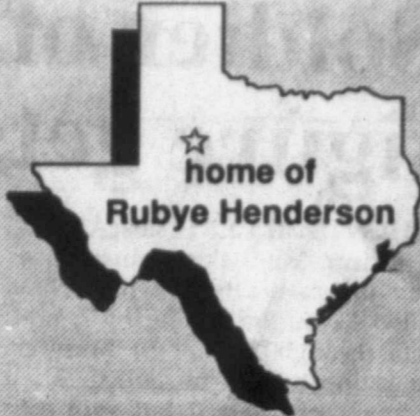


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Ask Us

Q—Did the chamber make any money from this year's AJRA National Finals Rodeo.

A—Chamber officials said they will break even on this year's event when some \$800 in program advertising is collected.

In Brief

Prison bonds

AUSTIN (AP) — Voter approval of Proposition 4, to provide \$1.1 billion in state bonds for building more prisons and other facilities, will help end federal court oversight of Texas prisons, Attorney General Dan Morales says.

Morales, campaigning around the state this week for the proposed constitutional amendment, said the 25,000 new prison beds that would be constructed are essential to making sure adequate space is available to house convicted felons.

To open talks?

PARIS (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III said today the United States is ready to open talks with Vietnam as soon as next month on normalizing relations.

Speaking just before holding talks with Vietnamese Foreign Minister Manh Cam, Baker said the talks would be contingent on Vietnamese cooperation in revealing the fate of U.S. servicemen missing in action in the Vietnam War.

"The United States is prepared to begin discussions with Vietnam concerning the issues and modalities that would be involved in normalizing relations with Vietnam," he said.

Changes tune

HOUSTON (AP) — A key defense witness in the trial of a woman convicted of trying to hire a hitman to ensure a cheerleading spot for her daughter now is backing off testimony against the prosecution's star witness.

Marla Harper testified that her estranged husband, Terry Harper, set up the defendant, his former sister-in-law Wanda Webb Holloway, to help his brother, Troy, win custody of Mrs. Holloway's two children.

Mrs. Holloway was convicted of trying to hire Terry Harper to kill Verna Heath, the mother of her daughter's chief cheerleading rival.

Local

SHS photos

Snyder High School students are reminded that class pictures will be taken Thursday.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 85 degrees; low, 55 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 56 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1991 to date, 20.83 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight and Thursday, fair. Low in the lower 60s. High 85 to 90. South to southwest wind tonight 5-15 mph increasing to 15-20 mph and gusty Thursday.

Almanac: Sunset today, 7:03 p.m. Sunrise Thursday, 7:53 a.m. Of 295 days in 1991, the sun has shone 287 days in Snyder.



FLU SHOTS — Scurry County Health Unit nurse Stephanie Knipe gives Ruby Williams a flu shot. The health unit is encouraging high-risk individuals to make an appointment for an influenza vaccination given at the unit on Wednesdays. As of this morning, 408 people had been inoculated. (SDN Staff Photo)

Marricle declares as commissioner candidate for 1992

The 1992 political scene in Scurry County got off to an early start with the announcement of a candidate's intention to run for county commissioner.

Tommy Marricle today declared that he would be a candidate for county commissioner, precinct 1, subject to the March Democratic primary.

Marricle will be seeking the position held by Republican Jerry Morgan who last July was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Duaine Davis, who resigned.

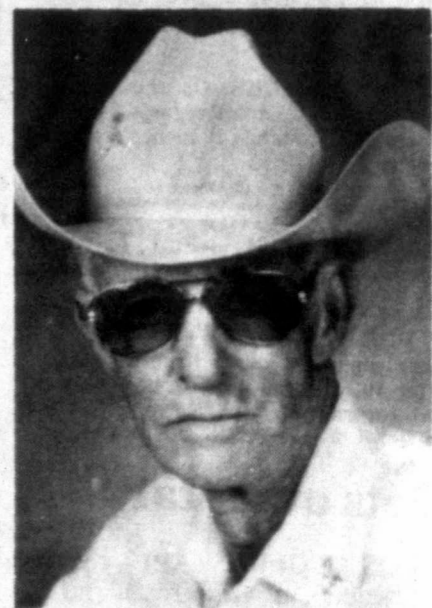
Marricle, 69, has been a resident of Scurry County for 21 years and served as commissioner in Midland County in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

For 15 years Marricle has been in the water well service business with his son, Bennie. Marricle also has a small ranching operation.

"I'm semi-retired, so I would have adequate time to devote to

the job of county commissioner," Marricle said. "I believe I have something to offer in view of my previous experience as a county commissioner."

He is married to Tavia and they have two other grown children. A



TOMMY MARRICLE

son, David, is also a resident of Scurry County. A daughter, Karen Holman, lives in Mitchell County.

Marricle has been active in county 4-H and FFA activities. For several years he has served as auctioneer for the Scurry County Livestock Show and Sale.

A full slate of candidates will face county voters in 1992. On the ballot will be U.S. President, U.S. Representative, one railroad commissioner and three members to the Texas Supreme Court.

All 31 state senators are up for re-election as are all 150 state representatives. Based on 1990 redistricting, 78th District State Rep. David Counts, a Democrat, has been paired with Republican Troy Fraser of Big Spring.

Facing re-election on the local level in 1992 include District Judge Gene Dulaney, District At-

(see COUNTY, page 8)

Local sales tax rebates up

Sales tax rebates to the City of Snyder were up for October, according to information from the state comptroller's office.

October's payments included taxes collected on August sales and reported in September by businesses filing monthly sales tax

returns with the state.

The City of Snyder received \$72,387.44 for the month this year, as compared to \$66,486.17 in October of 1990, an increase of 8.88 percent. The year-to-date total for the city amounts to \$739,659.31, an increase of 13.57

percent over the \$651,301.15 received during the same period last year.

Sales tax rebates to the county were down 1.81 percent for October, comparing figures of \$42,956.83 this year to \$43,747.04 in 1990. The figures indicate a 15.60 percent increase for the year, however. Scurry County has received \$475,337.89 this year, compared to \$411,199.95 through the same period a year ago.

Of the 1,067 cities and counties receiving sales tax rebates this month, 304 were sent payments of almost \$81 million through the electronic funds program. The Texas Legislature recently passed legislation stating that all local sales tax rebates must soon be made electronically.

October's sales tax rebates for area communities are reflected in the following information.

— Andrews received \$58,420.75, up 11.02 percent compared to \$52,622.45 during the same month last year. The year-to-date total of \$588,347.18 is up 7 percent.

— Lamesa received \$36,151.96, up 11.82 percent compared to \$32,329.84 during the same month last year. The (see SALES TAX, page 8)

Playoffs on horizon for student athletes

Snyder High School's Lady Tigers have wrapped up a berth in the state volleyball playoffs, just two days before its tennis team is scheduled to make a bid into postseason competition.

The girls defeated Lubbock Estacado 15-2, 13-15 and 15-4 here Tuesday to clinch at least second place in District 2-4A volleyball with two regular-season games remaining. Snyder, 14-5 overall and 5-1 in district, plays in Levelland on Saturday and hosts leader Lamesa next Tuesday.

See related stories, page 5

Potential playoff opponents have yet to be determined, but will come from District 1-4A. Dumas and Hereford are leading that district.

Meanwhile, Snyder's tennis team will begin play in the Region I Tennis Tournament Thursday in Lubbock.

Coaches will meet at 7 p.m. today for the tournament draw to determine seedings, first round match opponents and sites. The tournament will be held at Lubbock Tennis Center,



Coronado High School and Monterey High School.

Matches begin at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Estacado will represent District 2 as the second-place team.

The winner of the single-elimination tournament will advance to the state tournament in Austin in November.

Israel angry over U.S., PLO contact

JERUSALEM (AP) — In tough posturing ahead of peace talks, Israel is pressing Washington against contacts with PLO-linked advisors and planning to step up settlement-building in the Golan Heights.

Israeli officials stopped short Tuesday of threatening not to show up at the U.S.-organized Madrid peace conference, which is aimed in part at establishing some form of Palestinian homeland.

But a senior Israeli official said his government will be "most unhappy" if the Palestinian advisory committee makes contact with the American delegation to the Oct. 30 conference, the first of its kind in 18 years.

The official, briefing reporters on condition of anonymity, reflected Israeli concerns that the Palestine Liberation Organization (see BUSH, page 8)

Volunteers requested to 'Light Up Snyder'

Snyder Business Committee is in need of volunteers for help with its "Light Up Snyder" Christmas project, project organizers said during a planning meeting Tuesday.

"This is a big, big project... We want to involve the whole community," said project chairperson Donna Gray, noting the need for volunteers.

The committee has scheduled a workday Sunday, Nov. 3, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. During that time, organizers hope to clean up the downtown area in preparation for their grand lighting ceremony Nov. 29.

A dusk parade, featuring floats lit with Christmas lights, is planned that day. At the conclusion of the parade, \$5,000 worth of lights surrounding the courthouse and outlining downtown merchants will be turned on. Downtown merchants will be encouraged to stay open later that evening to accommodate holiday shoppers participating in the festivities.

Organizers of the project hope it will attract area visitors to the community. Wooden Christmas "cards" will be displayed and visitors will be encouraged to sign one of the cards.

You decide: Prop 5

PROPOSITION 5: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the exemption for ad valorem taxes of certain property in an enterprise zone."

Background: If passed, this amendment would allow a county, a junior college district, or a municipality to exempt certain personal property from ad valorem taxation. To be exempt from this tax, the following conditions would have to be met: (1) the property must be acquired or brought into the state in an enterprise zone to be forwarded outside the state; (2) the property must be assembled, stored, repaired, maintained, manufactured, processed, or fabricated in the enterprise zone; (3) the property must be transported outside the state within 175 days after being acquired or brought into an enterprise zone; and (4) the person who acquired or brought the property

into an enterprise zone is in a qualified business. The purpose of the amendment is to encourage economic development in enterprise zones.

Supporters Say: Enterprise zones have proved to be an effective economic development tool for improving blighted areas. Proposition five would allow cities, counties and junior college districts to grant "freeport" property-tax exemptions to businesses in an enterprise zone without granting the exemption to all businesses in the taxing unit. Unlike the freeport exemption, local taxing units would have complete discretion about when and how the exemption in enterprise zones would be granted.

Opponents Say: Proposition 5 would create another special-interest tax exemption that would deprive cities, counties and junior (see PROP 5, page 8)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "New glasses are on the market for mini-skirt watchers. They're called thigh-focals."

They can laugh about it now, but it could have been a serious and dangerous thing. But for Ned and Polly Underwood, the events turned out okay.

Ned and Polly were returning to Snyder last weekend after two weeks in Branson, Mo. They stopped for the night in Wichita Falls. While unloading the car, a man ran by and grabbed the retired district clerk's purse.

Anybody who knows Polly would guess that she did not give up without a fight. She wouldn't let go and he dragged her to the ground. Ned was busy unloading luggage out of the trunk and was unaware of the mugging until Polly began to holler.

About that time, the assailant got the purse free from the struggling Snyder woman and took off running. Underwood, retired assistant high school principal and former basketball coach, ran after him for about two blocks.

Wichita Falls police, which Polly described as jewels, came and investigated the purse snatching, the third of the evening at the motel.

Using a second set of car keys in Polly's purse, the robbers returned during the night and stole the vehicle which was full of clothes taken for the two-week trip and antiques purchased while on vacation.

Police had a pretty good idea as to prime suspects, and Sunday morning found Underwood's car in a back alley about to be stripped. Backyards were found all over the alley and in a back yard.

While the Underwoods were unable to make a positive identification, one of the other two victims were. In addition, a good set of fingerprints was found on tire tools which were about to be used to strip-down the vehicle.

One of the suspects, the victims learned this week, is a parolee. The Underwoods learned firsthand the importance of building more prisons in the state and keeping criminals locked up and off the streets.

Statistics indicate that one in four persons stands the chance to be a victim of a violent crime. A yes vote for Proposition 4 will be a giant step in helping Texas law enforcement personnel get a handle on the growing crime rate.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Oct. 23, 1991

Today is the 296th day of 1991 and the 31st day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1983, a terrorist driving a truck filled with explosives made a suicide attack on U.S. Marine Corps headquarters in Beirut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Adlai Stevenson (1835-1914), U.S. politician; Johnny Carson (1925-), comedian-TV host, is 66; Pele (1940-), soccer star, is 51; Michael Crichton (1942-), novelist-filmmaker, is 49; Doug Flutie (1962-), football player, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, George Foreman stopped Russian Iona Chepulis in the second round to win the gold medal in boxing's super heavy-weight division at the Olympic Games in Mexico City.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The difference between divorce and legal separation is that a legal separation gives a husband time to hide his money." — Johnny Carson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1929, Ishpeming set Michigan's 24-hour snowfall record when 27 inches covered the city.

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TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

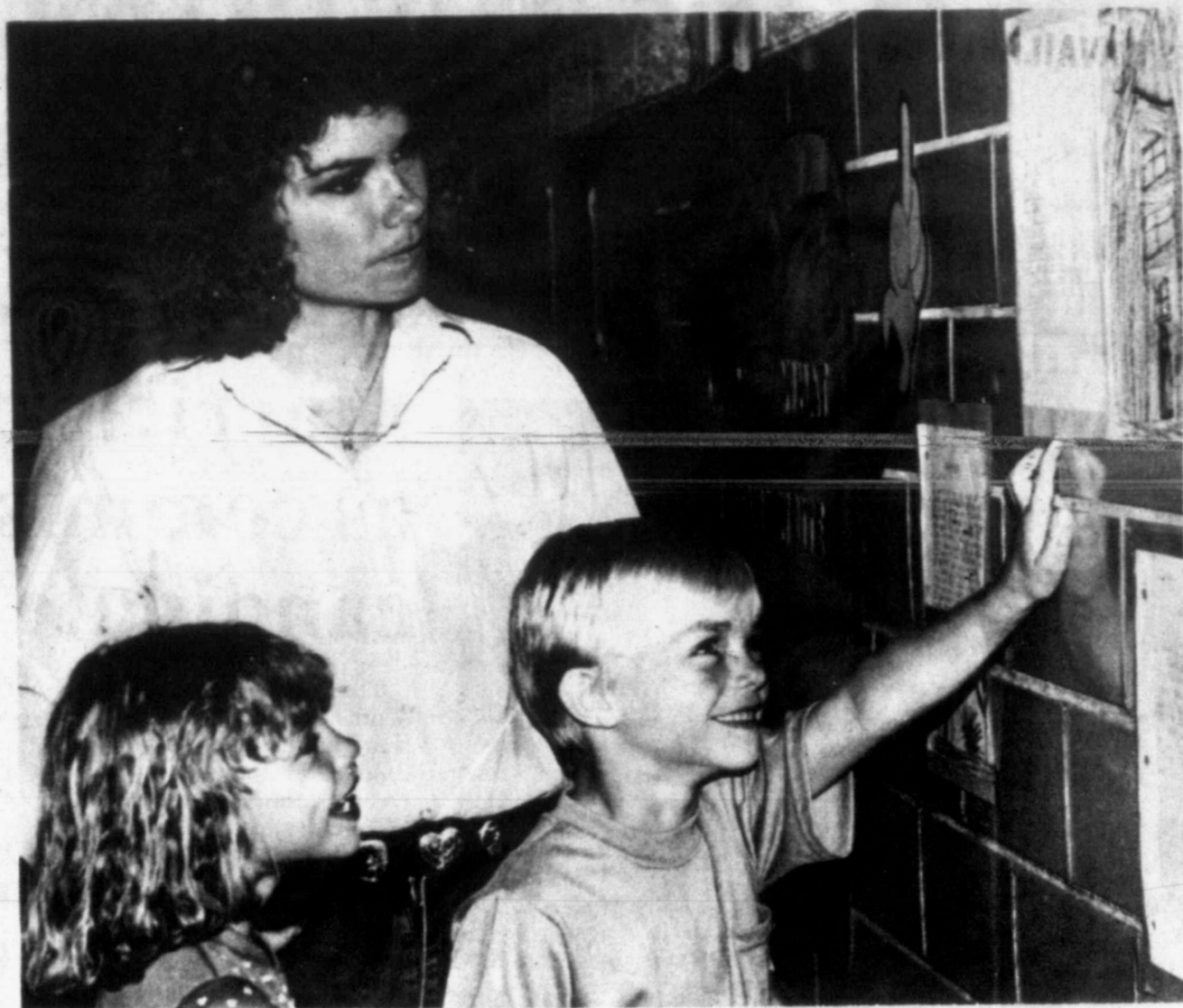
TODAY'S BARR BY PHIL PASTORET
When you're 20, you're fired with zeal. After 40, your one hope is to get fired with severance pay.
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Gets own star

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Smokey Robinson wrote his name in concrete while throngs of well-wishers cheered his entry into Hollywood's Rock Walk gallery. "I'm happy to be considered in the same league with artists I respect and admire, but I'm especially happy just to be here still making records, still part of this business," the 51-year-old Motown star said Tuesday. His handprints and signature on Hollywood's Sunset Boulevard join those of Jerry Lee Lewis, Jimi Hendrix, Chuck Berry, Carole King and others at the 6-year-old sidewalk gallery dedicated to rock 'n' roll. Robinson's hits include "You've Got a Hold on Me" and "The Tracks of My Tears."

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CLASS PROJECT — T.J. Cagle proudly shows his mom, Jo Ann, and sister, Holly, some of his work during open house Monday night at North-east Elementary. (SDN Staff Photo)

A&M officials: female cadet recants claims about attacks

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A woman who claimed members of Texas A&M University's Corps of Cadets attacked her on two occasions has recanted the allegations, school officials say. Texas A&M officials said Tuesday the woman, who is a cadet, retracted her allegations after being questioned further by campus police.

But six cadets have been disciplined for harassing the woman on other occasions. Maj. Gen. Thomas Darling, corps commandant, said the harassment did not involve physical contact. Last month, A&M disbanded the corps' elite Parsons' Mounted Cavalry pending an investigation into an allegation that several members attacked the woman Sept. 17.

University officials had said the woman claimed she was attacked and threatened with further harm if she continued efforts to join the group. But Darling said Tuesday night that the woman actually was a member of the Parsons' unit. The woman claimed she was attacked again and briefly abducted in a car on Oct. 13. She said she was knocked to the pavement by a car door, then thrown into the car and driven around for up to 45 minutes. She claimed then her attackers wrapped a plastic garbage

sack around her head. But she recanted those allegations Monday.

"The young woman met (Monday) with university officials and said that the claimed assaults, beating and abduction never happened," A&M Police Chief Bob Wiatt said in a statement.

"The evidence developed by the university investigation conflicted with her earlier statements.

Controversial rape trial to be moved from Lubbock

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A state district judge says it could be early next year before jurors will hear the trial of a Lubbock man accused of raping his severely retarded sister-in-law.

District judge Blair Cherry agreed to move the sexual assault trial of Jimmy Wayne Wooten out of Lubbock Tuesday because of extensive news coverage.

Cherry did not name a location for the trial. But he said it could be January before the case can be heard.

"It's the fair thing to do at this time," said Cherry, after granting the change of venue early Tuesday.

Cherry's decision came after 94 of the 96 prospective jurors for the

trial acknowledged that they had formed an opinion about the case. Wooten, 41, is accused of raping Debra Lynn Thomas, his 34-year-old sister-in-law, and fathering her son, David Lynn Thomas.

Miss Thomas is a former Lubbock State School resident who has the IQ of a 2-year-old. She does not realize she has given birth. Sam Ogan, Wooten's attorney, said his client and Wooten's wife, Dori, were happy with the judge's decision. Dori Wooten, who is Miss Thomas' sister and legal guardian, maintains her husband is innocent.

"Mr. and Mrs. Wooten look forward to trying this case in a more neutral territory," Ogan said. "They expressed some fears especially when those 94 hands went up.

"It just wasn't possible to have a fair trial due to the massive exposure the potential jurors had to the facts of this case."

Fifty of the 96 prospective jurors were dismissed Monday after saying they had made up their minds about the guilt or innocence of Wooten.

By the end of informal questioning Monday, 38 jurors were left. Before more intensive questioning could begin Tuesday, Cherry agreed to move the trial.

Soldier of Fortune figure gets 'stay'

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A former Marine captain won a stay just hours before his scheduled execution for hiring a hit man through Soldier of Fortune magazine to kill his wife.

Texas prison officials said the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals granted the stay Tuesday night for Robert Black. The 46-year-old inmate was convicted in the Feb. 21, 1985 shooting death of his wife, Sandra.

Mrs. Black was shot twice in the head by John Wayne Hearn, who had run a classified ad in the magazine that billed itself as the "Journal for Professional Adventurers."

Hearn, who was paid \$10,000 by Black, pleaded guilty to the slaying and testified against Black in exchange for a life prison term. He is in Florida serving that term and two other life sentences for unrelated killings.

Earlier Tuesday, the state appeals court had refused a similar request to halt Black's execution. Black's attorneys again sought a stay from a lower court, which rejected it, but then the appeals court granted it.

Court officials and Black's lawyers couldn't immediately be reached by telephone Tuesday night to explain why the stay was granted.

Until late last week, Black had been refusing legal help.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Oct. 23, 1991

Changes you'll have little or no control over could usher in promising material conditions in the year ahead. Go with the flow of events whenever these shifts occur.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might have to negotiate with someone who uses intimidating methods in your commercial dealings today. This individual may appear to have the upper hand, but it's just a bluff. Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Libra's Astrograph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astrograph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It's important that, for best results today, you follow your preconceived game plan. Try not to deviate, because your on-the-spot decisions might not be too nifty.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This might not be one of your more productive days. It won't be due to a lack of industriousness on your behalf but will be the result of others unloading their burdens on you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep your hopes and expectations within reasonable bounds today or else you may be disappointed. The possibilities are there, but your tactics might not match your opportunities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In competitive involvements today, try not to underrate your competition. Don't make them out to be more than they are, but don't make them out to be less, either.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You won't be a good learner today if, going in, you are intimidated by the subject matter. Keep in mind that if others can learn it, you can, too.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Opposition and frustration could interfere with your attempts to conduct business as usual today. Do the best you can and temporarily put a hold on critical matters.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Trying to alter your mate's position on issues where you hold divergent opinions could be very difficult today. Applying additional pressure will only make matters worse.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could be resistant and unyielding today with those who take you for granted. However, if there is someone who truly needs assistance, you'll be the first to lend a helping hand.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In your relationships with friends today, it might be hard for you to go along with the will of the majority. What you want could be totally opposite to what they want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An imperative objective you'll have in mind today might not be in accord with individuals with whom you'll be involved. Instead of being supportive, they might make things harder for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Little things you would normally overlook in friends could be extremely irritating today. Instead of forgiving their shortcomings, you might make issues of them.

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Decomposed body found on campus

HOUSTON (AP) — An autopsy has been ordered on the unidentified body of a woman found wedged inside a utility shaft on the Texas Southern University campus.

An electrician found the decomposing body Tuesday. Authorities believe the woman may have been dead for several weeks and probably was not a student or staff member at the university since no one had been reported missing.

"We were out here doing electrical work on the lamp posts," said electrician Jeff Etie.

He said he went into the old maintenance building to hook up an extension cord and smelled a foul odor.

"The smell was just overwhelming when I went in there. I thought it was a dead cat or dog or something," Etie said. "I looked down in the hole, but I couldn't see anything it was so dark."

Authorities dropped a light into the shaft and had to use an elaborate pulley system to remove the body.

"We're relatively confident that it's not anyone associated with the university," said Naomi Lede, vice president for institutional advancement. "We have no reports of missing students or missing persons within the university."

Ms. Lede said faculty members in the art department near the maintenance shed had reported, smelling a bad odor in the building several weeks ago.

"When the maintenance workers looked, they looked in the internal part of the building," she said. "They did not check the electrical shaft."

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WEST
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 Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
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3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 4

hen Susan Green, Sharon Osberg, Nancy Passell and Sue Picus. In this hand from the final, Cahn, sitting South, rebid three clubs after North's one-spade response because she wished to force to game and had no better bid available. North's four-club raise was Roman Key Card Blackwood, the four-heart response indicating four key cards, counting the four aces and the trump king as key cards.

Normally it is wrong to use Blackwood with a void. Also, rather than raising the agreed minor suit as a form of RKCB, it is better to jump to four of the suit above the agreed minor: here four diamonds. A Blackwood bidder takes control of the auction, whereas with her actual hand, North just wanted to set the suit and show slam interest. (Players use four of a suit rather than four no-trump as Blackwood, because the response doesn't take them above five of their agreed suit.)

West thought for ages before leading the diamond four, two, queen and ace. "What was West's problem?" Cahn asked herself. She decided that West was looking at one sure trick — the club ace — but not a second. Backing her judgment, Cahn ruffed a low heart in the dummy and then called for the club 10. When East played low, declarer did likewise, making her slam when West had to win with the ace.

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Women's teams at the Nationals

By Phillip Alder

The Women's Knockout Teams Championship at the Summer Nationals was won by Nell Cahn, Stasha Co-

New ozone layer fears raised

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration says it will consider pushing for speeded-up action to combat damage to the Earth's ozone layer in the face of a United Nations report saying ozone depletion may cause a 10 percent increase in skin cancer in this decade.

William K. Reilly, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, said the United States already is ahead of the schedule required by U.S. laws and an international agreement for elimination of chlorofluorocarbons that trigger the chemical breakdown of ozone.

"We will meet next September with the other treaty parties and consider whether the phaseout

schedule we are on is sufficient," Reilly said. "I think this data will cause us to look very hard at the possibility of advancing the phaseout dates."

The deadline in the treaty is the year 2000 for the United States and other developed countries and 2010 for the developing world. Mexico has agreed to a 2000 deadline and Reilly said the United States hopes other developing countries will do so too.

Reilly commented in an interview Tuesday after the United Nations Environment Program announced in New York that damage to the ozone layer was accelerating at such a rate that levels could drop by 3 percent in the next decade, leading to a 10 percent in-

crease in skin cancer.

"The situation is definitely getting much worse than what was expected," said Mostafa K. Tolba, executive director of the U.N. program.

Tolba also called for acceleration of the timetable for a CFC ban under the international agreement, known as the Montreal Protocol.

In the United States, CFCs are used primarily as coolants in air conditioners and refrigerators and as propellants in the production of foam plastics.

The researchers found that ozone was being depleted all across the northern and southern hemispheres in the spring and summer, which they said was not known to have happened before.

"What has come out today is the information that the problem doesn't go away," said Reilly. "I think it shows that we have significantly destabilized a fundamental natural system vital to our lives and well being and need to accelerate our efforts to fix it."

Michael Oppenheimer of the New York-based Environmental Defense Fund described the situation as an emergency and said, "Frankly, it would be a gross abdication of responsibility if the Bush administration continued to sit back on their heels and did nothing. The world needs leadership if we're going to eliminate these chemicals as soon as possible."

Congressman says blockade may threaten free trade pact

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Passage of a free trade agreement between the United States and Mexico could be threatened because of a blockade of American cattle trucks from cattle pens in the Mexican border town of Ojinaga, a congressman says.

U.S. Rep. Albert G. Bustamante, D-San Antonio, said Tuesday, "If they are going to have free control to cut us off like this, what's next on their agenda? You have to wonder."

Bustamante is a member of a U.S. House committee studying the free trade proposal.

Bustamante and State Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, a member of the state's free trade committee, met with both sides in the dispute over the weekend in an unsuccessful attempt to resolve the conflict.

The blockade by members of the Chihuahua cattle raisers' union began on Oct. 8, the first day of the cattle-crossing season, when Texas-owned trucks were blocked from loading cattle at the Ojinaga pens.

U.S. cattle buyers had either contracted with local truckers or used their own trucks to transport the cattle they've purchased from the Mexican stock pens in Ojinaga back across the Rio Grande to one

of four U.S. pens for more than 30 years. The transport fee is included in the sale price of the cattle.

Union general manager Francisco Lozano said American-owned trucks were denied access to the pens because Mexican truckers charge lower rates, and that the union is concerned about costs.

Jimmy McNeil, a local stockyard owner, cattle buyer and trucker, said the U.S.-based truckers were charging \$130 per load before the Mexican haulers dropped their fee to \$100. He offered to haul cattle for \$100 per load, but was turned down, McNeil said.

Union members also were concerned that the opening of additional ports of entry along the border, especially at El Paso-Juarez, were threatening trade in Presidio-Ojinaga, Lozano said.

The union did not give American operators a chance to bid on

the cattle hauling contract, Lozano said, but he said the U.S. firms would be able to bid on the contract when it expires in 1993.

"In two years my business will be dead," said Daniel Estrada, one of eight Presidio-based haulers. "This will kill me."

Estrada estimated that the eight haulers do an estimated \$325,000 business annually.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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 Palette Club; W. 37th; Lu Bright demonstration in water color; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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. New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-8110 or 573-5867. Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Storytime for 4 and 5 year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m. Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral. Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m. ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m. Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; For more information call 573-2101 or 573-3657 or 573-3956; 8 p.m. Alateen; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-5524 days, 573-2101 nights; 8 p.m. Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information; call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9410. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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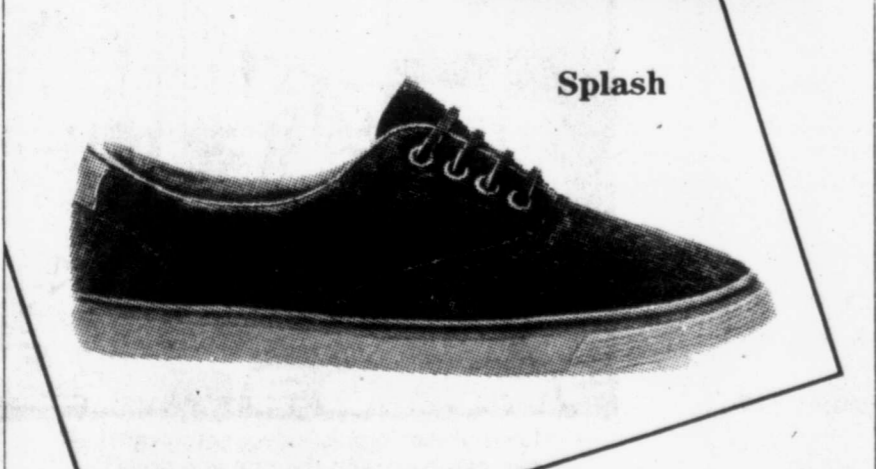
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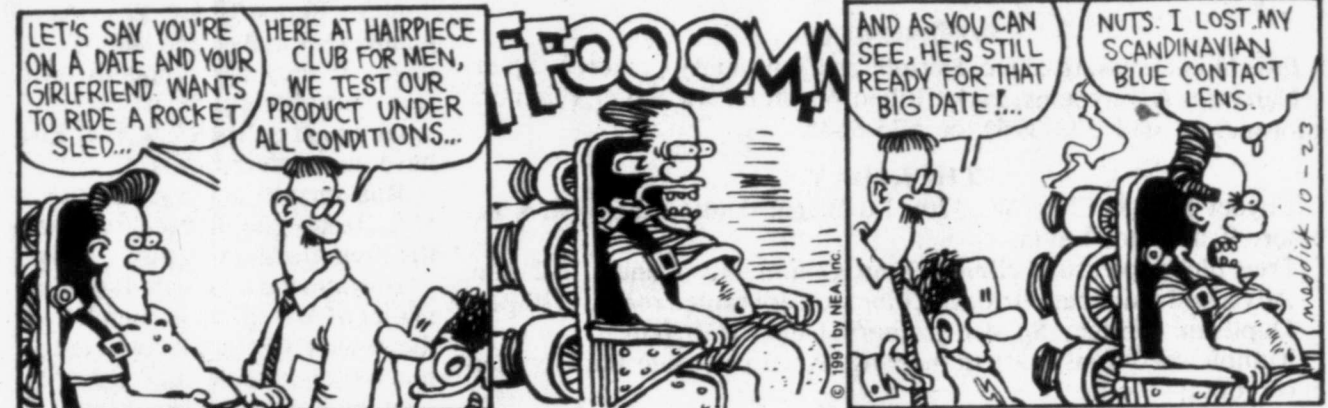
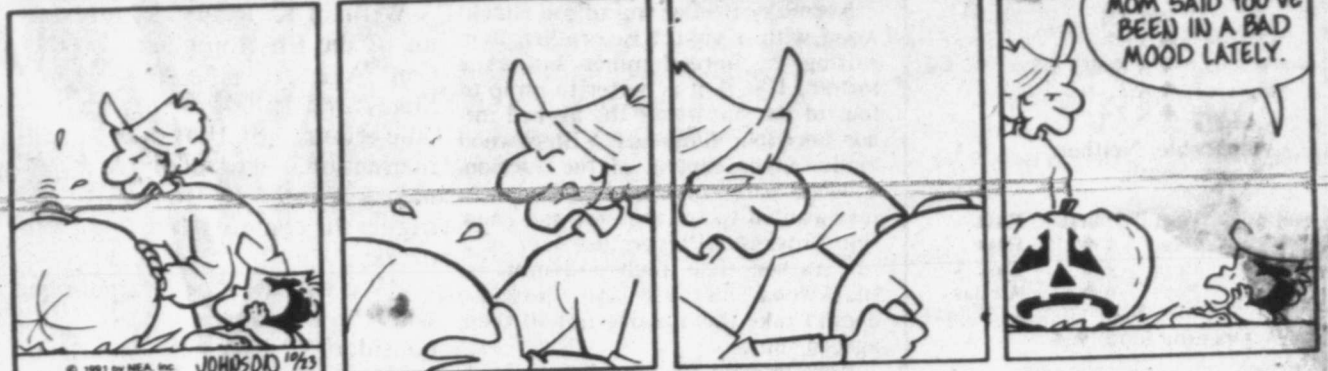
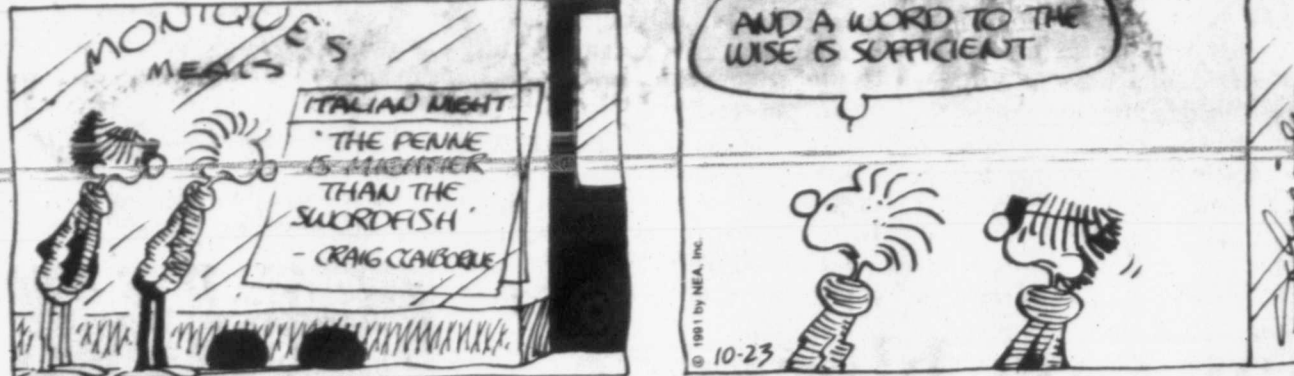
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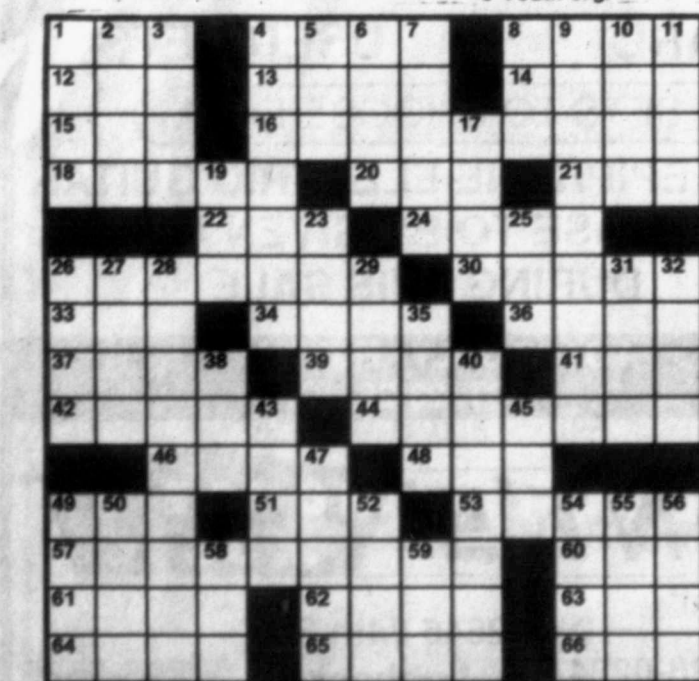
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



In 2-4A volleyball...

Snyder clinches playoff spot

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

For the second straight year, the Snyder Lady Tigers are bound for the Class 4A volleyball playoffs.

Their latest trip to post-season play was guaranteed Tuesday when they defeated Lubbock Estacado, 15-2, 13-15, 15-4, to clinch at least second place in District 2-4A.

"This was an important win for us," said Snyder coach Patty Grimm. "It was a crucial game and the girls handled the pressure well."

"This puts us in the playoffs," she continued. "The worst we can do is finish second (in District 2-4A)."

The Lady Tigers, with loop matches against Levelland and

league-leader Lamesa remaining are still in the hunt for the 2-4A championship.

Snyder's Tuesday win lifts its record to 14-5 on the campaign and 5-1 in district matches.

They trail Lamesa, 18-4 and 6-0, by a single match in loop standings.

Amber Bowlin came on strong from the service line against Estacado, ripping the Lady Mats for 19 points, including four aces.

Bowlin served points 8-13 in a second-game comeback attempt that just fell short. She also was on the line for points 8-15 in the deciding third game.

"Amber did a good job for us all night," said Grimm. "She was very consistent."

"I think the first game was the best I've seen us play," the coach continued. "Our offense definitely gave them more than they could return."

The match's second game was the most exciting of the three, as the Lady Tigers fell in an 11-0 hole before even getting the serve.

Estacado standout Tasha Brooks made what appeared to be game point when the tally had reached 14-7, but was ruled to have hit the net on her kill attempt, giving the Lady Tigers new life and the serve and seemingly letting the air out of the Lady Mats' rally.

Bowlin stepped to the service line and pulled Snyder to within a point, 14-13, before losing the ball

to EHS.

Estacado's Leahjoi Allen smacked the winner on the next rotation forcing a third game.

"We did a good job trying to catch up," Grimm reported. "It turned out to be just a minor setback."

"In the third game we just got after them."

Following Bowlin's 19 points were Joellen King, who served for nine, including an ace, and Melody Sargent, who put in eight and one ace.

Julie Johnson added three points and Emma Stodd and Stephanie Fambro contributed a pair each.

Looking forward to the bi-district round of the playoffs, Grimm feels like the Lady Tigers will probably play either Hereford or Dumas from District 1.

"They are the top teams right now," she said. "Dumas has beaten Hereford twice in district play, so it looks like whoever finishes second (in District 2-4A) will have to play them (Dumas). Our district champion will have to play their second-place team."

The Lady Tigers will be in Levelland Saturday as their quest for a loop title continues.

Freshmen spikers start the matches at 12:30 p.m. followed at approximately 1:45 p.m. by the junior varsity contest.

The varsity squads will square off at around 3 p.m.

Snyder will host Lamesa on Tuesday in a district showdown that winds up the regular season.

Braves take 12-inning victory

ATLANTA (AP) — This World Series is about two teams that just won't go away. It's about two teams that made

history by going from last to first, and are still making everyone take notice. The Minnesota Twins and Atlanta Braves are still making

history in October.

The two teams combined to use a Series record 42 players in Game 3 as the Braves beat the Twins 5-4 in 12 innings Tuesday night to cut Minnesota's lead to 2-1. It took 4 hours, 4 minutes, a Series record for a night game.

"We had to win or we would be going home soon," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said. "It was very draining."

Cox and Twins manager Tom Kelly made sure nobody went home early. Nobody really wanted to, either.

The Braves stayed alive when Mark Lemke's two-out single to left field off Rick Aguilera scored David Justice from second base at 12:43 a.m. EDT. After a few hours of rest, Minnesota's Jack Morris, the winner in Game 1, is scheduled to pitch against John Smoltz tonight.

"I still haven't figured out what happened," said Lemke, a .234 hitter this season. "That was the biggest hit of my career and I'm just thrilled."

Unlike Game 3 of the NL playoffs, Justice made sure he stepped on third base this time. Justice got the game-winning rally going when he singled with one out and stole second.

Aguilera saved the first two games of the Series and was forced into this one because no one was left. He even became the first pitcher to pinch hit in a Series game since Don Drysdale in 1965.

"I threw him a fastball away and he knocked it over the shortstop's head," Aguilera said. "This was a tough game for both teams. It was a great game to watch."

"I thought it was a terrific game," Kelly said. "We were down 4-1 against Steve Avery and put a scare into him."

World Series

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

Saturday, Oct. 19
Minnesota 5, Atlanta 2

Sunday, Oct. 20
Minnesota 3, Atlanta 2

Tuesday, Oct. 22
Atlanta 5, Minnesota 4, 12 innings, Minnesota leads series 2-1

Wednesday, Oct. 23
Minnesota (Morris 18-12) at Atlanta (Smoltz 14-13), 8:26 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 24
Minnesota (Tapana 16-9) at Atlanta (Glasnow 20-11), 8:26 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 26
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8:26 p.m., if necessary

Sunday, Oct. 27
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8:40 p.m., if necessary

At Mineral Wells...

WTC linksters claim fourth

MINERAL WELLS — The Western Texas College Blue golf team wound up with a fourth-place 864 at the end of the Heart of the Hills Classic, played Monday and Tuesday at Mineral Wells Country Club, after leading the tourney at the 36-hole mark.

"We did a good job on the first nine Tuesday," said Western Texas coach Milton Ham, "We just let the pressure get to us a little bit."

"But our guys are just now beginning to realize they can play at this level. I'm proud of the kids."

WTC's White team fired a fifth-best 882 at the tournament.

Defending national NAIA champion Texas Wesleyan's Blue squad captured top team honors with a combined 855 tally. Western Junior College Athletic Conference power Odessa College finished four strokes back at 859.

Texas Wesleyan White, which came in with an 859, as well, tied OC for the runner-up spot.

"We did pretty good to finish with teams in fourth and fifth place in a 16-team field," said Ham.

2-4A Volleyball

Team	Season		District
	W	L	
Lamesa	18	4	6
Snyder	14	5	1
Estacado	4	14	2
Levelland	8	13	1
Dunbar	3	14	1

Tuesday's matches
Snyder def. Estacado 15-2, 13-15, 15-4
Dunbar def. Levelland 8-15, 15-7, 15-11

Saturday's matches
Snyder at Levelland
Dunbar at Lamesa

LUBBOCK — District 2-4A champion Snyder will begin play at the Region I Tennis Tournament here Thursday.

Participating coaches are to meet at 7 p.m. today for the tournament draw which will decide seedings, first round match opponents and sites.

Matches begin at 8 p.m. Thursday on courts at Lubbock Tennis Center, Coronado High School and Monterey High School.

First-year coach Jerry Tucker will be counting heavily on his boys' squad, which was undefeated in district play.

"I think if the boys play well, we have a good chance to go a round or two into the tournament," he said.

The boys' team is led by senior top seeds Marcus Best and Kevin McMillan, who also combine for the Tigers' No. 1 doubles team.

Christina Gonzales and Robin Cave hold down the top two slots among the SHS girls.

"They are real solid, too," Tucker stated, "and they could do real well at regionals."

Gonzales and Cave team up to make up the SHS top girls duo. Tucker and the Tigers will be without junior Jaycie Wright, who will be out for at least two weeks with a rotator cuff injury.

"Her doctor in San Angelo told her that it wasn't torn," Tucker said, "but that she had to get a lot of rest for it to heal."

Wright has been playing in the No. 4 slot.

District 5 champion Wichita Falls High School is favored to win the tournament, according to the Snyder coach, but some teams closer to home should do well, also.

"Andrews has a real competitive program," he said, "and they've got to be one of the top two or three teams there. Big Spring is pretty good, too, and they'll be going as the runner-up from District 3."

Estacado will represent District 2 as the second-place team after a three-team tiebreaker.

Estacado beat Levelland, 10-8, during the season and Lamesa beat Estacado by the same score. Levelland then tripped Lamesa by a 10-8 tally, leaving all three teams tied at the end of the campaign with 3-2 records and with the identical number of individual matches won in head-to-head meetings.

Estacado was proclaimed the loop runner-up by virtue of the most sets won over the other two teams in contention.

"I was glad to see Estacado win," said Tucker. "They have a very good team and they show good sportsmanship."

The winner of the regional event will advance to the state tournament in Austin in November.

King captures three SHS coaches honors

Besides throwing a touchdown pass from his tailback position in Snyder's 14-0 win over Levelland last Friday, senior Mark King was honored with three coaches' awards at the football team's mid-week meeting Tuesday.

King was cited on special teams for returning punts, and on defense for recovering a Lobo fumble and for batting a pass away from an LHS receiver.

King's TD toss came in the fourth period when he found wingback Michael Fields for a 28-yard score on an option pass.

Other defensive award winners in the Levelland shut out included Ben Wilson for a blocked field goal, three QB hurries and two knockdowns.

Linebacker Charlie Richardson was honored with the week's Big Hit Award for stopping a Levelland ball carrier on third down inside the Tigers' five-yard line.

Richardson made three straight tackles on the goal line stand, keeping the Lobos out of the end zone and forcing the field goal attempt which Wilson snuffed.

Richardson also won helmet decals from the coaches for a tackle behind the line of scrimmage and a hurry of LHS quarterback Craig Black.

Linebacker Ricky Sollis led the Tigers in tackles Friday with 7 1/2. He made a pair of those tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Senior tackle Dakon Hollingsworth recorded two hurries and senior defensive end Hayward Clay notched one hurry and a batted-down pass.

Eric Brazier also won a coaches award for a tackle for a loss.

Jason Green was recognized, as well, for causing and recovering a Levelland fumble.

Senior tackle Chad Fox paced the offensive line in Friday's win with a team-high 32 knockdowns for three decals. Fox also registered four pins on the night.

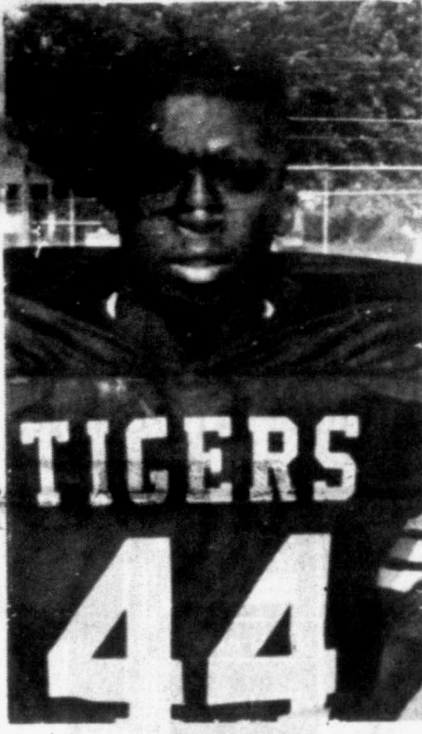
Tight end Hayward Clay won a pair of awards for his 20 knockdowns. He was recognized, also, for five pins versus the Lobos.

Richardson turned in 17 knockdowns followed by Brad Hart with 15, 11 each from Brian Lickey and Sollis and Dakon Hollingsworth's 10.

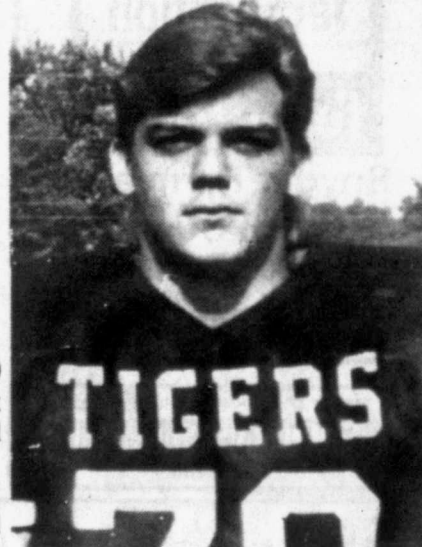
Split end Jason McAden was credited with knocking down 10 opposing tacklers while fullback Wayland Harrison got nine and tailback Will Clay got seven.

Will Clay was recognized with awards for three pins and for a pair of great fakes and Hart copped a decal for two pins.

Noseguard Eddie Byrd was honored for exceptional kick coverage, punter Brian Crawford earned an award for his 37-yard average on seven kicks last week, and snapper Fox, holder Sutherland and kickers J. Parker and Bobby Clinkinbeard each won decals for three straight point-after attempts, going back to the Estacado game.



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Victims rebound against disasters

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Neither fire, nor earthquake, nor flood stops people from flocking to California in search of the good life.

One expert says crime, smog and gridlock are bigger threats to the Golden State's allure than the natural disasters that befall it.

"Sure an earthquake might come, but it might be years from now and we'll be dead and gone," said Barbara Watson, 47, a teacher in the San Francisco school system. "You can't live in fear. You have to live in reality. If people are that afraid, they should move."

The devastating fire that swept out of the hills above Oakland and Berkeley was the latest in a series of natural disasters in California dating to the Great Quake of 1906.

Hundreds of homes burned around Santa Barbara a year ago. In 1989, an earthquake in the San Francisco Bay area wreaked havoc. Eight years ago, coastal flooding heightened by ocean warming caused widespread damage from Los Angeles to San Diego.

Just as they always have, Californians are rebounding from the latest heartbreak.

"People are out on the streets and are very optimistic and helpful. It doesn't seem that they are beaten down," said Kathy Walsh, head of a community planning group in Oakland's hard-hit Rockridge neighborhood. "I see people sweeping up ashes, putting things back."

California's population increased by 6.2 million to 30 million from 1980 to 1990 and has nearly doubled over the past two decades. Among the enticements: good weather, natural beauty, the Pacific Ocean and a usually thriving economy.

"I think California has always been viewed as a place of opportunity," said David Stewart, a consumer behavior specialist at the University of Southern California. "We are not unique in California in having natural disasters."

"You've got to like where you live. As far as dangers go, it's just like the old adage of 'You can get killed walking across the street,'" said Chris Holliday, 33, a painter and native Californian who lives in suburban Concord.

Paul Slovic, a Eugene, Ore., psychologist specializing in risk perception, said people tend to worry more about tangible hazards, such as living next to a chemical plant or dump, than about those they cannot predict, such as quakes or fires.

"Crowded conditions, gridlock, smog, crime — I think that sort of thing is a much greater threat to the state's image than these fires," Slovic said.

However, experts said the Oakland fires were no freak accident and that throughout the state, California dreams will increasingly become fiery nightmares.

"The very thing that makes the wildlands attractive and romantic, like the trees, is what makes the wildlands 'deadly,'" said Karen Terrill, spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

About 7 million Californians live in "urban intermix" zones — housing subdivisions nestled in the woods.

More than 60 percent of the state is covered by native vegetation. That, combined with generally mild winters, hot, dry summers, and rugged topography, creates one of the world's greatest fire hazards.

Over the past two decades, the number of wildfires each year has more than doubled. Ninety-five percent of the fires are caused by people, including 20 percent by arsonists, authorities said.

Successful wedding

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — A splendid time was had by all 300 wedding guests, Michael Moore reported, but he didn't say if the man he dogged in his documentary "Roger & Me" was among them.

The invitations to Moore's wedding Saturday in his hometown of Flint did include a guide to several local landmarks seen in the film, however. Among them: the house where an unemployed woman skins rabbits.

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Former hostage meets daughter for first time

WIESBADEN, Germany (AP) — Former hostage Jesse Turner was reunited today with his wife and mother, and met his 4-year-old daughter for the first time.

The long-awaited reunion took place at the U.S. Air Force hospital in Wiesbaden, where Turner was undergoing a battery of medi-

cal and psychological tests after being held by Muslim extremists in Lebanon for nearly five years.

Navy Cmdr. John Woodhouse said the family was having lunch together in Turner's suite at the hospital, but he offered no further details. Turner's mother, Estelle Ronneburg, was also there.

Badr Turner, 40, Turner's Lebanese wife, was to hold a news conference later in the day. Her husband was kidnapped five months before Joanne was born.

The pig-tailed Joanne, clutching her mother's hand, was in high spirits when asked if she was excited about meeting her father,

the 44-year-old Beirut University College mathematics professor who was held in Beirut for so long.

"I'm going to see my daddy!" she said in Boise, Idaho — Turner's hometown, before she and her mother boarded a plane for an overnight flight for Germany.

Arriving today in nearby Frankfurt along with Turner's Lebanese-born wife and daughter was the freed captive's mother.

"I'm going to give him a big hug and what goes from there, I don't know," said Turner's 70-year-old mother. She said "a kiss or two" were also on tap.

Mrs. Ronneburg carried a bouquet adorned with a yellow ribbon, which has become the symbol of freedom for American victims of Middle East kidnappings.

Mrs. Turner said her first words on seeing her husband would be "that I love him." She said since his release, she had only spoken to him for one minute by telephone.

She said Turner sounded on the verge of tears.

"But I told him, 'Be strong.'" "He said, 'Is it true I'm going to see you?' I said 'Yes.'"

The 44-year-old American educator was abducted six months after the couple's marriage.

The freed hostage's family faced a pack of reporters and photographers after their flight arrived in nearby Frankfurt.

For Joanne, the attention seemed too much. She sometimes hid behind her mother.

Mrs. Turner recalled the telephone conversation she had after her husband was handed over to U.S. officials Tuesday in Syria. He was flown to Germany on a special U.S. Air Force flight.

"He is very happy, anxious to see her," said Mrs. Turner. "I will be seeing how he looks at his daughter for the first time."

With his release, eight Western hostages remain in Lebanon, four of them Americans.

The American mathematics teacher, who had taught at Beirut University College, underwent preliminary medical checks at Wiesbaden Tuesday night.

Upon his request for a "light meal," Turner had a dinner consisting of a turkey and ham club sandwich, tossed salad, cherry pie and "lots of black coffee," said the U.S. military statement.

Turner tripped and almost fell in Damascus, earlier Tuesday, and also stumbled slightly on arrival at the Rhein-Main base.

Oakland fire costliest in U.S. history

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Damage from the brush fire that killed 19 people and incinerated thousands of homes was put at more than \$5 billion, surpassing the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 as the costliest blaze in U.S. history.

The fire, which roared out of control Sunday when a small blaze that firefighters thought was out flared up, was expected to be brought under control by this afternoon.

As officials calculated the damage and firefighters battled the last of the hot spots, Fire Chief Phillip Lamont Ewell defended his department's decision not to keep the original blaze under constant watch after it was believed to be out.

He and other Oakland fire officials also dismissed allegations that help from other departments wasn't called in soon enough.

"When you look at a situation

from afar it's easy to second-guess what should have been done," said fire Lt. Mark Garcia.

Pushed by 25 mph winds across brush that had been dried by five years of drought, the blaze destroyed more than 1,800 houses and 900 apartments, city officials said.

At least 19 people were killed, 148 injured and 5,000 evacuated, said sheriff's Sgt. Robert Jarrett. Forty-nine people were reported missing, but Jarrett said some may be out of town or unable to contact friends or relatives.

"Until there's a dwelling-to-dwelling count nothing is sure," he said.

Deborah Campbell, spokeswoman for Mayor Elihu Harris, said the cost of the blaze was estimated at \$5 billion.

The Great Chicago Fire caused an estimated \$1.8 billion damage in 1990 dollars. It killed at least 300 people and left 90,000 homeless. The San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906 caused \$5.1 billion damage in 1990 dollars, and the Great Boston Fire of

1872 caused \$815 million damage.

President Bush on Tuesday declared the fire site a major disaster area, opening the door to federal aid for the rebuilding.

The wooded area, with its postcard views of San Francisco Bay, was a disaster waiting to happen because of the drought, officials said. Many of the area's once-elegant homes were reduced to rubble, their bare chimneys looming like giant tombstones.

"The very thing that makes the

Bush

Continued From Page 1 will try to insinuate itself into the conference.

The Bush administration said Tuesday that the 14 Palestinians who are to attend the talks in a joint delegation with Jordan can meet with the advisory committee, which will presumably serve as a conduit between them and the PLO.

Israel has refused to negotiate with Palestinian exiles, residents of Israeli-annexed Arab east Jerusalem and representatives of the PLO — which it considers a terrorist group.

wildlands attractive and romantic, like the trees, is what makes the wildlands deadly," said Forestry Department spokeswoman Karen Terrill.

Similar catastrophic fires could

Sales tax rebates

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—Roby received \$1,352.97, up 3.15 percent compared to \$1,311.70 during the same month last year. The year-to-date total of \$16,279.70 is up 16.79 percent.

—Rotan received \$7,174.80, up 97.93 percent compared to \$3,624.99 during the same month last year. The year-to-date total of \$105,690.00 is up 102.80 percent.

—Post received \$12,143.33, down 9.74 percent compared to \$13,454.13 during the same month last year. The year-to-date total of \$148,802.77 is up 14.03 percent.

—Big Spring received \$203,016.65, up 105.45 percent compared to \$98,817.40 during the same month last year. The year-to-date total of \$2,461,751.35 is up 108.05 percent.

easily occur in many other brushy areas of the state, including the wealthy Marin County suburbs north of San Francisco or Southern California's Malibu Canyon, officials said.

—Lubbock received \$1,200,611.86, down 1.16 percent compared to \$1,214,759.18 during the same month last year. The year-to-date total of \$13,225,515.16 is up 3.45 percent.

—Colorado City received \$27,314.97, up 9 percent compared to \$25,058.76 during the same month last year. The year-to-date total of \$297,281.17 is up 2.36 percent.

—Sweetwater received \$101,914.07, up 62.98 percent compared to \$62,522.15 during the same month last year. The year-to-date total of \$1,190,677.77 is up 99.25 percent.

—Abilene received \$1,177,340.22, up 2.25 percent compared to \$1,151,457.36 during the same month last year. The year-to-date total of \$13,506,050.18 is up 19.57 percent.

—San Angelo received \$414,053.80, up 1.02 percent compared to \$409,855.28 during the same month last year. The year-to-date total of \$5,183,106.99 is up 8.30 percent.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Janice Baum, Colorado City; Willard Jones, 303 36th; Petra Flores, Corpus Christi; Luline Billingsley, 3616 Ave. B; Ruby Dunn, Lamesa; Scott Bavousett, 3006 41st; Lillie Phillips, 213 34th.

DISMISSALS: Donna Green and baby, Phillip Cox, Madine Johnston.

Census: 50 (Med-9, Long-Term Care-31, CCU-2; OB-4, Nursery-4).

Births

James and Janice Brown of Colorado City announce the birth of their baby girl born at 12:08 p.m. on Oct. 22 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds and four ounces.

County

Continued From Page 1 torney Ernie Armstrong, Sheriff Keith Collier, Tax Assessor-Collector Rona Sikes, County Attorney Pete Greene, Morgan and Precinct 3 Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. and Constable Bill Love.

Prop 5

Continued From Page 1 colleges a portion of their tax base just when they are squeezed for revenue. The lost revenue and increased cost for local entities would have to be made up with higher taxes on other property or reductions in services. Texas communities could attract more business by taxing all companies equally and spending the revenues on education and transportation than by offering special tax breaks to certain businesses in selected neighborhoods.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Last	Change
AMR Corp	64 1/8	63 3/4	64	+1/4
AlliedSignal	40 3/4	40 1/2	40 5/8	-1/8
ALLTEL Cp	38 1/4	38	38 1/4	+3/8
AmStar s	38 3/8	37 1/2	37 1/2	-7/8
Amer T&T	38 5/8	38 3/8	38 5/8	+1/4
Ameritech	60 3/8	60 1/8	60 1/4	+1/4
Amoco	52 3/4	52 5/8	52 3/4	
AndarPir	30 3/4	30 5/8	30 5/8	-1/4
Arka	16 1/2	16 3/8	16 1/2	
ArcoInc	53 1/8	53 1/8	53 1/8	
AtRichfd	123 1/4	122 1/8	122 3/8	-5/8
BakerHugh	25 1/8	24 7/8	25	
BancTexas	7-16	7-16	7-16	
BellAtl	44 7/8	44 1/2	44 3/4	+1/8
BellSouth	47 1/4	46 7/8	47	+1/8
Beth Steel	155 1/8	151 1/4	153 3/8	+1/4
Borden	31 5/8	31 1/8	31 1/2	
Caterpillar	49 1/4	48 7/8	49	
Centel	32 5/8	32 1/4	32 1/4	
Consol	48 7/8	48 7/8	48 7/8	
Consol West	76 1/2	76 1/8	76 1/8	
Chevron	11 3/8	11	11 1/8	-1/8
Chrysler	31 1/4	31	31 1/8	-3/8
Coastal	63 5/8	63	63 1/8	+3/8
CocaCola	40 5/8	40 3/8	40 3/8	-1/2
ColgateP s	20 1/4	20 1/4	20 1/4	+1/8
ComMet	22 1/8	21 7/8	22 1/8	+3/8
CyrusMa	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	
DellSemin	69 1/2	69 1/8	69 1/4	+1/8
DeltaAir	59 1/4	58 3/4	59 1/8	+5/8
DigitalEq	125 1/8	123 1/4	122 1/4	-2 3/4
Dillard	52 7/8	52 1/2	52 5/8	+1/4
DowChem	20 1/2	20 1/4	20 1/4	
DresserInd	46 3/8	45 7/8	46 1/8	+1/8
duPost	45 3/8	45	45 3/8	+3/8
EastKodak	75 1/8	71 1/2	71 1/2	-1/4
Ejlerind	165 3/8	163 3/8	161 1/2	-1/4
Enserch	61 3/8	60 7/8	61	-1/8
Exxon	13 1/4	13 1/8	13 1/8	-1/8
FluorCorp	14	13 5/8	13 7/8	+1/8
FlowInd	28 3/4	28	28	-5/8
FordMotor	31 3/8	31 1/4	31 3/8	+1/8
GTE Cp	50	49 3/4	49 7/8	+1/8
GenDynam	71 3/8	70 7/8	71 1/8	
GenElect	61 3/8	60 7/8	60 7/8	-1/8
GenMotors	36 7/8	35 7/8	36 1/4	-5/8
GenMotE s	54 1/2	54 1/8	54 1/4	-1/8
GenPacif	59 3/8	58 1/2	59 3/8	+7/8
GlobMar n	35 3/8	31 1/2	35 3/8	-1/8
Goodrich	44	43 3/4	43 7/8	
Goodyear	46 5/8	46	46 1/2	+3/4
GrAtIPac	30 7/8	30 5/8	30 7/8	+1/8
Gulf StaUt	9	8 7/8	8 7/8	
Halliburton	35	34 1/8	34 1/8	-1/4
Hanson	18 7/8	18 3/4	18 7/8	+1/8
Houstad	38 3/4	38 1/2	38 3/4	
IBM	98 3/4	97 7/8	98 1/8	-3/8
IntlPaper	76 1/4	76	76 1/4	+1/8
JohnsJhn	95 1/4	93 3/4	94 7/8	+1 5/8
K mart	42	41 3/8	41 1/2	-1/8
Kroger	17 3/4	17 5/8	17 3/4	
vjLTV Cp	11 1/8	11	11	
Litton Ind	89 3/8	89	89 3/8	+3/8
vjLoneStar	4	3 7/8	3 7/8	-1/8
Lowes	24 7/8	24 1/2	24 5/8	-1/4
Lubys	17 1/2	17	17 1/2	+1/8
Maxus	81 1/2	83 3/8	83 1/8	-1/8
MayDSt	50 3/8	49 5/8	50 3/8	+3/8
Modtrn s	77 1/4	76 1/2	77 1/8	+3/8
Mobil	73	72 1/2	73	+3/8
Monsie	70 7/8	67 1/2	68	-2 7/8
Motorola	64 1/8	63 3/4	64	+1/4
NCNB Cp	37 1/4	37	37	-1/4
Navistar	23 1/4	22 5/8	23 1/4	+1/8
Nynex	75 3/4	75 3/8	75 5/8	-1/8
OryxEngy	33 1/4	32 3/4	33	+1/4
PacTelesis	40 5/8	40 3/8	40 1/2	+1/4
PanHECp	14	13 3/4	13 7/8	
PenneyJC	52	51 5/8	51 5/8	-3/8
PepBoys	16 1/2	15 7/8	16	+3/8
Phelps Dod	77 3/4	77 3/8	77 3/8	-5/8
PhillipPet	26 7/8	26 1/2	26 5/8	-1/4
Polaroid s	26 1/4	25 7/8	26 1/8	-1/8
Primerica	34 5/8	34 3/8	34 3/8	+1/8
ProctGamb	80 5/8	80 1/8	80 1/4	-3/8
PubS NwMx	85 1/8	81 1/2	85 1/8	
SFEpacCp a	11 7/8	11 3/8	11 1/2	
Saral	42	41 1/2	41 3/4	+1/8
SearsRoeb	36 3/4	35 3/4	36 1/4	-3/8
Shawin s	23 3/8	23 1/8	23 1/4	-1/8
SmithBchm	63 5/8	63 3/8	63 3/8	-1/8
SmithBch eq n	56 7/8	56 1/2	56 3/4	+1/2
Southern Co	30	29 7/8	29 7/8	
SwstAir s	27 3/8	27 1/4	27 1/4	
SwstBell	57 5/8	57	57	-3/8
SterlingChm	47 1/8	47 1/8	47 1/8	+1/8
SunCo	30 5/8	30 3/8	30 5/8	+3/8
TNP Ent	16 7/8	16 5/8	16 5/8	-1/4
Tandy	29 3/8	29 1/4	29 1/4	-1/8
Templln	50	49 3/4	49 7/8	-1/8
Tenneco	41 1/2	41	41 1/4	+1/4
Texaco	65 1/4	64 7/8	65 1/8	+1/4
TexasInst	31 1/4	31	31 1/4	+1/4
Tex Util	37 7/8	37 3/4	37 7/8	
Textron	36 1/4	36 1/8	36 1/4	+1/8
Tyler	27 1/8	27 1/8	27 1/8	-1/8
USWA	35 3/8	35	35 1/8	-1/8
USXMar n	30 3/8	29 1/8	30 1/8	-1 7/8
USX-USS a	29 1/4	28 5/8	29 1/8	+1/4
UnCarbde	19	18 7/8	19	+1/4
UnPac s	50 3/4	50 3/8	50 5/8	+7/8
UniTech	48 1/2	47 7/8	47 7/8	-1/4
Unitel	22 7/8	22 3/4	22 3/4	
Unocal	28 1/8	27 3/8	27 3/8	-5/8
WalMt	47 1/4	46 1/4	46 5/8	-3/8
WestghEl	16 1/8	15 3/4	15 7/8	
Wolwth	28 3/4	28 1/2	28 5/8	+1/4
Xerox Cp	61 1/2	61 1/8	61 3/8	+3/8
ZenithE	67 1/8	63 1/4	63 1/4	

Police working three burglaries

Snyder police are investigating three burglaries which occurred Tuesday and early this morning.

At 7:26 a.m. Tuesday, Kevin Holt notified police that someone had broken into Everybody's Thriftway on College Ave. and stolen an undetermined amount of money. Officers have filed a report for burglary of a business.

Today, police were notified at 2:11 a.m. of an apparent burglary at ABC Rent All and again at 5:37 a.m. of a burglary at Nix Auto. No list of missing items has been compiled in either of the 25th St. burglaries. An offense report for burglary of a business has been filed in both instances.

Burglary can be charged even if no items are missing, if the intent to commit burglary is apparent.

All three burglaries are still under investigation.


In other police reports during the past 24 hours, officers arrested a 19-year-old male at Municipal Court at 9:03 a.m. Tuesday and transported him to the county jail to lay out fines for expired motorcycle registration, no motorcycle license, speeding, no insurance and disorderly conduct.

At 12:25 p.m. Tuesday, Billy McCormick informed police that someone had damaged a door and several windows at a vacant building at 606 Old Post Rd. Officers filed a report for felony criminal mischief.

Officers also worked a minor traffic accident at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday in the intersection of 37th St. and Ave. V. Involved were a 1991 Ford pickup driven by Rod Anderson of Rt. 1 and a 1989 Pontiac driven by Kyle Haley of P.O. Box 1227. No wrecker or ambulance was needed.

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Scurry County sheriff's office investigated reports of criminal mischief Tuesday.

At 7:45 a.m., deputies received a call from Royal Trailer Park in reference to a glass door at the grocery store having been kicked in.

Mrs. Horace Proctor of Hermleigh reported at 9:04 a.m. that damage had been done to her mailbox.

Petroleum prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Petroleum cash prices Tuesday as compared with Monday's prices.

Refined Products	Tue.	Mon.
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House includes most provisions sought by Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed a \$1.1 billion anti-crime package that is a little more to President Bush's liking, but it still falls short of what he says he'll accept in return for his signature on stricter gun control legislation.

Bush has conditioned his approval of any gun control measure on passage of comprehensive legislation that would expand the federal death penalty, sharply restrict the ability of state prisoners to appeal convictions to federal

courts and give police more leeway to seize evidence without warrants.

So far, he has achieved mixed results.

The House bill, approved 305-118 Tuesday, expands the death penalty and provides aid to state and local governments to hire more police, set up drug treatment programs for prisoners and improve security in schools located in high-crime areas.

But the measure includes provisions on prisoner appeals that

Bush objects to.

The Senate earlier this year passed its own anti-crime bill, and House and Senate conferees will be meeting in the next few weeks to resolve the differences, which are less glaring than those that prevented enactment of sweeping anti-crime legislation last year.

House Democrats tried to play down the importance of the disputed issues.

"What we must not support is fighting crime with bumper stickers," said Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo.

"It is time that we start focusing on these noncontroversial nuts and bolts remedies that really reduce crime," said Rep. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y.

If the conferees can agree on legislation acceptable to Bush, prospective handgun purchasers are likely to face a waiting period while police check to determine if they have criminal records.

Both the House and Senate ap-

proved waiting periods for handgun purchases but differ on assault weapons. The House rejected a ban on 13 types of semiautomatic weapons. The Senate's bill, passed in July, would ban nine types of assault-style weapons.

The Senate's five-day waiting period was included in its crime package while the seven-day period approved by the House was passed as separate legislation in May.

Both the House and Senate would apply the death penalty to more than 50 federal crimes, including hijackings, terrorism, espionage, treason and political assassinations.

The House and Senate bills, however differ on the important procedural issues, including Bush's proposal to restrict so-called habeas corpus petitions by state prisoners, particularly those on death row.

The Senate has passed the president's proposal.

But the administration objects to House-passed habeas corpus language and officials warn that Bush could veto crime legislation if this provision is included in the final package enacted by Congress.

The House version would give state prisoners the chance to file

only one habeas corpus petition to appeal their convictions unless they find new evidence of innocence or a miscarriage of justice. The administration says the exceptions are loopholes that would allow endless appeals.

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Dear Abby

Closed-Captioned TV Is Not Just for the Hard of Hearing

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Hooray for Cora Laird of Iowa who complained about how difficult it is to hear the dialogue over the noisy background sounds that many television shows feel are necessary. To her list, may I add: waterfalls, street traffic, but mostly — background music. (In some cases I have concluded the dialogue is secondary to the music, since there is no way I can hear what is being said!) I also wear a hearing aid.

Your suggestion to write to the various sponsors was a bit impractical, since in a two-hour show there are approximately seven breaks with eight or nine commercials, plus TV ads in each one. Besides, the commercials are not the main problem — I just hit the mute button; it's trying to hear the show itself.

The only way to reach the "powers that be" is through your column. A letter would not carry the clout your column does. If they would put filters in their ears, they might find out how truly irritating these background sounds are.

Have others written to substantiate this ongoing problem?

HAD IT WITH BACKGROUND IN THOUSAND PALMS, CALIF.

DEAR HADIT: I have received hundreds of letters with the same complaint — however, one contained the following good news. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: There are about 20 million people in the United States with some degree of hearing loss — also millions of recent immigrants still struggling to learn English. In addition, there are millions of adults who are learning disabled, or simply never learned to read.

What do they all have in common? They can all benefit from closed-captioned television. The problem: Very few of them realize they can be helped by closed-captions, let alone own the caption decoder needed to decode the otherwise invisible subtitle-like captions that are broadcast with many television shows, and recorded with many home rental video movies. (Contrary to popular belief, closed-captions are not just for deaf and hard-of-hearing people.)

The good news: Many people who become deaf early in life own a caption decoder. The National Captioning Institute claims that half the caption decoders sold were sold to Hispanic and Asian Americans who find it easier to understand new idioms and strange English expressions when they can read and hear the words at the same time.

The bad news: People who lose their hearing late in life either don't know about closed-captions, or consider "dependency" on captions as a sign of aging.

More good news: Starting July 1, 1993, all television sets 13 inches or larger made or sold in the United States will have a closed-caption decoder built inside!

Abby, please educate your readers and encourage them to turn on the decoder at all times if they have children at home who are reading at or below fourth-grade level. That little decoder chip inside the television set may help put a permanent dent in the illiteracy rates of this country.

ANDREA SHETTLER, GALLAUDET COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR ANDREA: Thank you for your informative letter. I am sure many will be very interested in the information you have to share.

And Dear Readers: Anyone interested in learning more about closed-caption technology may contact: National Captioning Institute Inc., 5203 Leesburg Pike, 15th Floor, Falls Church, Va. 22041. NCI has two toll-free numbers: (800) 533-9673 for hearing people, and (800) 321-8337 for deaf and speech-impaired people.

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.)

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.



By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with renal tubular acidosis. What can you tell me about the disease, and what might slow its progress?

DEAR READER: Renal tubular acidosis is an uncommon kidney deficiency, marked by an inability of the body to maintain a proper acid balance. The condition may be genetic; more often, it is secondary to another disease, such as auto-immune disorders and chronic kidney obstruction. It may result from drug therapy, notably lithium, amphotericin B (an anti-fungal agent) and sulfa antibiotics.

Basically, the kidneys lose their ability to excrete hydrogen. Hence, the blood becomes too acidic, leading to potassium deficiency, rickets (loss of calcium) and osteomalacia (soft bones). Kidney stones frequently form, with further reduction in renal efficiency.

Treatment is directed to the underlying disease. Also, the use of soda bicarbonate will help neutralize excess body acid; the dose is calculated on a patient-to-patient basis, depending on the degree of acidosis.

Although renal tubular acidosis is relatively easy to treat with bicarbonate, the disease(s) causing the acidosis are more challenging. Therefore, the success of therapy reflects the degree to which the cause of renal tubular acidosis is controlled.

In my opinion, patients with this affliction should be under the care of nephrologists. These kidney specialists can decide on the amount of bi-

carbonate and coordinate additional therapy. The fundamental purpose of therapy is to retard kidney damage and prevent renal failure. If this is unsuccessful, kidney transplant may be necessary to sustain life.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Kidney Disorders." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have flat warts on my palms and fingers. One doctor told me to take beta-carotene, but they haven't disappeared. I find them most annoying and would appreciate your comments.

DEAR READER: Warts are virus infections of the skin. They are not affected by beta-carotene, a substance used by the body to make vitamin A. Beta-carotene, when applied to the skin, acts as a sunscreen.

Warts are most easily treated with topical chemicals (such as Vercog), freezing or surgical excision.

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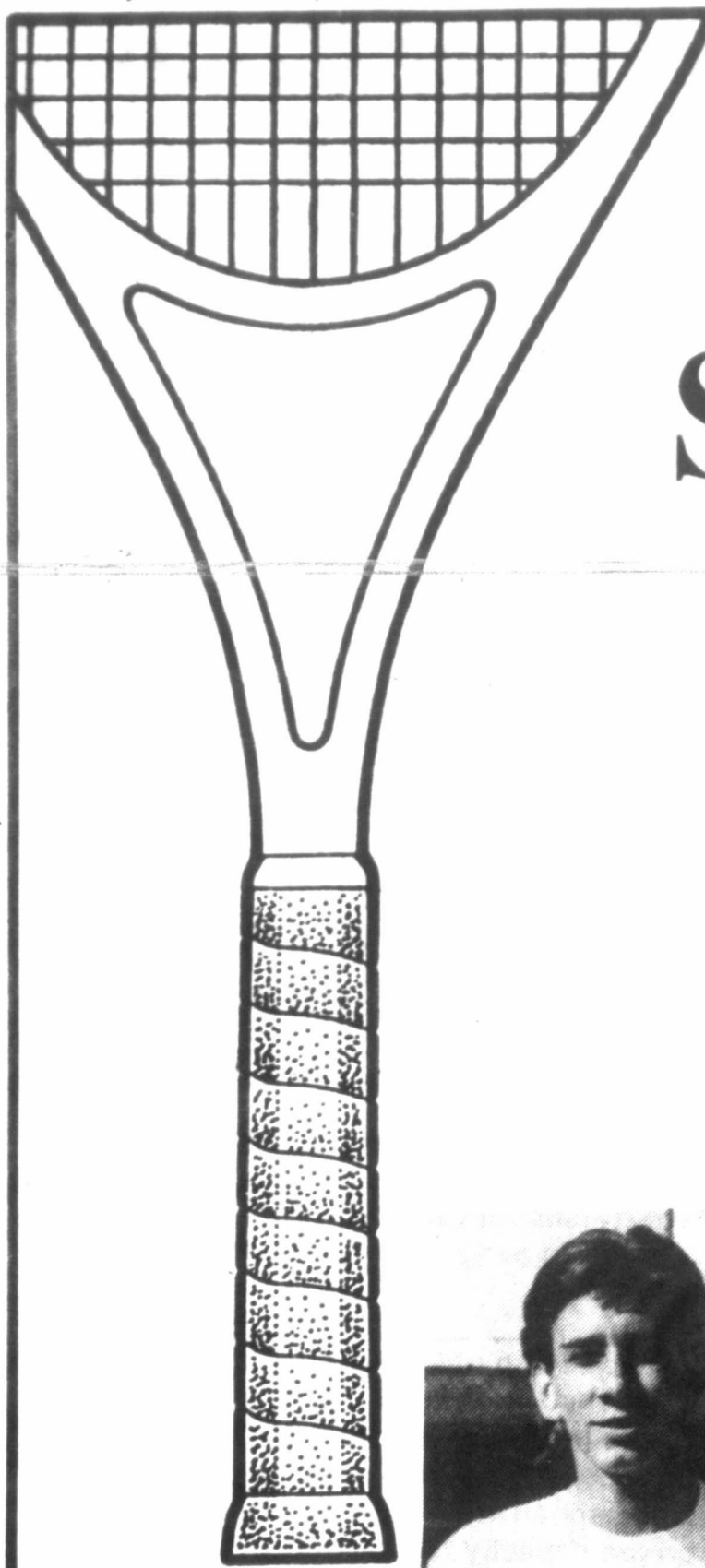
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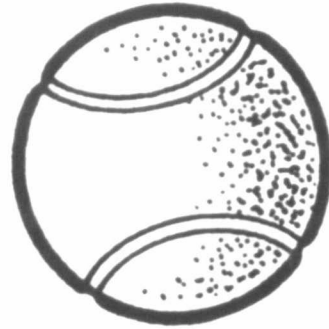
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