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WEDNESDAY

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Ask Us

Q—When is the 37th St. project now expected to be completed?

A—Weather permitting, officials say that the project should be completed by mid-October or possibly a little earlier. They still have to put down hot mix, do a little more sidewalk and curb work, then put up signs and stripe the road.

In Brief

Air explosion

COLUMBUS, Texas (AP) — A twin-engine commuter airplane flying from Laredo to Houston exploded in air today over southeast Texas, killing at least 12 people, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

Authorities said the Continental Express commuter exploded in the air shortly after 10 a.m. Debris fell about 7 miles southeast of Eagle Lake in Colorado County. The area is about 75 miles west of Houston.

The plane was enroute to Houston from Laredo, said Mike Cox, a DPS spokesman. He said troopers on the scene said there 12 fatalities, revising their original figure of 14.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the aircraft was due at Houston's Intercontinental Airport at about 10:30 a.m.

The National Transportation Safety Board investigating team was enroute to the site.

Gardner Duncan at the I.V. Duncan Ranch, located about 4 miles south of Eagle Lake near the site, said they "saw several emergency vehicles go down the road beside us."

Local

Booster club

Snyder All-Sports Booster Club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the high school student center.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Tea slated

Zeta Lambda chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will host a tea honoring active and retired women teachers from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, at the Dermott School.

GOP meeting

An organizational meeting of the Republican Party in Scurry County will be held at 7 p.m., Sept. 19, in the Snyder National Bank community room.

John Thomas, chairman, said purpose of the meeting is to explore ways to make the party more active and increase participation in Scurry County in view of the 1992 elections. The subject of candidate recruitment will be discussed. All interested persons are invited.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 89 degrees; low, 67 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 67 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1991 to date, 16.03 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low around 65. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. High in the upper 80s. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 7:55 p.m. Sunrise Thursday, 7:26 a.m. Of 252 days in 1991, the sun has shone 246 days in Snyder.

Council adopts tax rate, ordinances

Takes first formal action on city redistricting

Snyder City Council members were busy during their Tuesday night meeting as they chose a bank depository, adopted a budget and tax rate along with several other revenue-generating ordinances, and took the first formal action on city redistricting.

The council also began negotiations on a franchise agreement, approved a request from Scurry County Museum, approved a new abandoned vehicle ordinance and set a public hearing on the city's enterprise zone.

After a public hearing on the new tax rate which brought no protest, the council adopted the new rate of 39.23 cents per \$100 valuation and a \$5.6 million city budget. Ordinances increasing water and sewage rates by 20 percent and increases in permitting and service fees were also passed. The new fees and charges will be in effect starting in October.

Also adopted was an ordinance doubling the local hotel/motel tax from three percent to six percent. The ordinance includes adding two motels in the city's hotel/motel taxing jurisdiction. Willow Park Inn and Ponderosa Motel now will be subject to the tax, effective Oct. 1.

In other action, council members voted to have the Lubbock law firm of McWhorter, Cobb and Johnson submit a redistricting proposal.

A letter from the firm revealed that Districts 1 and 4 have lost population as 2 and 3 have increased. The letter also notes that of the 12,195 city residents, 68.1 percent are Anglo; 4.1 percent Black and 27.81 percent Hispanic.

The letter recommends maintaining District 1, currently held by councilwoman Vernest Tippens, as the minority-dominated district.

The city's current districting plan is the result of a 1986 law suit and federal court order, and any changes in district lines would require both Justice Department and court approval, according to city officials.

With no discussion, the council chose Snyder National Bank as depository of city funds.

The council set Tuesday, Sept. 24, for an 8 p.m. public hearing on the city's proposed enterprise zone. After the hearing and the

final okay from the council, the zone application will be submitted to the Texas Commerce Department.

In July, the council endorsed the defining of a zone within the city. The endorsement came at the recommendation of a council committee chaired by councilman Jackie Greene. At that time, committee members said the zone designation would assist in attracting hi-tech and manufacturing industries. The

zone designation would also put social programs on a priority list for grant funding.

A map of the proposed zone is on display at chamber of commerce offices.

Council members began negotiations on a franchise agreement with Lone Star Gas. The utility company proposed a 25-year contract with the city to receive two percent of annual gross receipts.

Council members noted that

other utilities pay three percent and asked that the new contract reflect the new figure along with a 15-year contract term. Phillip Cockerell of Lone Star said he would pass the council request to company negotiators.

Approved was a request by Shirley Leftwich, Scurry County Museum director, for hotel/motel tax funds in the amount of \$5,000. Leftwich said the funds will be used to promote the

(see CITY, page 8)



MAURO VISIT — Local realtor Clarence Payne visits with Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro during a Tuesday afternoon stop in the city by the state official. In a meeting with local realtors and other residents, Mauro announced changes in the veterans loan programs. (SDN Staff Photo)

Vet loans, industries hailed by Mauro here

In an afternoon meeting with local residents, Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro outlined a new loan program for veterans and explained new ways to utilize two top Texas industries.

"The best veterans program in the country just got better," the commissioner told the group of approximately 40 interested citizens Tuesday. Mauro said legislation passed this session and sponsored by Rep. David Counts, would permit veteran home loans to be increased from \$20,000 to \$45,000.

The increase will be implemented, pending approval from the U.S. Congress, said Mauro, who is also chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board.

Cotton and natural gas are two Texas industries that can prosper because of environmental issues, according Mauro.

Mauro revealed that research in using cotton to clean up oil spills is being studied. He explained the fiber has the ability to soak up oil while at the same time repelling water.

Natural gas as vehicular fuel is another way to use a state industry and also combat air pollution, said Mauro. "Natural gas is 90 percent cleaner as a vehicular fuel and it's cheaper."

Natural gas vehicles are widely used in Italy and New Zealand, he noted.

"I see economic opportunities in environmental concerns," said the commissioner.

"I want to make Texas a mecca for solving world problems. That's where growth will come from," the commissioner concluded.

Cogdell Hospital board...

Prison healthcare pact ok'd

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers approved a contract to continue providing healthcare for the Price Daniel Unit during Tuesday's accounts payable meeting.

The board also accepted proposals from Howard College and South Plains College to participate in the training of students, approved a cost savings program for Cogdell employees and okayed the purchase of arthroscopic equipment.

Board members voted 4-0 to accept a contract with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center which will continue Cogdell's role as healthcare provider for the Daniel Unit north east of Snyder. Two board members were absent.

Texas Tech acts as an intermediary for the contract between Cogdell and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The one-year contract shows an increase in the capitation rate

of \$10.50 over last year. Cogdell will receive \$1,227 per inmate under the new contract. The per capitation rate for the previous year's contract was \$1,216.50. The Daniel Unit's expected occupancy is 95 percent of the available beds, which number 950.

In turn, Cogdell provides health care, a clinical staff, transportation of inmates to the hospital, out-patient and infirmary care and pharmaceuticals. If an inmate is hospitalized, the state pays according to the Houston DRG (diagnostic related grouping).

In other business, the board agreed to renew a contract with Howard College in Big Spring to provide clinical space and instructors for an advanced nursing degree program. Also approved was an agreement with South Plains College in Levelland to provide a learning environment for a monitor technician

student. Cogdell may contract with SPC in the future to provide training for nursing aide students.

The board also gave its approval to take \$10,500 from the hospital's depreciation account to purchase arthroscopic equipment. Cogdell has been renting the equipment for two years, and can now purchase it for about half the cost of new equipment, Tim Lancaster, hospital CEO,

Entries begin Sept. 17...

Fair just a week away

County citizens should be putting the final coat of paint on that rocking chair, completing the design for that perfect flower arrangement and getting ready to groom the mule.

It's almost time for the 26th annual Scurry County Fair.

Booth construction begins as early as next Tuesday morning and art exhibits will be accepted that afternoon in preparation for

the three-day fair, which officially opens Thursday, Sept. 19, at Scurry County Coliseum.

Entries in textiles, handicrafts, agricultural products, educational and community exhibits, canned goods, container-grown plants and open beef, dairy and breeding sheep begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Entries will be accepted for the flower show at 8 a.m. Sept. 19, as well as educational and community exhibits, and livestock.

Judging of entries begins at 9 a.m., and the fair opens to the public at noon. The flower show begins at 3:30 p.m.

In addition to the customary fair entries, other events and contests will be going on throughout the three-day event.

A domino tournament begins in Room A of the coliseum at 6 p.m. on Sept. 19. A goat dressing contest will be held at 7 p.m.

The popular fashion show of fair entries will be held at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20, with the critter parade set for 6:30 p.m. and the mule show at 7 p.m.

A pedal tractor pull is set for 10 (see FAIR, page 8)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A brat is a child who acts like your own but who belongs to somebody else."

Television makes an impact on everybody.

Former Snyder resident Wacil McNair wrote about it recently. He noted that the No. 1 "in" word on television interviews today is, undoubtedly, "absolutely."

He observed that absolutely was the response to four out of six questions on one of the cable channels.

"At first I thought it was merely an oddity on a single program. However, within the next hour it popped up several more times on a major network program. It was repeated often later in the evening."

McNair was reminded, "you know," of that phrase popularized by some of the early astronauts, "At this point in time."

"Absolutely appears to be more emphatic. The

primary definition of absolute is free from imperfection. It is absolutely a strong statement, even on television."

An elementary school teacher, to test students' creativity, is said to have had her class rewrite some well-known proverbs. Here are a few examples:

- Don't put all your eggs...in your pocket.
- People who live in glass houses...need guard dogs.
- Good things come...in big boxes.
- Look before you...sign it.
- No man can serve two...women.
- The best things in life are...never in spending range.
- A rolling stone...will hurt like heck.
- Early to bed and early to rise...makes no sense.
- The early bird...will eat too much.
- A penny saved...is lost to inflation.

Thomas mum on abortion rights queries

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas drew fire from a liberal senator today for refusing to say whether he believes women should retain the constitutional right of abortion.

At the beginning of the second day of Thomas' confirmation hearings, Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, repeatedly asked Thomas to state whether the constitutional right of privacy that Thomas endorsed in testimony Tuesday includes a woman's right to end her pregnancy.

Thomas declined a direct (see THOMAS, page 8)

Group is working to halt execution

HOUSTON (AP) — A group that convinced officials that Clarence Brandley was wrongfully sentenced to death is turning its attention to another death row inmate scheduled to die next week.

James "Sugarman" Russell, 42, accused of one of the state's "coldest murders," is among the most senior of the more than 300 inmates on Texas death row.

The two-time convict from

Sugar Land was convicted in 1977 of abducting and shooting Thomas Stearns, 24, of Houston, three years earlier.

"The state's evidence linking Russell to the abduction and murder, as in the case of Clarence Brandley, was wholly circumstantial and came exclusively from non-credible witnesses, who perjured themselves on the witness stand," said Jew Don Boney,

chairman of the Houston Chapter of the Black United Front. "Let's not have innocent blood on the state's hands."

Stearns was slain the day before Russell was about to go on trial for a robbery at a Radio Shack store where Stearns was the manager. Stearns, whose identification of Russell had led to the ex-convict's arrest, was abducted, sexually abused and then shot twice point-blank in the head.

"This is one of the coldest murders I've ever seen," says Bob Walt, the assistant attorney general in charge of capital case litigation.

Russell is scheduled to die by lethal injection Sept. 19.

"We're not going to stop here," Lucille Johnson, who was identified as the mother of Russell's daughter, said Tuesday at a news conference at a Houston church. "It's just beginning. I'm very mad. I'm very mad because this thing has gone this far. It needs to stop and stop now."

Attorneys from the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, who recently took over Russell's case, on Tuesday filed a 77-page petition with district court in Fort Bend County and with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

The petition challenges the credibility of witnesses at Russell's trial, complains that black jurors were improperly dismissed at the trial where the defendant was black and the victim was white, and contends Russell's legal assistance was inadequate.

"We believe we are on very strong footing," attorney George Kendall said. "But if you're asking me to look into a crystal ball and predict what the court's going to do, I don't know. We can only hope that if they see it half our way, he should get a stay."

Kendall added, however, that he hoped the stay was granted before the case reached the federal courts, which recently have frowned on massive filings so near to execution dates.

"I think it is very important that the media as well as people realize this type of miscarriage of justice happens a lot more

often than the press reports," said Brandley, who also appeared at the news conference.

"I can personally say if it were not for people from the grassroots ... doing just what these people are doing, I would not be standing here today."

Brandley, who said he and Russell were friends on death row, was convicted of the 1980 rape-slaying of a teen-age girl in Montgomery County. He was released in 1990 after nearly a decade on death row and after the courts ruled he unfairly was tried for the slaying.

Youngster used in drug transaction

HOUSTON (AP) — A undercover police officer trying to buy crack from a northeast Houston house was greeted at the door by a three-year-old girl who handled the \$20 transaction for two rocks of crack cocaine, police said.

The toddler's mother, 22, and grandmother, 58, were arrested at the scene and were being charged late Tuesday with possession, police spokesman Kevin Robertson said.

"I went up to the residence to make an undercover buy," said the officer, interviewed on KRIV-TV. "I was met by a little girl who came outside and asked me what I wanted."

He said he told the child he

wanted two "dimes" or rocks of crack cocaine, worth about \$10 apiece.

The mother "had the little girl put the dope in her hand and the little girl came over and brought me the dope," he said. "I gave the little girl the money and she took it back to the mom."

The girl and three of her four siblings, aged 2, 1, and 1-month old, were taken into custody of Harris County Children's Protective Services, Robertson said. A 6-year-old was not at home, he said.

"As far as I can remember, this is the youngest one (drug dealer) we've had," Robertson said.

Mesquite County announces year-end awards, standings

The Mesquite Country 4-H Horse Association recently wrapped up a summer-long series of horse shows and activities with its year-end awards banquet held in Post on Aug. 24.

This association is made up of 4-H members from a six county area. Counties participating include: Fisher, Nolan, Mitchell, Garza, Kent and Scurry. Each county hosts one horse show each summer. The 4-H'ers participate

in judged and timed events and accumulate points in each event based on placings in a particular class. Year-end awards are presented to the members who accumulated the most points in each event.

Scurry County 4-H members participating in the 8 and under age group were: Kali Froneberger, Chance Tatum, Riley Ann Tatum and Katie Voss. Participating in the 9 to 12 year age group were: Mandy Hess, Jana Himes, Kerry Nachlinger, Darcee Purcell, Shawn Purcell, Shane Robinson, Cheyenne Robinson and Veronica Williams. In the 13-19 age group were: Tommy Henderson, Michael

Hess, Todd Pulis, Deana Schwarz, Debbie Schwarz and Vanessa Williams.

Year-end point standings for Halter classes included: Grade Mares - 1st place - Veronica Williams, 3rd place - Katie Voss; Grade Geldings - 1st place - Vanessa Williams, 2nd place - Kerry Nachlinger; Registered Geldings - 2nd place - Kasey Nachlinger.

Placing in the 8 and under age group were: Kasey Nachlinger - 3rd place, Showmanship at Halter and Katie Voss, 1st place - Barrels, 2nd place - Poles, 2nd place - Flags, 1st place - Timed Horseman and 2nd place - All Around.

In the 9-12 age group were: Darcee Purcell, 2nd place - Showmanship at Halter, 2nd place - Western Horsemanship, 3rd place - Flags, 3rd place - Judged Horseman, 2nd place - All-Around; Shawn Purcell, 3rd place - Barrels, 2nd place - Poles, 2nd place - Flags, and 2nd place - Timed Horseman.

In the 13-19 age group, placing were: Deana Schwarz, 1st place - Barrels, 1st place - Poles, 2nd place - Flags, 1st place - Timed Horseman, 3rd place - All-Around; Tommy Henderson, 3rd place - Barrels and 3rd place - Timed Horseman.

Scurry County was the High Point County for the year followed by Garza County and Fisher County.

President Harry S. Truman announced in a May 8, 1945, address that World War II had ended in Europe.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Sept. 11, 1991

You will enter an extremely creative cycle in the year ahead. There is a possibility you might develop some type of useful product for which there is a market.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be very careful today that you don't let pessimism invade and overshadow your optimistic thinking. If you do, you're likely to experience defeat in a situation where you should be victorious. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Virgo's Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It could be difficult for companions to get a handle on your moods today. In some instances, you're apt to be extremely generous, while in others, the Scrooge in you could emerge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An individual you'll have a conversation with today will pass your comments on to others. Be careful you don't repeat hearsay that could hurt someone's reputation. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** There's a possibility you might be intimidated by your own vivid imagination today. Of course, this can be easily overcome by not worrying about things that may never happen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The timing may not be right today to remind a friend about an overdue obligation. You've waited this long, you might as well be patient a little while longer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you're in need of advice today regarding a troublesome issue, don't settle for just one opinion. Several points of view could provide the best answer.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your mate's ideas or suggestions might be superior to yours today, so don't ignore what your partner has to say. Don't let your ego block your eardrums.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's best not to waste time today looking for the easy way out. Your road may be difficult, but you can overcome the obstacles and even take pride in doing so with a little perseverance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Partnerships may be of dubious value today, so don't rely upon them too heavily. In the final summation, it is going to be up to you to think your way through encumbrances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're likely to be productive today in serving your self-interests, but in situations where you're required to help those who previously helped you, you may not be as strongly motivated.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Think twice before investing in situations you know little about at this time. You could be buying pie in the sky because you think you understand something you don't.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If there isn't something in it for you, you're apt to be a bit reluctant to extend yourself today. However, where personal gains are involved, it's a different ballgame altogether.

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Interest payments by Latin America on its external debt peaked in 1982 at \$41 billion and then declined over the next three years, says the Inter-American Development Bank. The implicit interest rate paid by the region decreased from 10.2 percent in 1985 to 8.9 percent in 1986 and to 8.5 percent in 1987.

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Folkloric Dances, Music, Etc. Dance 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Music By "La Lumbre" San Angelo, Texas Tickets \$6 In Advance \$7 At The Door - Tickets Available At: Carlos Imports 573-8892 Inez Alonzo 573-3667 Jesse Alvarez 573-3329 Lupe Morin 573-0901	12 Noon: Line Up 2:00 p.m. Parade Starts From Varsity Square Live Music, Folkloric Dance The Mariachi Music, Etc. ALL ARE INVITED

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY
Free blood pressure clinic; Hermligh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY
Snyder Palette Club; W. 37th St.; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Noah Project advisory committee; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 12 noon.
Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City Bridge Room; 1:30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank Conference room; 7 p.m.
Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.
Scurry County Sheriffs Posse; Posse Clubhouse; 7:30 p.m.
New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); 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.
Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment by calling 573-9742 or 573-2763.
Friday Night Swingers Golf; Snyder Country Club; 5:30 p.m.
Alateen, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M., for information, call 573-5524 days, 573-2101 nights; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-2101, 573-3657 or 573-3956.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9410. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting).

SATURDAY
Defensive Driving; Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room, 27th & College; 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Alateen Step Study Group; Park Club at Winston Park; 2 p.m. For information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.
People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For information, call 573-8626 or 573-9410.
Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.
Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Tea, honoring active and retired women teachers; Dermott Schoolhouse at the coliseum; 1:30-3:30 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Black Women's Association; community room of Snyder National Bank; 5 p.m.

Schwarzkopf, Turner in Who's Who
DETROIT (AP) — Norman Schwarzkopf made the cut. So did Ted Turner. But don't expect to see lip-synching pop stars Milli Vanilli or poison-pen biographer Kitty Kelly in the latest edition of International Who's Who.

"We do try to avoid people who have just done one thing," editor Richard Fitzwilliams said Tuesday.

But if that one thing is to lead allied troops to victory in the Persian Gulf War, the catalog of global notables makes an exception.

Schwarzkopf and his British counterpart in the war against Iraq, Sir Peter de la Billiere, are among 1,200 new entries in the 1,800-page volume.

Turner made it this year partly because of the impact of his CNN during the war.

International Who's Who is compiled by free-lancers around the world and edited in London by Europa publishing.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Who holds the king?

When you uncover a good trump fit in an auction where both sides compete, you should apply the Law of Total Tricks. It is usually correct to bid for at least as many tricks as your side has trumps. So with nine trumps between you, take the bidding at least to the three-level. If you fail to win nine tricks, the penalty usually proves to be less than the maximum the opponents could have scored in their optimum contract.

Today's South followed this principle. East's double of two diamonds was "responsive." It announced that East had sufficient values to bid but had no clear-cut bid available. South, knowing his partner wouldn't bid two diamonds with fewer than four trumps, raised to three diamonds despite holding a minimum opening.

Then the declarer, Knut Blakset of Denmark, justified his bidding with an excellent piece of card-reading.

East won the club lead with the king and returned a trump. Would you finesse or go up with your ace?

The percentage play is to finesse, but Blakset stopped to work out the distribution of the missing honors. East was marked with the A-K of clubs and a high heart honor. (If West held the A-K of hearts, surely he would have led a top heart.) West must have had the other honors to justify his takeout double. Declarer put up the diamond ace. West grudgingly dropping the king, Blakset lost one club, one spade and two heart tricks.

East could have made life much harder for South if he had won the first trick with the club ace rather than the king. True, it would have misled West, but that couldn't matter here.

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Halfway point

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — The halfway point was reached Tuesday in snuffing out Kuwait's oil inferno when a seven-man Canadian crew capped the 375th sabotaged oil well, an oil company spokesman said.

Iraqi troops blew up the wells as U.S.-led forces drove them from Kuwait in late February after a seven-month occupation of the emirate.

A news release from Kuwait Oil Co. spokesman Michael Kidder said a firefighting team from Safety Boss, a Canadian firm, flooded the blazing Burgan Field wellhead — officially designated as BG41 — with torrents of water.

UT's med branch gets star coverage in medical journal

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — The world's most widely read medical journal is helping the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston celebrate its centennial by devoting an entire issue to the school and its programs.

"As medical schools go in this country, that is quite a long time," Dr. George Lundberg, editor of the Journal, said. "They're in very elite company." Only once before, when Johns Hopkins University Medical School marked its 100th anniversary in 1989, did the journal devote an entire issue of the weekly publication to a medical school.

"UTMB has a tremendous longterm reputation as a great school, particularly in terms of education, where it has placed graduates virtually everywhere in this country and many other countries," Lundberg said. "It was THE medical school in Texas for a very long time. You will find UTMB medical graduates at the top of the heap everywhere you look."

The school, founded at Galveston when the southeast Texas coastal city was the state's richest and most sophisticated community, is celebrating its

Decision could cost Texas \$800 million

AUSTIN (AP) — A decision by the Bush administration to change regulations on federal Medicaid matching funds could cost Texas about \$800 million, state leaders said.

"They are changing the rules in the middle of the game," Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said Tuesday.

"We adopted a budget in good faith and now they want to jerk the rug out from under these hospitals which serve a disproportionate share of low income Texans."

Texas is among 34 states that stand to lose billions if the regulation is implemented as planned next year.

The rule change would cost states more than \$3 billion next year, and possibly as much as \$12 billion by the end of fiscal 1993, according to estimates of the Health and Human Services inspector general.

The federal regulation would prevent states from getting extra Medicaid funds under a practice by which states collect special taxes or "voluntary donations" from Medicaid providers such as hospitals and nursing homes and qualify for a cash match from Washington.

centennial this year. "We're just delighted," Dr. George T. Bryan, dean of medicine at the school said Tuesday. "I would anticipate the faculty is very proud of the accomplishments of their colleagues in putting together a set of articles for this."

A statewide referendum in 1881 designated the University of Texas medical school would be separate from the rest of the university. Ten years later, it was founded in Galveston, where researchers hoped to find a cure for continuing fatal outbreaks of yellow fever. "I think the founding fathers would not be surprised that we're still around," Bryan said. "But I think to look around the campus at 64 acres, 70-some buildings and 8,000-plus employees — they would have no ability to imagine that."

"Even people who were around the institution 20 years ago and come back find it hard to believe the growth and activity and development that's taken place in the last couple of decades."

The Journal highlights a UTMB program known as the decedent affairs office, which since 1984 has helped families of deceased patients get information about autopsies and organ donations. As a result, skin and organ donations have increased and its eye bank is among the largest in the state.

Another article presents the case of a 4-year-old boy who died last summer from a jellyfish sting off the coast of Galveston.

A third Journal piece examines a UTMB program in place since the 1970s in which people are trained to act out illnesses or medical conditions so medical students can develop examining and diagnostic skills.

The school has about 700 faculty and nearly 2,400 medical and nursing students. It is known worldwide as a burn treatment center, as well as for studies in gastrointestinal physiology, psychiatry and for work in problems with children.



SHANNON DEL MCNEIL

McNeil will be placed in Who's Who

Shannon Del McNeil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert McNeil of Snyder, will have his biography published in the special 25th anniversary edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

He is the grandson of Agnes Anderson of Graham.

Nominations for this award are received from over 14,500 high school members, scholarship agencies, youth club administrators and similarly qualified educators and advisors.

Only five percent of American high school students are included in Who's Who each year. Less than one-half of one percent are honored for two or more years.

Who's Who honorees are eligible for:

-A list of colleges and libraries subscribing to the publication upon request.

-The opportunity to compete for \$75,000 in college scholarships.

-The opportunity to use the College Referral Service which links and refers Who's Who students to the colleges and universities which they are interested in attending.

-The opportunity to participate in the 23rd annual Who's Who Survey of High Achievers.

Andrew Jackson, the seventh president of the United States, was born in 1767 in Waxhaw, S.C.

NOTICE

In a recent radio program "Sounds of Texas," the names of Wana Fisher and Texa Ball were omitted. We want everyone to know they are essential members of the Local Yokels.

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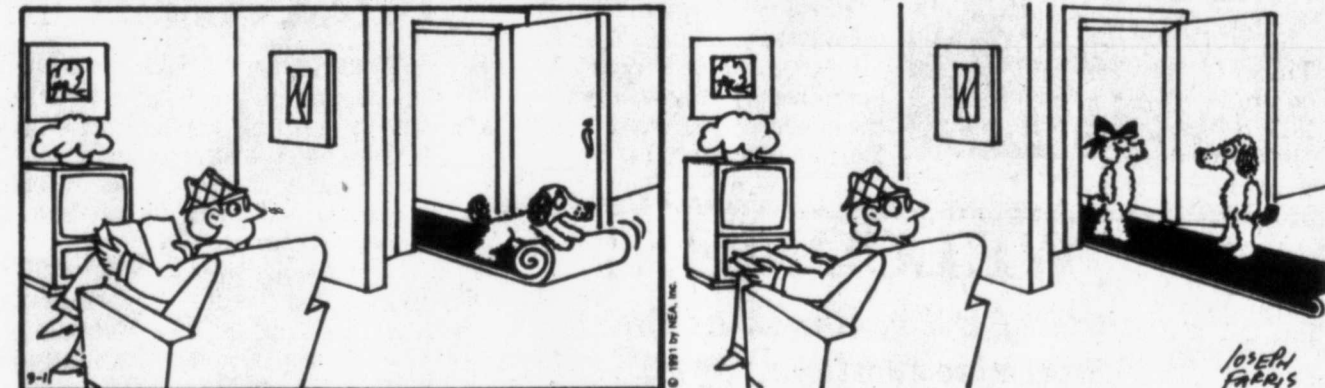
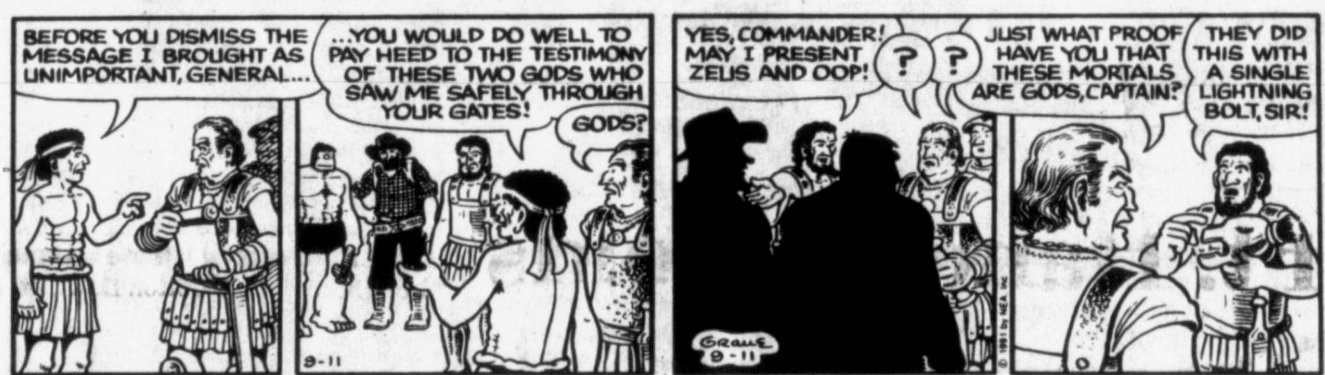
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- 16 Spray-painting device (2 wds.)
- 17 Pince—
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- 20 Chemical suffix
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Dear Abby



Husband Wants to Open Door Wife Shut on His Family

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: I never thought I would be writing to you. My wife, "Annie," does not care for my family, so we spend every holiday with her family. She says my family lives "too far away" to visit, although hers lives only a few miles closer.

Annie and I are happy together, but shutting out my family completely is starting to bother me. I think of them on holidays and their birthdays and would like to share these times with them. I try to discuss this with Annie, but she always says, "We'll talk about it another time" — then she always initiates sex. (I just realized this.) It does take my mind off the discussion for the time being.

Have you had letters from anyone else who neglected his family because of his spouse and later regretted it?

"SAM" IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR SAM: Yes, I have heard from many readers who deeply regretted not spending more time with their families while they were able to. (Especially parents.)

A large part of a loving marriage is compromise, which may mean spending time with people because they are important to one's spouse. The next time you discuss this with Annie, point this out, take a cold shower and keep talking.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 22-year-old single woman, independent and very nice-looking — so I am told. For two years, I was seeing a married man who was separated from his wife. He said he and his wife were trying to work out their problems with a counselor for the sake of their three kids, but he was still very much in love with me. I sent him back to his wife and family.

I took a month's vacation to try and forget him. Now I'm home, and

he is on the phone trying to get me to see him. I don't want to see him because he is a very convincing man and I don't want to start up with him again. On the other hand, I really love him. Half of me wants to see him again, and the other half tells me I shouldn't. I need your advice as soon as possible.

IN LOVE IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR IN LOVE: Listen to the half with the brains in it, and tell him to stay with his family.

DEAR ABBY: Is there a universal sign of apology? There are many universal rude gestures known by everyone, but I often wish I had a sign saying "I'm sorry."

For example, if I were daydreaming at a red light and the driver behind me had to honk the horn, how could I let that driver know that I'm sorry? Other examples: splashing someone on the sidewalk, or misjudging the distance in passing so the other driver had to slow down.

Perhaps this "I apologize" sign would work if you absentmindedly jostled another person in a multilingual area, and you weren't sure which language to apologize in.

If there isn't such a sign, maybe you should invent one. You have enough readers. Perhaps we could create a more polite environment.

SMALL TOWN IN NEBRASKA

DEAR SMALL TOWN: A smile, a salute, a nod, or just a plain "Oops" with the appropriate facial expression would do.

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.)

Lewis foresees re-election if he runs

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Gib Lewis says he has enough support to win an unprecedented sixth term if he decides to seek the post again in 1993.

"I believe my responsiveness to the concerns of members is the reason that far more than a majority of House members have expressed to me their support should I choose to run again," Lewis said.

His comment came after Rep. Billy Clemons, D-Pollock, on Tuesday announced his own bid for speaker, calling for reform of a House he says is too easily swayed by special interest lobbyists.

"What we've got is not right. It's not democracy," Clemons told a Capitol news conference.

"The system should be one that caters to the will of the public and not to the will of special interests. The public wants ethics in government. And for some reason, we're not representing what the mainstream of society of Texas wants," he said.

Clemons, first elected in 1982, said his beef isn't with Lewis, D-Fort Worth, but with the rules under which the House operates.

He also branded as "unfair" a Travis County district attorney's investigation of Lewis that led to two misdemeanor ethics charges. Lewis has pleaded innocent and a trial is pending.

"I'm a big fan of Gib Lewis... (But) he doesn't feel like the system's broke, so he's not going to want to fix it," Clemons said.

Lewis said all lawmakers, including himself, sometimes are frustrated by the legislative process.

"That is why I created a committee to thoroughly examine the way the House conducts its business," Lewis said. "The final decision on rules changes must be made by the full House of Representatives — not by just a few but a majority of all the members."

Clemons said two major reforms are needed:

— A secret ballot in elections for speaker, rather than the current open vote on the House floor. Since the speaker appoints committee chairmen and committee members, some lawmakers say the public vote and fear of retaliation by the winner

discourages opposition.

"Speaker politics are very dangerous. There's a lot of dissension out here. But nobody wants to get involved because they're afraid of the ramifications themselves — not only as a candidate, but if they support a candidate that wants to change the system," Clemons said.

— Overhauling the controversial House Calendars Committee, which schedules bills for debate by the full House and can, in secret, kill legislation.

"I think bills should not be killed in secret," Clemons said.

"We have various points in the legislative process where a lobbyist or special interest group can go to a key place and accomplish certain things by getting to certain people. A lobbyist ought to get 76 votes (a House majority) just like I've got to get" to pass or defeat a bill, he said.

Dozens of news reports have detailed lavish spending by lobbyists to entertain lawmakers. In 1989 alone, an Associated Press study found that lobbyist spending totaled more than \$2.25 million.

Clemons said he had taken a lobbyist-sponsored hunting trip, dined with them and attended "a couple baseball games" with lobbyists.

Berry's World



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Stenholm's Fun Day set September 21

STAMFORD — Budget Committee Chairman Leon Panetta (California) Martin Sabo (Minnesota), Jill Long (Indiana), and Bob Clement (Tennessee) will join Charlie and Cindy Stenholm for their annual Fun Day in Stamford on Saturday, Sept. 21.

They have been invited to visit part of the 17th Congressional District to better understand the interests of this area.

Stenholm serves with Sabo and Panetta on the Budget Committee which is responsible for overall spending and revenue guidelines for the trillion dollar federal budget each year. Sabo is also a member of the Appropriations Committee which writes the specific annual funding bill for most spending.

Jill Long owns her own farm in Indiana. Stenholm serves with her on the House Agriculture Committee. She is a member of the Conservative Democratic Forum (CDF) which Stenholm coordinates. They are both members of the Rural Health Care Coalition which Stenholm serves as chairman.

Bob Clement is co-sponsor of Stenholm's Balanced Budget Committee and is also a member of the Rural Health Care Coalition.

Everyone is invited to the picnic on Saturday, Sept. 21, in the Erickdahl community, east of Stamford. The food line opens at 4:30 p.m. The meal will be topped off with watermelons and ice cream.

Individual tickets are \$10.

More details can be obtained by calling the Stenholm campaign office in Stamford at (915) 773-5521.

New Braunfels will get major art collection

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — The world's largest collection of original Hummel art is heading to this little German community in the Texas Hill Country, city tourism officials said.

Approximately 354 originals by European artist Berta Hummel are to be displayed at the new Hummel Museum, scheduled to open in 1992.

Owned by the Nauer family of Zug, Switzerland, the collection includes Hummel originals never before exhibited.

Ms. Hummel, born in Massing, Lower Bavaria, studied at the State Academy for Applied Art in Munich before joining the Franciscan nuns at Siessen.

FFA will attend meet

Several members of the Snyder Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter will be attending the district leadership conference in Colorado City next Tuesday. Areas of discussion will include public speaking, participation and motivation.

The Snyder chapter also has two district officers who will be helping with the conference. They are, Bobby Cawthron, treasurer, and Walter Wright, vice-president.

Public clinics will give pregnant women gifts

AUSTIN (AP) — State officials are hoping that gifts being offered to pregnant women through public health clinics will entice more Texas women into receiving prenatal care.

The program was announced Tuesday by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

"This 'Baby's First Gift' is just a beginning. We do hope that it will bring more women into prenatal care in the first three months of pregnancy," acting Health Commissioner Dr. Robert MacLean said.

The campaign is aimed at increasing prenatal care and reducing the number of babies born with problems from maternal use of tobacco, drugs and alcohol during pregnancy.

Women law officers are told to unify

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — U.S. Customs Commissioner Carol Hallett told a women's police group Tuesday female officers must work together if they want to make strides in law enforcement.

"Turf wars with women must be put behind us," Hallett said. "So often there is so much infighting that we are unwilling to support other women because we are afraid that they will take our jobs away from us."

Hallett, the first woman to head the U.S. Customs Service in its 200-year history, spoke to about 500 members of the International Association of Women Police.

Organized law enforcement on the federal, state and local levels is essential in fighting drug trafficking and other crime, she said.

"Disorganized law enforcement spells organized crime for the bad guys," Hallett said. "We must commit ourselves to a victory we know we can achieve. This is a war we are fighting."

The United States accounts for 5 percent of the world's population, yet consumes 50 percent of the world's cocaine, she said.

TCADA officials said.

"Babies born to mothers who do not receive prenatal care are much more likely to be born prematurely, have low birth weights or other serious health problems," MacLean said.

"Yet it is a sad fact that about one in three pregnant women in Texas receives inadequate or no prenatal care in this state at this time," he said.

Under the new program, any woman seeking prenatal care at more than 250 public health clinics around the state receives a canvas tote bag. The bag contains information on prenatal care and items such as cosmetic samples for the mother and bowls, bibs and T-shirts for the baby.

Numerous private companies and organizations have donated gift items and other assistance through the Texas Prevention Partnership, a public-private TCADA initiative.

The Texas Department of Health will distribute the bags to the clinics, MacLean said.

One in six infants in Texas will be born exposed to drugs this year, and as many as 100,000 infants born next year are expected to have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, said TCADA executive director Bob Dickson.

Nearly 11,000 of those babies will be of low birth weight, and their initial hospital costs are expected to approach \$400 million, he said.

TCADA plans to distribute 100,000 gift bags in the first year of the two-year project. A two-months' supply already is being shipped to clinics statewide, agency spokesman Bill Britcher said.

The cost of the program to TCADA this year is \$498,000.

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Stolen document returned from failed S&L

AUSTIN (AP) — An Alamo hero, a cattle sale, and a failed savings and loan. Only in Texas.

On Tuesday, a document signed by Lt. Col. William B. Travis was returned to the state after having been retrieved by federal officials from the failed Travis Federal Savings and Loan Association.

The historic paper had been stolen from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission during a rash of thefts in the 1960s.

The document was dated Feb. 19, 1836, five days before Travis led 186 soldiers in defending the

Alamo against thousands of Mexican troops.

After a 13-day siege, Travis, 27, and all his forces had been killed.

Officials from the Resolution Trust Corp. found the framed paper hanging in the failed thrift that was closed June 21.

RTC officials said the document had been purchased by the thrift several years ago, but that they did not know which individual purchased it and whether they knew it had been stolen.

The paper verifies the sale of 65 head of cattle to the Texas provisional government for \$780 from Felipe Xaimes.

"We're never quite sure what we might run into," said Carmen Sullivan, southwest regional director of the RTC.

William Gooch, director and librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, said the document is in ex-

cellent condition, and "irreplaceable."

Travis' signature alone makes the paper worth several thousand dollars, said Chris LaPlante, director of the archives division. But, he added, it is difficult to put a price on the document.

"This is not an overwhelmingly significant document in terms of content, but it is a very fine Travis signature," LaPlante said.

"It also attests to the participation of the Mexican citizenry at that point in revolutionary activities," he said.

"Xaimes was a citizen of San

Antonio, or Bexar, and he was providing goods to the Revolutionary army, one of many people... a number of other Mexican citizens who actually were involved in the cause," he said.

LaPlante said the state library

is in the process of putting together an inventory of other documents believed to have been stolen during the 1960s.

RTC officials also announced that they found another historic document at the failed savings

and loan — a paper signed by Texas Republic President Sam Houston. Ms. Sullivan said that document will be donated next week to the Alamo Committee of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.



HISPANIC WEEK — Mayor Troy Williamson signed a proclamation last week designating Sept. 9-16 as Hispanic Week. Members of the planning committee are standing, from left, Mr. and Mrs. Inez Alonzo, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Alvarez, and Mr. and Mrs. Lupe Moren Jr. Seated with Mayor

Williamson is Father Joe Augustine, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. On the committee but not pictured are Mrs. Paula Rodriguez and Mrs. Frances Felan. A coronation will be held Saturday and a parade will be held Sunday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dr. Gott Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 36-year-old male diagnosed with brittle diabetes and chronic pancreatitis. I sweat profusely every night as soon as I go to sleep, and this is sometimes associated with severe headache and chest pain. My blood sugars range from 190 to 205, yet my doctor says my diabetes is not the problem. What could my problem be?

DEAR READER: Your case is a diagnostic challenge.

Doctors always worry when their diabetic patients have symptoms, such as yours, during the night because sweating, headache and chest pain may reflect "therapeutic overshoot," nocturnal low blood sugar caused by insulin injections or anti-diabetes pills.

Unfortunately, the limited information you provide does not permit me to make a diagnosis. For example, you don't mention what drugs you are taking for your diabetes. If, for instance, you have been prescribed long-acting insulin, you could be experiencing hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), even though your daytime blood sugars are well above normal (100 to 150 milligrams per deciliter).

Also, you don't indicate when your blood sugars were obtained. Daytime blood determinations do not accurately reflect the sugar levels at night. Of course, if your values of 190-205 correspond to your symptoms, your doctor is correct: Diabetes is not the problem.

I believe you can resolve this issue by purchasing a home glucose-monitoring device with which you can check your own blood sugars. You'll need some training about how to use this machine, but I think your efforts will be rewarded. With home monitoring, you can — with your doctor's advice — adjust your diabetes medication. Experts now recommend that diabetics obtain (and become familiar with) such devices.

In the event that you are not suffering from hypoglycemia, your doctor must turn his or her attention to other causes for your symptoms. Infection is the most likely.

Patients with hidden infections, such as tuberculosis, often complain of night sweats and fevers, which can cause chest pain and headache. As you know, diabetics are more prone to infections, so this is a real possibility in your case.

Were you my patient, I would hospitalize you for a few days for observation and testing. In particular, I'd want to know if you have fever at night, caused by bloodstream infection. Special tests (blood cultures, taken at night) could clarify the diagnosis. In addition, I would obtain other tests (such as a cardiogram and blood sugar) during the time you are having symptoms.

Because your symptoms may reflect a serious health problem, I advise you to meet with your doctor and explore the options I mentioned. If such a meeting is inconclusive, ask for a referral to an internist, a diagnostic specialist, for a second opinion.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Diabetes Mellitus." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

Vets exposed to radiation may call toll free VA number

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has inaugurated a special toll-free telephone help-line for veterans who were exposed to radiation during military service.

Current information on VA benefits and services, medical research related to radiation exposure and legislation, as well as assistance in filing or reopening disability compensation claims related to radiation exposure will be offered.

The 24-hour, toll-free number — 1-800-827-0365 — is available to veterans and family members from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. eastern time, and is staffed by counselors at the VA Regional Office and Insurance Center in Philadelphia. After-hours and weekend callers may leave a recorded message which will be returned the following business day.

More than 200,000 veterans were potentially exposed to radiation as a result of atomic weapons testing between 1945 and 1962, as prisoners of war in Japan during World War II, or as members of occupation forces in Hiroshima and Nagasaki after World War II. Exposure also could have resulted from a variety of military occupations or from X-ray therapy.

This new information help-line supplements statewide toll-free service for information on VA benefits and programs at all VA Regional Offices. The Philadelphia Regional Office and Insurance Center also maintains a national toll-free number for information about government insurance policies. That number is 1-800-669-8477.

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