take us along with Magellan and Portugal's Henry the Navigator on their perilous voyages for gold and spices, and the New World explorers like Cortes who discovered and massacred an entire civilization in South America.

Part III, titled "Staking a Claim," offers a horrifying fact that school texts too often bowdlerize: Before the Spanish arrived in the Americas in the 15th century, 80 million people lived there. By the mid-16th century, only 10 million people were alive — the rest victims of starvation, imported European diseases and outright murder.

The fourth episode, "Empire!," lays bare the central role that mapmaking and surveying played in modern empire building — in this case, Britain's domination of India, and the phenomenal "trigonometric survey" that allowed the British to build roads, canals and telegraph lines to make their domination complete.

The final two installments take us through the last hundred years, reminding modern audiences that as recently as 1885

only 12 percent of the world was accurately charted.

Today, we use sophisticated mapping to chart the course of diseases like AIDS or plot the risks of global problems like ozone depletion.

The series is on a lofty plane — too high, possibly, for some younger viewers hoping for a trekkie-type lark. The first part alone features, for example, five subtitled interruptions by Italian, Chinese and Spanish experts speaking in their native tongues.

But for those with the fortitude to stick with it, the rewards are rich indeed. It may not be a total cure for geographic illiteracy, but it's a start.

Residents fear defense cuts could hurt city's economy

GROTON, Conn. (AP) — For nearly a century the General Dynamics Electric Boat Yard has been synonymous with submarines. But with demand for the giant war machines fading, local people say this military-payroll town could sink.

Electric Boat is General Dynamics' largest division and the sole builder of the giant \$1.7 billion Trident nuclear submarine. It is the second-biggest private employer in Connecticut and the largest in neighboring Rhode Island.

"E.B. is it for this town and if E.B. folds this will be a ghost town. That's where everybody works," said Nancy Pearson, a cashier at the Fast Attack Deli across the street from the huge shipyard. Her father has worked at Electric Boat for 38 years.

The plant where submarines have been built since the mid-1920s is busier today than it was during World War II. It is expected to stay busy through 1996.

But as its current workload

runs out in the mid-1990s, yard officials say they will have to cut their workforce from 15,500 to 7,000 and perhaps even close the plant if they don't get new contracts.

"I must tell you in all candor that this scenario of Electric Boat's closure has now become a serious possibility," Electric Boat's director, James E. Turner Jr., told a recent Senate hearing.

Some workers say the plant's closure would not only devastate the local economy but would break up a talent pool with the know-how to build complex submarines. It's a talent pool that could not be easily reassembled, they say.

"What we do is highly specialized. It's nuclear," said Electric Boat machinist Bill Fagan. "To replace these people would be impossible."

The Trident, which Electric Boat has built exclusively for the Navy, is capable of launching 24 nuclear missiles. It is larger than a World War II battle cruiser,

longer than the Washington Monument is tall, and capable of traveling silently at better than 20 knots, or about 23 mph.

Along with the Trident contract, Electric Boat received the 1989 contract to build the Seawolf, a new generation of attack subs. The \$2 billion ships are the most expensive ever purchased by the Navy.

U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, who heads the Senate Defense Appropriations subcommittee, said he has "grave concerns" about the damage to the nation's military industrial base that he said the closure of plants like Electric Boat could cause.

But critics, who say multimillion-dollar submarines aren't practical in today's world, are not convinced.

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Burglary, theft probed by police

Among local police activity for the weekend was the burglary of a downtown business Sunday morning.

At 4:29 a.m., a broken glass window was observed at Dryden's Shoes, 2512 Ave. R. Taken in the incident was what was described as several footwear items.

Other stolen items from the weekend included a report at 8:34 a.m. Saturday from Danny Chaney of Baker Oil Tools on U.S. Hwy. 84 Bypass that four lock set packers had been taken from the business.

In other police activity, a hit-and-run was reported at 12:34 p.m. Sunday. An unknown vehicle struck a parked 1985 Ford owned by Margie Brown of 3901 Ave. O. Location of the mishap was also unknown. Damage was described as minor.

At 12:01 p.m., police were called to 13th St. and Ave. I where Stephanie Molina advised an officer that she had been assaulted. A report for Class A assault was filed.

A report for terroristic threat was filed at 8:35 p.m. Saturday after Carrie Dunnam told police that a male subject had threatened her at the Sonic Drive-In on Friday.

A 28-year-old male was arrested at 7:49 p.m. in the 2800 block of Ave. E and charged with driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended. The subject was booked into Scurry County Jail.

At 3:44 p.m., a 20-year-old male was arrested at police headquarters for driving while license suspended and later booked into the county jail.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Ashlee Grantham, HC 63 Box 1; William Floyd, 4400 Ave. U; Jewel Stewart, 3503 Jacksboro.

DISMISSALS: Oran Clark, Ola Greene, Rodriguez baby, Ashlee Grantham, Ellis Sumerlin, Lillie Lewis, Cindy May.

Census: 39 (Med.-7, Long-Term Care-28, CCU-3, OB-1).

Finance

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the next state checks aren't due to go to schools until April 25.

"The court is very serious about implementing its judgment," McCown said, telling Assistant Attorney General Toni Hunter to carry that warning back to state leaders.

"Take back the message that they are all our children, and that the funds must be disbursed equally," McCown said.

The Legislature failed to meet the Supreme Court's deadline when a last-minute compromise plan failed in the House on Wednesday. The Legislature then recessed for a long Easter break, leaving no reform plan in place.

McCown appointed Lynn Moak, deputy state education commissioner for research and development, to update a school finance blueprint devised last year by former Supreme Court Justice William Kilgarlin.

Kilgarlin's plan didn't take effect last year because the Legislature and then-Gov. Bill Clements finally agreed on a school finance reform bill. But that law was struck down in January by the Supreme Court.

SO investigates criminal activity

Scurry County sheriff's office is investigating the weekend burglary of a local gin and the theft of a toolbox and tools valued at \$1,000.

Local deputies were called to Farmers Co-Op gin on Hwy. 180 at 7:37 a.m. Saturday. Reported taken were a television and a typewriter.

Sunday afternoon activity included the theft of a toolbox and several handtools from a GMC pickup belonging to Ozane Pylant of 4511 El Paso. Value of the items was estimated at \$1,000.

A 51-year-old male was arrested Sunday at the Ponderosa Motel and charged with Class C assault in reference to a family disturbance. The subject was booked into the county jail.

Council

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Builders Board of Appeal to replace Dennis Chisum; and the reappointment of Gary Sisson, Ray Sherrod and Ira Riggs, to the Board of Adjustment.

The council will also consider the appointment of an election judge for the May 4 city council election.

The meeting will be followed by an executive session for the purpose of the city manager's annual evaluation.



HIGH SCHOOL BANDSMEN — Junior Mindy Robertson, flute; senior Pamela Bowlin, clarinet; freshman Kurtis McCathern, drums; and sophomore Christie Gleastine, oboe; have been named

Bandsmen of the Month for March for the Snyder High School band. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rescuers begin moving injured woman

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — A rescue team this morning began the slow and tricky job of moving a woman who was trapped 900 feet underground when she broke her leg exploring the nation's deepest known cave.

"Everything's going well," said Bob Crisman, a management assistant for Carlsbad Caverns National Park. "They went in early this morning and have begun moving her out."

Emily Davis Mobley, 40, a veteran spelunker from Schoharie, N.Y., was injured Sunday morning when a rock fell on her leg in a remote area of Lechuguilla Cave.

Lechuguilla, known to be 54.3 miles long and 1,565 feet deep, is about four miles west of the famed southeastern New Mexico caverns visited by tourists. Lechuguilla is not open to the public.

Mobley had been in Lechuguilla since Saturday with about five other members of a mapping expedition party.

Crisman said a team of 12 was moving the injured woman while about 40 more people were preparing the rescue route.

"Different teams are rigging different sections of the cave to expedite movement across those

areas," Crisman said.

It should take two or more days to get Mobley out, he said.

"The nature of the cave and the depth and distance involved mean it probably will take a few days," he said. "She has a doctor with her and is in good spirits."

Mobley was injured 2 miles from the entrance of the cave.

"Her location requires travel over very difficult surfaces and even rappel work," said Felix Hernandez, the park's chief ranger.

Mobley's husband, Bill Mobley, told the El Paso Times that his wife has about 20 years of caving experience and is an expert in cave rescues.

It took Mobley's companions about seven hours to get out of the cave and call for help, Crisman said.

Spelunkers often embark on expeditions in the undeveloped Lechuguilla, which is the fourth longest cave in the United States.

Rope-climbing skills are needed to maneuver steep areas inside the rugged cave, including a 90-foot drop into the entrance. Once inside, explorers use mountain-climbing skills to scramble over tricky ledges, climb slippery formations and squirm through narrow

passageways.

Two members of a Tennessee cave rescue team were called in to help with the rescue.

Chattanooga-Hamilton County Rescue Squad Chief Mike Geeslin said Dennis Curry and Buddy Lane are veterans of expeditions through Carlsbad Caverns.

Dr. Steve Mossberg, a physician from Parkersburg, W.Va.,

who was along on the mapping expedition, remained with Mobley, who has been given food, water and pain killers.

"She's doing OK," Crisman said. "She's in no danger."

Curry said the rescue operation shouldn't be hazardous.

"It's simply a matter of several vertical drops that need to be negotiated," he said.

High Court rejects request for election

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today rejected an emergency request that would have allowed a single-member city council redistricting plan to take effect in time for May 4 elections in Dallas.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans previously blocked Judge Jerry Buchmeyer's plan for 14 single-member districts. Today's action left the 5th Circuit court's stay intact.

In Dallas, Roy Williams and Marvin Crenshaw, the two key plaintiffs in the case, declined immediate comment on the high court's action.

"I spoke with my attorneys, and they're trying to get more information about what the court did. What was the vote? Did they remand it back to Judge Buchmeyer for him to call a special election? I really need to see more about what they did," Williams said.

Crenshaw said he was awaiting "a full ruling" before making a comment.

Mike Daniel, the plaintiffs' attorney, said the ruling was "certainly not unexpected."

"This was more of a shot in the dark type of thing, not an actual appeal, which is an entirely different procedure," Daniel said.

Obituaries

Oma Lee Dorman

Services have been set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church for Oma Lee Dorman, 87, with Rev. Don Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Dorman died at approximately 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born April 25, 1903, at the Horseshoe Bend Community in Oklahoma, she married Chester A. Dorman March 29, 1921, in Cooke County, Tex. He died in 1965. She had lived in Snyder for 45 years, moving here from Justiceburg, and was a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Mrs. Dorman was also preceded in death by two sons, Owen and Marvin Dorman, and a granddaughter, Paula Grimmett.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy Smith of Snyder and Sue Lowrance of Colorado City; four sons, Horlice Dorman of Austin, Garland Dorman of Arlington, C.W. Dorman of San Angelo and Arnold Dorman of Sweetwater; 24 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Pool is pondered

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expected to produce better revenues. At noon today, the court was discussing a proposal from Texas Association of Counties for liability insurance for county owned vehicles. No action had been taken.

Present at the meeting were Judge Doolittle and commissioners C.D. Gray Jr., Roy Idom, Duaine Davis and Jerry Gannaway.

Y-Z expansion will double shop space

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remembers that as a nervous time, wondering if the telephone would still ring at the four-man operation.

From 1968 to 1980, Y-Z was a sole proprietorship with Ted Zeck at the owner and operator. Today, Paul Zeck owns 75 percent of the company and his brother, Mark Zeck, owns 25 percent. Mark serves as company pilot, is in charge of company computers and shares trade show duties with his older brother.

Their father, Ted, is now 65 and remains active in the business. "He has no hobbies, so he is still our special problems engineer."

Upon his return to Snyder, Paul Zeck said the company floundered a couple of years. A milestone was in 1985 when a natural gas sampling system was developed. The basic technology was similar to the crude oil and LPG sampling devices, but again

the nature of the product called for even more precise engineering.

The three sampling devices actually become the cash register on the pipeline between the seller and the buyer. Y-Z has a five-person regional sales office in Houston, two sales offices in Louisiana and a regional office in Tulsa. One salesman covers West Texas and eastern New Mexico, and Y-Z has 15 manufacturer representatives in other U.S. markets.

The firm also has nine foreign manufacturer's reps, five of which are in the active market in Canada.

One of Y-Z's largest jobs was shipped in March to Saudi Arabia. The crude oil samplers will be located in the Persian Gulf where super tankers are loaded. Samples are taken over the 18-hour period in which the tankers are loaded. Again, the oil samples are used to determine the price.

Another area of growth has resulted in creation of a subsidiary, NJEX International Corp. Its single purpose is to design and market odorant injection equipment for the natural gas industry.

As a safety precaution, natural gas regulatory agencies require the addition of ethyl-mercaptan as an odorant. Because most odorant injection equipment design was 20 years old, Zeck said a market opportunity was perceived.

"We took our technology in natural gas sampler computers and solar powered equipment and put a new piece of equipment on the market."

The computers control internal logs on the quantity of chemicals added and transmits that data in a paperless fashion over telephone lines.

If odorant falls below required levels, the system automatically sounds an alert by use of automatic dialing.

Much of the new 15,500-foot shop will be dedicated for NJEX and additional employees. In 1980, the firm had five employees. Today, employment is 48, with 40 of those in Snyder. After expansion, five to six people will be added in 1991, as many as 10 the following year. By the third year, the total employment could grow from 48 to 70, Zeck said.

Zeck said the company has a strong commitment for the future. "We invest in our own ideas and our people. We've built a strong, broad-based company and we're going to stick with the old gal who brought us this far."

Zeck not only credits his people but his unique banking relationship with West Texas State Bank. "We have a bank that believes in us and who is attuned to our company."

Bill Parker, president of WTSB, said Y-Z is an integral part of the Snyder economy with a substantial payroll of which much is spent in Scurry County.

"They make an excellent product and we are privileged to be associated with a company that will add 30 to 40 new jobs to the area in the near future."

Y-Z's success has also caught the eye of other communities looking for economic development. In recent months, Y-Z has been courted by towns offering incentives to relocate.

"While business in Snyder is not without its problems, 'Snyder is the place we choose to be,'" Zeck said. "We are here by choice."

The major problem faced by the growing firm is finding qualified people. "We basically need skilled people. However, Zeck is quick to point to the company's biggest asset, its employees. "It's the quality of our folks. It's a family and they share in our dreams, our concepts, our frustrations and our successes. This translates into a high degree of workmanship and quality in production."

The expansion will be completed in June at the cost of almost \$300,000. During the next six months, Zeck said the company headquarters will undergo exterior cosmetic applications that will change the overall appearance of the plant.

UIL literary results are noted

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Schools competing were Snyder, Lamesa, Levelland, Frenship, and Lubbock Dunbar and Estacado. Jan McCathern was the contest director.

On Thursday, Snyder's production of "She Stoops to Conquer," under the direction of Jerry Worsham, advanced from one-act play competition. Levelland's "Bus Stop" was the other advancing play.

One-act competition continues with the Area round, scheduled Friday at Worsham Auditorium on the Snyder High School campus. The Area 5A one-act contest will be held there Saturday.

DISTRICT 24A
UIL CONTEST

Team Debate: 1. Levelland-Sara Miles, Manda Tomson; 2. Levelland-Jayma Wilson, Chad Brown; 3. (1st Alt.) Levelland-Terry Curl, David Slaughter.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: 1. Kurtis McCathern, Snyder; 2. Kyle Karpe, Frenship; 3. Ghislaine Cobb, Levelland; 4. (1st Alt.) Shelby Dean, Levelland.

Extemporaneous Informative Speaking: 1. Tom Galyean, Snyder; 2. Courtney Lowrance, Snyder; 3. Tonya Mauldin, Snyder; 4. (1st Alt.) Jeff Calloway, Levelland; 5. (2nd Alt.) Kenneth White, Frenship; 6. Ben Gonzales, Levelland.

Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking: 1. Kyle Karpe, Frenship; 2. James Beauchamp, Snyder; 3. Michael Millard, Frenship; 4. (1st Alt.) Chislaine Cobb, Levelland; 5. (2nd Alt.) Tyson Cromeens, Snyder; 6. Shelby Dean, Levelland.

Poetry Interpretation: 1. Erin Rambo, Snyder; 2. Redina Ford, Frenship; 3. Rhonda Davis, Dunbar; 4. (1st Alt.) Michael Williams, Dunbar; 5.

(2nd Alt.) Michelle Tichy, Frenship; 6. Stephanie Hedges, Snyder.

Prose Interpretation: 1. Andrea Gass, Frenship; 2. Jennifer Purcell, Snyder; 3. Emily King, Snyder; 4. (1st Alt.) Sara McDonald, Snyder; 5. (2nd Alt.) Shanna Helms, Levelland; 6. Glen Branson, Estacado.

News Writing: 1. Angela Peralta, Levelland; 2. Crystal Martinez, Dunbar; 3. Yolanda Ferrell, Estacado; 4. (1st Alt.) Susan Phillips, Frenship; 5. (2nd Alt.) Byron Lenord, Dunbar; 6. Sandra Huerta, Estacado.

Feature Writing: 1. Shawn Bogard, Snyder; 2. Shannon Canada, Snyder; 3. Donita McGraw, Dunbar; 4. (1st Alt.) Cindy Cooper, Frenship; 5. (2nd Alt.) Elvira Mendez, Levelland; 6. Angela Peralta, Levelland.

Editorial Writing: 1. James Beauchamp, Snyder; 2. Shawn Bogard, Snyder; 3. Crystal Martinez, Dunbar; 4. (1st Alt.) Angela Peralta, Levelland; 5. (2nd Alt.) Donita McGraw, Dunbar; 6. Mark Torres, Dunbar.

Headline Writing: 1. James Beauchamp, Snyder; 2. Elvira Mendez, Levelland; 3. Shannon Canada, Snyder; 4. (1st Alt.) Chrs Gonzales, Dunbar; 5. (2nd Alt.) Margaret Martinez, Dunbar; 6. Michael Torres, Frenship.

Accounting: 1. Ginny Fenton, Snyder; 2. Rene Aguirre, Snyder; 3. Kristi Prather, Snyder; 4. (1st Alt.) Shawn Fountain, Frenship; 5. (2nd Alt.) Bradley Taylor, Levelland; 6. Lisa Zehner, Frenship.

Calculator Applications: 1. Joe Mata, Dunbar; 2. Shane Chan, Dunbar; 3. Brittany Chng, Dunbar; 4. (1st Alt.) Noe Garcia, Estacado; 5. (2nd Alt.) Jonathan Tweedy, Frenship; 6. Robert Perez, Lamesa.

Calculator Applications (team): 1. Dunbar-Joe Mata, Shane Chan, Brittany Chng; 2. (Alt.) Estacado-Michael Walker, Lewis Powell, Noe Garcia.

Computer Science: 1. Lamesa-Gene Dudley, Aron Warren, Jerry Kingston; 2. (1st Alt.) Estacado-Daniel Doan, Tracy Curry, Michael Marquez; 3. (2nd Alt.) Levelland-Steve Prothro, Melissa Henry, Dennis Mancias.

Current Issues & Events: 1. Margaret Martinez, Dunbar; 2. Mary Garcia, Estacado; 3. Stephen Sanders, Levelland; 4. (1st Alt.) Daniel

Rogers, Dunbar; 5. (2nd Alt.) Claude Childs, Estacado; 6. Mark Torres, Dunbar.

Current Issues & Events (team): 1. Dunbar-Margaret Martinez, Daniel Rogers, Mark Torres; 2. (Alt.) Estacado-Mary Garcia, Claude Childs, Jon Selaska.

Keyboarding: 1. Aron Warren, Lamesa; 2. Josh Demaray, Lamesa; 3. Denise Bethel, Lamesa; 4. (1st Alt.) Amy Armstrong, Snyder; 5. (2nd Alt.) Phrona Sanders, Estacado; 6. (tie) Staci Cunningham, Levelland, Kara Dunn, Levelland.

Literary Criticism: 1. Christy Christenson, Snyder; 2. Janet Nitsch, Snyder; 3. Gabriel Martinez, Dunbar; 4. (1st Alt.) Shelly Fraire, Dunbar; 5. (2nd Alt.) Amanda Carrillo, Estacado.

Number Sense: 1. Joe Mata, Dunbar; 2. Lana Perkins, Dunbar; 3. Renee Walker, Dunbar; 4. (1st Alt.) Chris Cunningham, Snyder; 5. (2nd Alt.) Karl Witt, Levelland; 6. Jesus Mendoza, Lamesa.

Number Sense (team): 1. Dunbar-Joe Mata, Lana Perkins, Renee Walker; 2. (Alt.) Snyder-Chris Sutherland, Chris Cunningham, Brandi Doyle.

Ready Writing: 1. Amy Armstrong, Snyder; 2. Julie Zeck, Snyder; 3. Christy Christenson, Snyder; 4. (1st Alt.) Liessa Aulbach, Dunbar; 5. (2nd Alt.) Angela Peralta, Levelland; 6. Aimee Keyes, Levelland.

Science: 1. Paul Willmon, Levelland; 2. Chris Cunningham, Snyder; 3. Chris Gober, Snyder; 4. (1st Alt.) Carrie Smart, Levelland; 5. (2nd Alt.) Chris Sutherland, Snyder; 6. Brent McClure, Levelland.

Science (team): 1. Snyder-Chris Gober, Chris Cunningham, Jennifer Beard; 2. (Alt.) Dunbar-Irma Flores, Frank Griffin, Mark Torres.

Science (top score): Bio: Chris Cunningham, Chris Gober, Carrie Smart; Chem: Chris Cunningham, Paul Willmon, Lana Perkins; Phy: Paul Willmon, Brent McClure, Frank Griffin.

Shorthand: 1. Bradley Taylor, Levelland; 2. Darlene Procter, Levelland; 3. Amanda Cardona, Levelland; 4. (1st Alt.) Michael Marquez, Estacado.

Spelling: 1. Denesha Luke, Dunbar; 2. Crystella Balderas, Lamesa; 3. Michael Marquez, Estacado; 4. (1st Alt.) A.L. Loyd, Snyder; 5. (2nd Alt.) Kathryn Dean, Levelland; 6. Michael Patterson, Snyder.

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North Texas storm...

April marks anniversary of tornado

MELISSA, Texas (AP) — Some elderly Melissa residents still shudder when the spring sky darkens as it did when the North Texas town was nearly wiped from the map.

"It blew the town clean away," recalls Melissa native James P. Phillips, now 81, who survived a deadly tornado on April 13, 1921.

Ten people were killed by the twister, described in a headline by The Daily Courier-Gazette of McKinney: "Funnel shaped cyclone wrecks village six miles north of McKinney, killing several children and doing great damage to property and crops."

The storm struck at 2:10 p.m., destroying all the churches, four

cotton gins and most of the houses, the newspaper reported.

The Post Office was demolished, as was the two-story Walden Hotel, which was blown 100 feet off its foundation and shoved against the schoolhouse where Phillips was in the 5th grade.

The principal assembled the students in a downstairs hallway, where they rode out the storm. "I had hold of a doorknob," Phillips said.

He looked out a window and saw houses destroyed to the west. "Like a box of kitchen matches, torn to pieces, all to splinters," Phillips said.

"I looked up and said, 'There goes Mr. Lane's cow over the school,' then they pushed my

head down. It didn't kill the cow. I saw it later."

This year also marks the 10th anniversary of a storm that nearly obliterated the Emberson community in Lamar County. Thirty people were hurt on May 13, 1981.

Although tornadoes can happen any time of year, April is the start of the three-month spring tornado season in Texas. Since 1900, all of the major killer twisters in the state have struck in April or May.

The two deadliest Texas storms came nearly half a century apart in Central and South Texas.

Waco was hit May 11, 1953, with 114 killed and 597 hurt.

The death toll was identical on May 18, 1902, in Goliad. More than 230 hurt were hurt.

Last year was relatively mild for Texas twisters. Two people were killed and 19 were hurt June 1 as storms churned 20 miles across Pecos and Upton counties.

Texas lies at the southern end of what is commonly referred to as Tornado Alley, where weather patterns and geography combine to form the world's worst twisters. Cool, dry air barreling east from the Rocky Mountains collides with the warm, moist air flowing north from the Gulf of Mexico.

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Sociologist says storm cellars not being used

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A Texas A&M sociologist studying the impact of tornadoes is alarmed by the growing disuse of storm cellars.

"Without cellars, we have become sitting ducks," said Ben Aguirre.

"That's unfortunate because technology allows us to provide a lead time of up to 20 minutes a tornado," he said.

Aguirre partially attributes the abandonment of storm cellars to people moving into cities from rural areas or the fewer number of people who own or build homes.

However, he puts more blame on the atomic age.

"A lot of people went through a period when they seemed to decide that if there was going to be an atomic war, we would all die whether we had shelters or not. Somewhere along the way they simply forgot the original purpose of storm cellars," he said.

Aguirre is conducting a \$285,000 study on the socioeconomic impact of the more than 29,000 tornadoes that touched down in the U.S. between 1950 and 1989.

The project, funded by the National Science Foundation, is investigating nearly 70 variables that affect a population's vulnerability.

Man who first spotted 1979 tornado resigns

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — The man who first spotted the giant tornado that cut a mile-wide path of destruction through Wichita Falls in 1979 says he no longer has legs for the roadwork.

After 16 years of chasing twisters, Glen Whatley is hanging up his microphone.

Whatley, a ham radio spotter for the National Weather Service since 1975, said he will be content monitoring weather from the safety and comfort of his home.

"I've had my fill of it. I enjoyed it, but I just feel like it's time to quit and let some of these younger guys do it," he said.

"You spend a lot of time out there in bad weather, putting yourself in danger."

That's something that 10 to 20 ham operators volunteer to do each time bad weather starts brewing in the Wichita Falls area.

Whatley said that's part of what being a ham radio operator is about — when they can do some good, be it early storm warnings or the hours of service they work during the aftermath.

"We help out when we're needed. Disasters like the Mexico City

earthquake, or the one in San Francisco, or the hurricane that hit the Carolinas; hams were vital for communications in the area and to the outside world," Whatley said.

"That's why the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) gives us our licenses."

The disaster that hits home not just for Whatley and other spotters, but also for the whole city, was the tornado of April 10, 1979.

On that day, Whatley reported into the spotter network late that afternoon and was assigned to Memorial Stadium. From there, spotters could get a clear, 180-degree view across an open field and watch storms approaching from the southwest.

When he looked out across the field, he didn't see a wall cloud that would normally spawn tornadoes, but a low hanging cloud that was not rotating.

"I couldn't see it until it started kicking up debris," Whatley said.

"I picked up my radio and called the weather service. It was humongous. 'It's huge' I told (the weather service).

"Of course, like an idiot I stayed out there. Finally, as it got closer and closer I said — we're not supposed to say any four-letter words over the air — I said 'I'm getting the hell out of here.' I guess that convinced everybody because a lot of them did the same thing."

After the tornado swept through town, Whatley and his wife, Rhoda, a court reporter, went to the police station, where they helped set up an Emergency Operation Center.

Because telephone and electric lines were knocked out, ham operators had to work with utility companies, emergency workers, and hospitals to try to keep disaster relief workers in contact with one another, Whatley said.

"All the guys did a great job. There was so much going on and we had to be on top of it all," he said.

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By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My problem is a constant though varying degree of pain in my groin and hips, lower back and buttock area. It varies from mild discomfort to genuine pain. Routine examination including X-rays, blood work and a rectal for enlarged prostate were all negative. Help.

DEAR READER: Your question is too general to permit a specific answer. For example, you don't mention your age and what blood tests and X-rays you have had. Therefore, it would be presumptuous of me to list the many afflictions causing the type of pain you describe.

Nonetheless, I have a couple of thoughts. Pain in the groin, hips, buttocks and back suggests that you may be suffering from arthritis or a herniated lumbar disc.

Osteoarthritis, the gradual wearing-down of joint surfaces, commonly causes the symptoms you describe. In particular, hip arthritis often spreads into the groin, buttocks and back. This is due to erosion of the hip joints and is usually associated with stiffness and loss of mobility.

In addition, osteoarthritis may affect the spine. Appropriate X-rays will ordinarily show the characteristic changes of arthritis: thinning of the bones, narrowing of the joint spaces and the presence of calcium deposits ("lipping") at the ends of the bones. Such X-ray changes do not always correlate to the degree of pain, however; patients with minimal changes can experience severe discomfort and disability.

In these cases, a bone scan is useful. During this test, a small amount of radioactive material is injected into the bloodstream. Several hours later, the distribution and uptake of the isotope are measured by a device resembling

a Geiger counter. Areas of bone destruction absorb more isotope and appear as "hot spots" on the scan. Within six to 12 hours, the radioactive material is excreted from the body, so no damage is done.

The advantage of a bone scan is that it allows a doctor to "see" all the bones in the body simultaneously. If you haven't had a bone scan, your doctor may choose to order one to determine whether or not you have osteoarthritis. If you do, medicine — such as Motrin, Indocin or Voltaren — could relieve your pain.

Herniated or slipped discs between the bones of the lower (lumbar) spine can also cause the pain you describe. When these tire-shaped structures slip out of place, they may press on nerves that exit from the spine, causing buttock, hip and leg pain. Herniated discs can be diagnosed by CT scanning (special X-rays), by MRI scanning (using electromagnetic waves) or by myelography (a type of spinal X-ray test). Treatment includes rest, analgesics and physical therapy; surgery to repair the disc may be necessary in severe cases.

I mention these diagnoses and tests not to second-guess your doctor but to show that there are various ways to identify the source of your problem. Armed with this information, I believe you ought to approach your physician and ask for further testing. Once the cause of your pain has been discovered, you can be treated for your discomfort.

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

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Dalai Lama believes world inching toward total peace

HOUSTON (AP) — Except for the recent Persian Gulf War, the world appears to be working towards a more peaceful order, according to the Dalai Lama, the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

"The last few years it seems now that the world is getting better, and the atmosphere for peace now is getting stronger. The (Persian) Gulf crisis is an exception," said the high priest of Lamaism while in Houston Sunday.

In an Easter address to some 500 people at Rice University, the Dalai Lama also said he thought the world's ultimate goal should be demilitarization.

Lamaism is a form of Buddhism practiced in Tibet and Mongolia. The Dalai Lama also is widely respected as an advocate of better understanding and closer cooperation among various religions and nations of the world.

However, the Dalai Lama warned of the dangers that vast military buildups pose.

"Now today, because of the human ability to destroy ... this destructive power is immense today. If war happens and we use all those awful weapons, there would be no victory. Both sides would suffer," he said.

The Dalai Lama, cheerful and smiling through much of the lecture, said genuine peace between nations will come from "mutual respect," not weapons or force.

He talked and answered questions for about an hour before heading to the Rothko Chapel for an interfaith prayer service for world peace.

The Dalai Lama won the Nobel Peace Prize for his unwavering stands on non-violence and world peace. He heads up Tibet's government-in-exile, which is based in India.

His four-day visit to Houston,

which ends Monday, is part of a nine-city tour of the United States.

During his speech Sunday, the Dalai Lama also criticized those who profit from selling arms.

"I think people can make a profit from more constructive areas," he said.

"If there are no weapons I think humans' aggressive nature would be less dangerous," he said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of dogs and cats in Spain has grown sharply, raising the possibility of expanded U.S. pet food sales to that country, according to an Agriculture Department trade report.

Spain has about 3.5 million licensed dogs in 1989, up from 2.45 million in 1986, the report said. Cats were reported at about 2 million, up from 1.5 million three years earlier.

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



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You could find yourself effecting change rather than being subjected to it in the year ahead. What you do for yourself could benefit others, too.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your greatest gratification today could come from your ability to salvage something others view as obsolete. As a result, you'll know how to revive an endeavor. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Occasionally, we request candid opinions from others, which often produces comments we don't expect or like. If you ask others for the truth today, that's exactly what you're going to get.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Intensified effort is required today if you hope to achieve your objectives. If you haven't been getting the results you desire, call in your reserves.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're the catalyst in group involvements today, the one who can get things moving. You'll have the ability to stir things up constructively.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Things you've left to the last minute can still be accomplished today, but your margin for error will be small. Do what needs doing, and do it right the first time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be extremely careful expressing yourself today, especially if you have to deal with a sensitive associate. You might unintentionally make comments that are difficult to retract.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're still in a good trend where financial involvements are concerned, so try to focus your efforts here again today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your bearing and tone of voice will leave little doubt as to what you expect from subordinates today. Those you'll be dealing with will recognize your authority and respect your directions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone indebted to you is not likely to repay you without an appropriate reminder. Today is a good day to call the matter to this individual's attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If an old buddy's reputation is unjustly besmirched in your presence today, set the matter straight. If you were maligned in front of your friend, you could expect the same defense.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You'll enjoy playing the role of the puppeteer today, prompting actors to perform in the drama of life. You'll also be extremely effective as the force behind the scenes.

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Woodcrafters turn scraps into country art

VERNON, Texas (AP) — The average person looks at a pile of wood and sees ... a pile of wood. Arthur and Carolyn Mason look at a pile of wood and see Noah's Ark, complete with 14 sets of animals, handcarved birdhouses, colorful barber poles, Santa Clauses and Humpty Dumpty figures, ducks, pigs, games and a whole lot more. They call their business Mason's Woodpile.

What began some six years ago as a joint hobby by the couple has turned into their main source of income, and they couldn't be happier. "We're lucky," Arthur Mason said. "We can do what we like to do for a living." Two years ago he gave up his job in construction, and she quit work in an antique store. Now they spend their days and nights in the shop behind their home where they create their country folk art. On the weekends, they load up the kids and their han-

diwork and head for craft shows. Neither has had what could be described as formal training, rather their talents just seem to come naturally. "We've just always done it," Carolyn said. "At first, it was just a hobby, gifts for the family and a show in the fall, then we decided to go into it full time. That was two years ago and we're still at it." Last year, the Masons displayed their work at over 36 shows in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Florida, and this year the total is already at eight.

"It's definitely not just an 8 to 5 job," Carolyn said. "There are times when we may be up at 3 in the morning finishing up on something." The couple admits that traveling each weekend can sometimes get tiring, and they often find their leisure time consumed by catching up on household chores, but they agree that the advantages of their lifestyle outweigh the disadvantages. "Otherwise we wouldn't be doing it," Arthur said. Their three sons, Cody, 10; Travis, 8, and Adam, 7, are beginning to take part in the family endeavor, and the boys' first attempts at making items to sell has been successful.

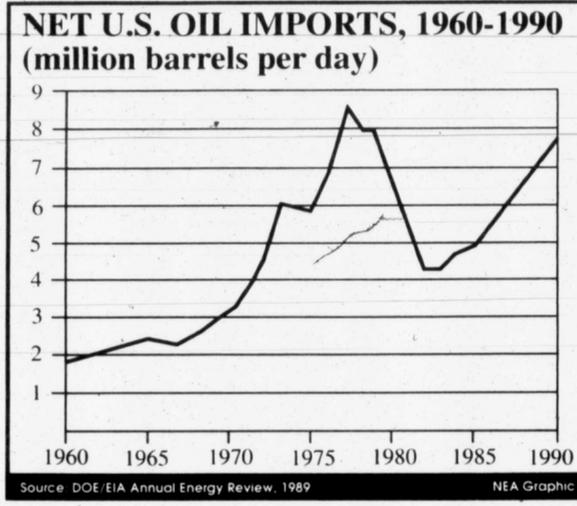
"The boys made miniature decorative birdhouses which they signed on the bottom. They went over like crazy at the craft show. Everyone wanted one," Carolyn said. Other family members also get involved, including her father and Arthur's. "In fact," Arthur said, "anyone that comes over may find a tool put in their hands, especially if it's close to a show." The Masons note that their first

year as fulltime craftsmen was a little slow, and this year began slowly as the Persian Gulf War seemed to put a damper on customers' inclinations to buy. But they report that sales have picked up in the past few weeks. "More people seem to be getting out and coming to the shows now," Arthur said. "They seem more interested in purchasing crafts than they did when there was talk of gas going up to \$4 a gallon and no one really knowing what was going to happen from day to day." The couple has always specialized Americana, with red, white and blue and the American flag predominant in many of their works. "These have always sold well," Carolyn said. "But now they seem to sell even better. People seem more aware of them and there is more of a demand for these items since the war." Also popular at craft shows are their Noah's Arks. Made from cedar or pieces of timber, no two arks are exactly alike.

Houston's recycling program successful

HOUSTON (AP) — Participation in a 7-month-old curbside recycling program has surpassed expectations, leading to expansion plans that could involve citywide recycling by 1993. "Citizens in Houston are demanding recycling," said Edward Chen, the city's recycling coordinator. Chen has charted plans to provide curbside collection of recyclable waste to every home in the city, including apartments, by 1993. But Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire is uncertain such an aggressive expansion is warranted. The cost of providing the service and the ongoing political dispute over a garbage collection fee also have raised questions about the program's future, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday. On the first day of the program last August, 98 percent of the homeowners in the two participating subdivisions set out green bins filled with newspapers, jars, bottles and cans. The program currently encompasses 27,000 homes in 23 subdivi-

sions and participation is about 85 percent. The national average is 30 percent to 40 percent. The city budgeted \$400,000 for the first phases of the pilot program, and about \$1 million is needed to begin the first phase of citywide curbside recycling, Chen said. Mrs. Whitmire, however, said more than \$5 million annually would be needed to operate a citywide program. From August to Jan. 31, sales of recycled goods generated \$40,000 for the city, but the net cost for the program was \$125,000. Because the recycling market is soft, the city may never earn enough to recover its costs, Chen said. But recycling carries long-term benefits, he said, such as extending the life of city landfills by 12 years. "It is worth it in the long run," Chen said. "Future generations will appreciate what you and I have done." Houston, he said, is at least 10 years behind many other major cities in developing a citywide recycling program.



After a major decline into the early 1980s, U.S. dependence on imported oil crept up again to almost 8 million barrels per day during 1990.

Errant shot during chase kills woman

HOUSTON (AP) — Relatives of a woman killed by an errant bullet say the alleged gunman — a neighbor and longtime friend — should not be prosecuted. Rose Marie Tyler, 52, was killed by a shot fired by a man who was chasing three men he thought had stolen something from his yard. Von Aubrey Morris, 35, has been charged with involuntary manslaughter in the Good Friday shooting. Mrs. Tyler's grieving family said Morris is almost like a member of the family, a man who often did chores for the victim. "He's a peaceful man," said Mrs. Tyler's son, Jerome. "He'd never come out shooting his gun if there hadn't been someone causing trouble." Police said Mrs. Tyler was washing dishes after supper when she called out to her husband, Roosevelt, who was watching TV in the den. "Tyler," she said, "I believe I'm shot." Her 56-year-old husband said he rushed into the kitchen to find his wife slumped over the sink. Their 11-month-old granddaughter, Ariel Tyler, who had

been sitting on the sink beside Mrs. Tyler, was unharmed. About four houses away, Morris — described by Roosevelt Tyler as the family's good friend and neighbor, was chasing three men down the block because he thought they had stolen something. Morris fired his hunting rifle once into the air, police said, and the rifle went off accidentally a second time during the chase. Morris' wife, Pam, ran to the Tyler's home to telephone the police, but she found the wounded Mrs. Tyler, who died less than an hour after she was shot. Mrs. Morris went back to her husband, who was sitting on their front porch. "You just shot Miss Rose," she told him. Morris called her "Aunt Rose," considered her a second mother, and was a friend of the family long before he moved to their street a year ago, family members said. Morris often cut the grass, repaired cars and did other chores for the family because Roosevelt Tyler has a heart problem. He helped one member in the Tyler family get a job.

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Colson: Christian convicts ridiculed

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