

Clements: no taxes

Calls for state agency mergers

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements, in his state of the state address to the Legislature, today called on lawmakers to help Texas continue its economic recovery and insisted that additional taxes would stall progress.

Clements, speaking to a joint House-Senate session, urged the mergers of numerous state agencies, including several in criminal justice and one which oversees financial institutions.

He called for a legislative review of the way Texas selects judges, reforms in the way Texans raise campaign funds, and backed the proposed mergers between the University of Texas and Texas A&M with South Texas institutions.

But the governor said the key to continuing successes of the past two years is to leave taxes alone.

"The bottom line is we do not need a tax increase. We must reach a consensus on the budget

that fits within our commitment to maintain our economic recovery. A tax increase will choke it off," Clements said.

"I oppose a tax increase and that includes extension of the temporary taxes (which expire April 30). The emphasis that our economic development will be placed in jeopardy by increasing any taxes."

Some lawmakers have insisted that an additional \$1 billion will be needed over the \$45 billion in state revenue projected for the 1990-91 budget period.

Clements indicated support for plan offered by Comptroller Bob Dullock that would give the Legislature that \$1 billion by shifting some state monies from various special funds into the all-purpose General Revenue Fund.

Clements, the only Republican governor this century, said 329,000 jobs have been created since he took office in 1987 and said continuing that growth is the top priority of his administration's last two years.

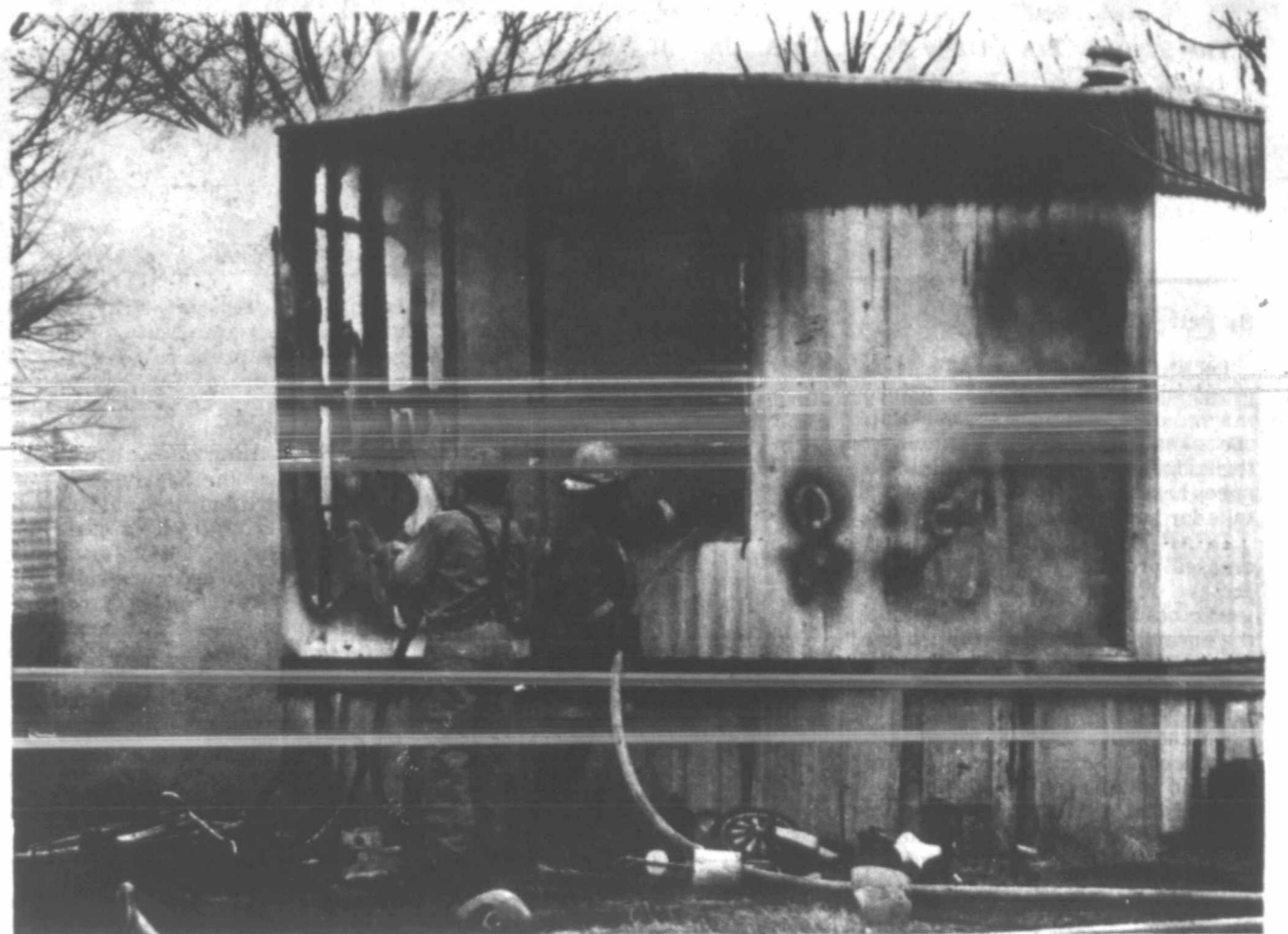
"At this time in our history, we have no higher purpose, no greater mission than to enhance and expand our economic development," he said.

"We must not settle for second best. We cannot be satisfied with what we have achieved. We must dedicate ourselves to building a state economy in which every Texan who wants a job has a job."

Clements said the state's economic progress is closely tied with Mexico, and he announced a meeting with Mexican President Carlos Salinas in Mexico City on Feb. 13.

Clements, who pushed two years ago for merger of the state's numerous economic development agencies into a single Department of Commerce, called for expanding such mergers this year.

He said the Texas Department of Corrections, which runs See CLEMENTS, page 9



FAST-MOVING — Firemen responded Tuesday to a 10:12 a.m. fire at this mobile home located at 2307 Ave. I. Elaine Johnson, who escaped from the

structure when the fire started, reported the emergency. Firemen say they consider the trailer a total loss. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Ask Us

'Hank' author to appear Wednesday



JOHN ERICKSON
...here tomorrow...

Snyder elementary youngsters will be treated to an appearance here Wednesday by John R. Erickson, author of the popular Hank the Cowdog series.

Two presentations by Erickson have been scheduled by the Council for Educational Excellence, the non-profit entity created as an academic booster club for the Snyder school system.

From 3 until 6 p.m. Wednesday, Erickson will also be at the Scurry County Library for an afternoon reception and book autographing session. The general public is invited to this gathering.

For elementary-age youngsters, Erickson will present music and stories during a morning and an afternoon appearance in Worsham Auditorium.

Elementary youth in grades K-3 will attend a 9:30 a.m. show and those in grades 4-6 will see Erickson at 1:30 p.m. Each performance is to last approximately one hour.

All elementary youth enrolled in Snyder public schools will be admitted free to the programs.

Approximately 100 tickets for each show were available to the general public priced at \$3 each.

Tuesday morning, a spokesman said from 60 to 70 per show remain and that tickets will be on sale at the door both at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Accompanying Erickson will be his guitarist, "Trev" Trevis.

A native of Hereford, Erickson started his own publishing company, Maverick Books, after 15 years of unsuccessfully trying to interest New York publishers in his work.

The enterprise has now produced 11 books in his Hank the Cowdog series. In addition, he has produced the Hank books on cassette tape, performing all the

voices himself and composing music for the stories.

In May of 1985, Hank the Cowdog made his debut on national television in a 30-minute animated cartoon program called "CBS Storybreak."

Erickson has written 23 books in all including the biography of cartoonist Ace Reid.

Maverick Books now ships books all over the United States. In April of 1988, Erickson contracted with Texas Monthly Press in Austin to publish his books.

Erickson graduated from the See AUTHOR, page 9

WTC spring term enrollment nears 1,200 student level

Enrollment for the spring term at Western Texas College easily surpassed the 1,100 figure and approached the 1,200 mark, college officials announced Tuesday.

The official count now stands at 1,192.

This is a higher figure than both the fall term just completed, when 1,026 signed up, or the enrollment for last spring, when WTC counted 1,117 students.

When compared to the 1988 fall term, approximately 200 additional part-time students—including 146 listed as "early admission" students—boosted the spring total.

Early admission students are those taking college credit hours while still enrolled in high school.

A grandfather clause in new Texas legislation will exempt all students who have taken a minimum of three college credit hours prior to the fall of 1989 from taking the newly mandated TASP test.

This test, an acronym for the Texas Academic Skills Program,

must be passed by Texas college students before they may enroll in more than 60 college-credit hours.

The first implementation of the TASP test will be March 4, 1989.

Western Texas College officials are expecting the new TASP requirements to be a boon to junior colleges as more students enroll for their first two years to gain "remediation" in such course work as math and English.

For the current spring semester at WTC, the student numbers break down into 538 full-time and 654 part-time.

Last fall, the full-time figure was 579 and the part-time, 448.

Regarding the total semester hours students are enrolled in, the spring term's final count is set at 10,606. This is also a higher figure than both last spring and the just completed fall term.

Last year at this time, semester hours totaled 9,852 and, this past fall, they totaled 10,168.

The number of students listed See COLLEGE, page 9



'HANK' ON HIS WAY — Christina Bullard and her brother Mark were showing "Hank the Cowdog" books and tapes in anticipation of author John Erickson's appearance at the Scurry County Library Wednesday from 3 until 6 p.m. Erickson's

appearance, sponsored by the Council for Educational Excellence, is in part to encourage reading among the youth of Scurry County. Children's librarian Gail Northcott is shown at left. (SDN Staff Photo)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some folks are like blisters—they don't show up until the work is done."

In the past, Texans have had to go to places like Ruidoso to bet on the ponies, but now there's supposed to be racing soon in the Lone Star State.

In Ruidoso, we've noticed that every other guy has a tip sheet or a theory on which horse will win and why. Except in rare instances, we've noticed that most guys end up buying hay for the horses.

We once knew a fellow who selected his winner on the basis of some obvious physical characteristics. If the horse raised his tail before the race, he would always put his \$2 bet on that nag.

But according to a veterinary surgeon in California, one has to be more scientific than that. He says that checking a race horse's voice box and width of its jaw can help predict the performance on the track.

The vet has been investigating a condition in which a defective nerve causes palsy of the

larynx that interferes with a pony's breathing. The degree of laryngeal palsy can be gauged merely by feeling a certain spot on the horse's throat.

Of the thoroughbreds checked, he says 95 percent have the palsy to some degree. The condition, however, has been absent in national winners.

He says tall horses with long, narrow throats are most likely to be affected. He has concluded that the wider a horse's jaw, the better its performance will be because a wide jaw facilitates breathing.

We've never seen that on a tip sheet, but it just goes to show that everything is becoming more complicated as we enter the end of this decade.

Some people's appearance will show how well they can compete.

Middle age can be an endurance race, especially when your wife tells you to pull in your stomach and you already have.

County agents plan cattle futures event

The county extension offices for Scurry and Borden Counties will help sponsor what is billed as an "in-depth" futures and options workshop in Gail Feb. 21-22.

The primary emphasis for the workshop will be livestock, according to Scurry County Agent Marvin Ensor.

The deadline to register for the workshop is Feb. 16.

Instructors at the workshop will use localized data to help participants work through several examples of pricing futures and options.

"Marketing decisions have always been important to profitability, but never more impor-

tant than today," Ensor noted.

"A producer may not be able to control price, but he can control how and when he prices.

"Market information and price prediction tools can provide assistance in the timing of pricing decisions and in marketing and production planning."

He noted also that farmers and ranchers should consider more time and financial investment toward obtaining and analyzing short-term and long-term market trends.

For more information, Ensor may be contacted at the local county extension office at 573-5423.

Q. — Is Wal-Mart management interviewing all applicants and what is the last date for hiring and the first day on the job?

A. — Wal-Mart officials have stressed that they will be taking employee applications year-round. Some Wal-Mart staffers have already been hired and others are expected to be employed.

In Brief

North trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — The trial of fired White House aide Oliver L. North opened today with efforts to select a jury that has not been exposed substantially to the massive publicity surrounding the Iran-Contra affair.

U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell issued a questionnaire to 54 prospective jurors asking them, "Have you read or seen or heard anything about this case before coming to this court?"

North, dressed in a dark suit, sat at the defense table as Gesell addressed the prospective jurors. Then they filed out of the courtroom to fill out the questionnaires.

North's trial on charges of lying to Congress, shredding evidence and conspiring to commit tax fraud "arises following a period of fairly intense publicity on television, newspapers, magazines" which will continue, Gesell told the jurors.

Uncertain fate

DENTON, Texas (AP) — Authorities say two toddlers whose mothers were believed to have been bludgeoned to death face an uncertain future because their fathers apparently don't want them.

Investigators are uncertain whether the young boy and girl witnessed the beating deaths of the two women, whose bodies were found Thursday two miles east of Decatur.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 68 degrees; low, 33 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 36 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, .76 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low in the lower 40s. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday, fair and windy. Very warm with a high in the lower 80s. West wind 15 to 25 mph and gusty. Lake wind advisories to be required.

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.



By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Our 5-year-old granddaughter has developed glaucoma and cataracts from the eye drops she takes for juvenile rheumatoid arthritis in her eyes. The arthritis in her knees has cleared up. How long will it take for her eyes to get better?

DEAR READER: Glaucoma is increased pressure on the fluid within the eye. It can be caused by certain medicines that, as a side effect, block the normal exit of fluid from the eye. When the medicines are discontinued, the flow returns and the pressure falls.

On the other hand, cataracts are permanent clouding of the eye's lens. They do not disappear with time.

Cortisone is commonly used to relieve symptoms of severe rheumatoid arthritis. Unfortunately, the inflammation of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis may affect vision by causing an eye irritation called iridocyclitis. In such cases, cortisone eye drops may help preserve sight. Some children develop glaucoma from the cortisone; others may get cataracts, a common complication of cortisone therapy. Your granddaughter appears to have suffered both complications of treatment. Although she should be exam-

ined and advised by an ophthalmologist, I suspect that her glaucoma will improve (now that she is off the eye drops) but her cataracts may remain. Whether the cataracts themselves will require treatment depends on their severity, location and tendency to progress.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My sister has had to have plantar warts removed time after time. Isn't there a permanent cure available?

DEAR READER: Plantar warts, so named because they grow on the plantar surface (sole) of the foot, are caused by a virus infection. Typically, plantar warts are deep in the skin. As each wart grows, it acts like a stone in the shoe; the skin of the foot builds up an area of callus around it. It's this nubbin of callus that often causes the pain of plantar warts.

Treatment consists of removing the callus (usually by sanding) to expose the wart, which can then be dabbed with medicine to shrink it. It can also be excised by surgery. However, plantar warts tend to grow back, so repeated therapy may be necessary.

I am not aware that a permanent cure is available, although some specialists have had success burning off warts with lasers.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 18 and have had headaches all the time since I was 15. My doctor said he found I had pseudotumor cerebri and that there is no cure. Is he right?

DEAR READER: Your doctor is correct.

Pseudotumor cerebri (benign intra-

cranial hypertension) is an unusual disorder of unknown cause marked by an increased pressure of the fluid bathing the brain. The condition is usually seen in obese middle-aged women and is associated with headache and swelling of the optic discs (the nerves at the back of the eyeballs). Some patients lose part of their vision but the ailment is otherwise harmless and will often disappear spontaneously, to reoccur in about 10 percent of cases. Treatment is directed toward relieving headache. For further information I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Headaches." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101. Be sure to mention the title.

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Couple convicted of injuring son

HOUSTON (AP) — A couple accused of locking their 9-year-old son in a bathroom for years faces up to life in prison after being convicted of injuring the boy.

Jurors deliberated about 2½ hours Monday before convicting Alexander Lizcano Jimenez, 38, and his wife, Charlotte Jimenez, 43, of injury to a child, a first degree felony.

The sentencing phase of the trial was scheduled to begin today, and the couple faces five to 99 years, or life, in prison. Prosecutors have said they will probably seek life sentences.

Defense attorney Randy Holzapple, who is representing the boy's father, said he was disappointed with the verdict.

During closing arguments Monday morning, Holzapple said the state has not proven that Jimenez intentionally abused or neglected his son, Vanny.



COMMERCIAL — Mark Stansell of Snyder, left, and Brad Robinson of Ira won the grand champion and reserve grand championship commercial steer project trophies for their work and record-keeping last weekend in the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. (SDN Staff Photo)

DA reverses opinion, won't oppose new trial for man

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County District Attorney John Vance has told a state appeals court that Randall Dale Adams deserves a new trial on a charge accusing him of murder in the 1976 slaying of a Dallas police officer.

In a dramatic reversal Monday, Vance said he agrees that Adams did not receive a fair trial. But Vance said he still believes Adams is guilty of killing officer Robert Wood.

The prosecutor said perjured testimony may have caused the jury to unjustly convict Adams and sentence him to death.

The death sentence has since been commuted to life, and Adams has spent the last 12 years in prison, maintaining his innocence the whole time.

Adams, 40, was convicted in the slaying of Wood, who was shot to death Nov. 28, 1976 during a routine traffic stop.

Since that time, another man who testified against Adams has confessed that he was the gunman, and evidence has surfaced that at least four other key witnesses at his trial lied.

The case got national attention last fall when a documentary movie, *The Thin Blue Line*, examined Adams' probable innocence.

Lawyers for Adams have sought for the past six months to win a new trial, but Vance has said there was no doubt in his mind that Adams was guilty.

In a legal brief filed Monday with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Vance's office said it "has no objection to ... the finding that (Adams) is entitled to a new trial."

District Court Judge Larry Baraka has recommended that Adams be given a new trial.

After hearing three days of testimony last November, Baraka concluded that Adams

was probably innocent, that key witnesses had committed perjury and that former Assistant District Attorney Doug Mulder, who prosecuted Adams, suppressed crucial evidence that might have cleared him.

Vance told the Dallas Times Herald that he has not read the brief his office filed, he had instructed assistant prosecutors to send it to the appeals court if they felt the evidence supported Adams' claims.

"I told them to do whatever was right on the thing. If that's the way it was, that's the way it was," Vance said. "(They) agreed with Judge Baraka that there had been perjured testimony during that trial and agreed that it might very well warrant a new trial."

Vance said that if Adams is granted a new trial, he will attempt to charge Adams again with the killing.

Attorneys who have observed the case say, however, that a new trial would be difficult because the key witnesses against Adams have been discredited.

Defense lawyer Randy Schaffer praised the action by Vance's office.

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COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FOURTH CALENDAR QUARTER, OCTOBER 1, 1988 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1988. TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, BE IT KNOWN THAT:

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, did duly convene in Quarterly Session at its meeting place in the Courthouse in the City of Snyder at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Monday, January 30, 1989, and, the entire membership of said Court, viz., Bobby Goodwin, County Judge, presiding, and Duaine Davis, Tommy Pate, C.D. Gray, Jr. & Ted Billingsley, Commissioners for Precincts, 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively, being present, the matter of the comparison and examination of the Quarterly Report of BILLY W. THOMPSON, Treasurer for Scurry County, for the period October 1, 1988, through December 31, 1988, came to the attention of said Court and the said Court com-

pared and examined the same and inspected and counted all the actual cash, certificates of time and demand deposits, and other assets in the hands of the Treasurer belonging to the County at and as the time of such report: NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court finds that the Treasurer at and as of the time of his said report did not have actually in his hands any money or other assets of Scurry County but the same were all on deposit in the West Texas State Bank of Snyder, Texas, the official County depository, except the following, viz., \$121,000.00 authorized negotiable securities of political subdivision; and that from the commencement of business at 8:00 o'clock A.M. on October 1, 1988, until close of business on December 31, 1988 the beginning and ending balances for each fund of the Treasurer of Scurry County, Texas, for such quarterly period are fully and accurately reflected by the following tabulation attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference, and made a part hereof for all purposes;

	CASH BALANCE & CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS DATE 9-30-88	RECEIPTS	TRANSFERS IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS OUT	CASH BALANCE & CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS DATE: 12-31-88
GENERAL:						
Departmental	\$	\$	\$	\$ 581,790.34	\$	\$
Jury				4,104.96		
Permanent Improvement				-		
Airport				17,607.02		
Health Unit				18,003.74		
Park				66,342.82		
Library				33,499.25		
Coliseum				46,976.97		
TOTAL: GENERAL	\$ 1,435,869.35	\$ 1,470,798.62	\$ 10,695.28	\$ 768,325.10	\$ 7,244.05	\$ 2,141,794.10
ADULT PROBATION	30,159.89	30,583.85	3.12	34,257.02	352.62	26,137.22
ROAD & BRIDGE	421,363.45	370,787.71	-	281,919.61	4,754.90	505,476.65
SCURRY COUNTY MEDICAL PLAN	80,758.95	3,771.63	14,153.22	24,707.50	144.21	16,857.87
C.J.C., LEEA, CVCA	16,968.83	24,588.43	-	24,555.18	-	33,840.65
HOSPITAL OPERATING	14,581.68	1,294,387.65	120,000.00	1,269,617.78	-	159,351.55
HOSPITAL DEPRECIATION	824,367.85	17,203.17	-	12,177.95	-	829,393.07
HSGP - BOND F & S						
HEMELIGH WATER WORKS	18,427.06	7,186.65	-	4,440.29	135.30	21,038.12
PERMANENT SCHOOL	-	-	-	-	-	-
AVAILABLE SCHOOL	-	41.25	-	-	-	41.25
REVENUE SHARING	112,058.96	62,883.24	-	108,764.67	-	66,177.53
CO. BOARD OF DEV.	11,730.42	33,490.71	-	10,871.93	-	34,349.15
COGDELL CLINIC	43,248.25	20,976.16	-	19,291.65	-	44,952.76
JUVENILE PROBATION	5,032.84	8,987.46	-	3,818.81	-	8,076.33
COGDELL MONEY MKT.	127,739.00	33,067.24	-	-	120,000.00	70,806.84
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:	\$ 3,172,327.13	\$ 3,378,753.77	\$ 144,851.62	\$ 2,602,747.54	\$ 138,891.89	\$ 3,954,293.09
PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND SECURITIES	\$ 121,000.00					\$ 121,000.00
AIRPORT REVENUE 4th Qtr.	\$ 8,737.14					
Interest earned on Investments for 4th Qtr.	\$ 70,662.62					
Interest earned on Super NOW Accounts for 4th Qtr.	\$ 28,236.66					

Signed: *Billy W. Thompson*
Billy W. Thompson, County Treasurer

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we, the aforesaid and undersigned County Treasurer, County Judge, and each Commissioner, swear that the above and foregoing averments are complete and correct and that the requirements of Article 1636, Vernon's Annotated Civil

Statutes of Texas 1925, as amended, have been in all things duly complied with by the County Judge and each Commissioner aforementioned in the Quarterly Session of said Court of January 30, 1989; WHEREOF WITNESSETH OUR HANDS on the first above date.

- (s) Billy W. Thompson
County Treasurer
- (s) Duaine Davis
Commissioner for Precinct No. 1
- (s) C.D. Gray, Jr.
Commissioner for Precinct No. 3

- (s) Bobby Goodwin
County Judge
- (s) Tommy Pate
Commissioner for Precinct No. 2
- (s) Ted Billingsley
Commissioner for Precinct No. 4

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to by the said Billy W. Thompson, Bobby Goodwin, Duaine Davis, C.D. Gray, Jr., and Ted Billingsley before me, the undersigned, a Notary

Public in and for Scurry County, Texas: WHEREOF WITNESSETH on January 30, 1989, my hand and official seal.

ATTEST:
(s) Frances Billingsley
County Clerk of Scurry County, Texas
(Seal)

(s) Billie Ruth Stone
Notary Public in and for Scurry County, Texas
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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
 TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th St.; for more information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.
 Scurry County Genealogical Society; Chamber of Commerce Building; 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in genealogical research is welcome to attend.
 Scurry Lodge 705; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
 New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
 Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Christian Women's Club prayer coffee; home of Mary Jacobi; 573-6262; 10 a.m.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Iota Psi Sorority; home of Betty House; 7 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-0414.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.
 Knapp Extension Homemakers Club; 1:30 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.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Weight Watchers of West Texas; basement of First Presbyterian Church; 6 p.m. New members welcome and should register at 5:30 p.m.
 Boy Scout Roundtable; Boys' Club; 7 p.m.
 Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; West Fire Station; 7 p.m.
 Alateen; for the children of alcoholics; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

FRIDAY

Story Time for Preschoolers; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
 Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Snyder Country Club.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Cornelius Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
 New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

SATURDAY

Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.
 Diamond Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870.
 Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.
 Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge Club; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Bridge James Jacoby

NORTH 1-31-89			
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Pass	4 ♦	Pass	5 NT
Pass	7 ♦	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♦ J			

trump might be the safest game contract. But North rightly decided that such good support (K-Q-8) for the equivalent of a strong two-bid in a suit should not be suppressed. When North then raised to four clubs, South relied on a bidding gimmick that has become standard — the grand slam force.
 When a suit has been supported by partner, a sudden jump to five no-trump is the grand slam force. This bid asks partner to bid a grand slam in the agreed-upon suit if he has two of the top three honors. So, with some reluctance, North followed instructions and bid the grand slam.
 Declarer took the correct play. He won the opening lead and played the K-Q of clubs. Then, leaving East with one remaining trump, he played out the A-K-Q of spades. Since East held the long spades as well as the last outstanding trump, declarer was able to ruff the three of spades in dummy for 13 tricks. This was certainly the winning play, but in practice, had declarer simply run off six quick club tricks, it might have been difficult for East to hold on to all of his spades.

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FOUNDER'S DAY — Members of Musical Coterie met Jan. 12 at Martha Ann Woman's Club for Founder's Day. Pictured from left are Emily Hataway, Betty Thompson, Beverly Robertson, Virginia Clark, Carolyn Hamby, Sedahlia Malone,

Ophelia Blackard, Thaba McMillan, Flora Gladson, Jeanelle Hammack, Dorothy Kayser, and Monette O'Day, standing. Not pictured is Lynn Bethel. (Photo by Bethel Studio of Music)

Musical Coterie honors founders

Musical Coterie celebrated Founder's Day Jan. 12 at Martha Ann Woman's Club with Emily Hataway, president, presiding.
 Monette O'Day gave a brief history of the National Federation of Music Clubs followed by a special presentation of the history of music in Scurry County by Flora Gladson.
 Hataway led members in a sing-a-long of Irving Berlin numbers accompanied by Lynn Bethel.
 The Feb. 2 meeting will feature a "Parade of American Music" at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Guests are invited to attend the program.
 Hostesses for the meeting were Jeanelle Hammack and Dorothy Kayser. Members were dismissed with the song, "Bless Us, O God."



FAR EAST FEATURED — Amitie Study Club met Jan. 10 in the home of Max and Anne von Roeder (left) to see a slide presentation of their 1987 trip to Taipei, Taiwan. Their 16-day trip to the Lions Club International Convention included Singapore, Hong Kong, and Bangkok. Also pictured are Lisa Williams, program chairman and daughter of the von Roeders, and Lavada Cates, president of the club. The February meeting will feature Betty League demonstrating fabric painting. Williams and Julie Johnson will hostess the event. (Club Photo)

Nutrition, health is Beta Sigma Phi topic

Sorority members met Jan. 17 at the Snyder Country Club with Anne Foster giving the feature, "Nutrition for the Prime of Your Life."
 She stated that good health can be defined as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, not just the absence of disease.
 Foster stressed the nutritional requirements for women and included a discussion of prevention in osteoporosis and cancer.
 Members played "Wheel of Nutrition," a take off from "Wheel of Fortune." Foster was "Pat Swayback" and Lisa Rollins assisted as "Vanna Vampire." Foster passed out Snack Sacks and nutrition booklets following her program.
 Dena Ellis, president, presided at the business session. Jacalyn Lowrance read the roll call and minutes. Carolyn House read correspondence and Vicky Bell gave the treasurer's report.
 Lowrance, ways and means chairman, discussed plans for the Feb. 11 Valentine's Dance to be held at Snyder Country Club. Tickets are \$15 per couple and may be purchased from any sorority member or by calling Lowrance at 573-0633 after 5 p.m.
 Lowrance also announced plans for a cooking school to be held March 11.
 Mona Bryan reported on activities of the service committee. House read from the sorority book and stated that hostesses for the next meeting will be Lisa Rollins and Sue Sewell. Carolyn Limmer will present the program.

People breaking into prison

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The old Ohio Penitentiary, an evil place in prison annals of the world for 150 years, apparently is becoming a haven for the homeless and a target for juvenile vandalism since it closed several years ago.
 Intruders leave signs of their presence inside the 22 acres of prime real estate surrounded by crumbling stone walls. Some may have been homeless people seeking shelter, or children seeking excitement.
 Though they've left evidence of their presence, no intruders have been caught inside the walls that once housed such convicts as Confederate rebel John H. Morgan, and William Sidney Porter, better known as story writer O'Henry.
 State officials try to prevent unauthorized entry to the prison, and a security team checks the buildings and grounds several times a week.
 An empty champagne bottle lies in the courtyard. A rusting beer can rests in a holy water font in the prison chapel. A blackboard in one building has a Nov. 17, 1988, date written on it. An empty fruit juice can, not yet rusted, protrudes from weeds.
 Many windows are broken in the prison, and a cold wind blows rain and snow into buildings, contributing to decay. Peeling paint hangs from ceilings and trash is piled in spots.
 Mostly the enclosure is left to pigeons that nest on pipes and conduits on ceilings of the cell blocks and litter the floors with droppings.



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Tigers host Big Spring

They'll need some outside help to get to the playoffs, but for tonight, Coach Larry Scott's Tigers will concentrate only on beating Big Spring.

The Tigers entertain the league-leading Steers at 7:30 p.m. in Scurry County Coliseum. Meanwhile, Snyder's girls will play in Big Spring, also at 7:30 p.m. Both games will be preceded by junior varsity contests at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students, both here and in Big Spring.

Big Spring's boys lead the District 4-4A standings with an 8-0 mark. Fifth-ranked Andrews follows with a 7-1 record and Snyder is third at 5-3. Handing the Steers a loss tonight is a must for the Tigers, who hope to qualify for post-season play. A Snyder victory though would still leave the Tigers two games behind the leaders with only five games to play on the schedule. * Outside help isn't a factor

tonight, however. The Tigers go head-to-head with the Steers, a team which beat them 76-68 Jan. 3 in Big Spring. 3.

Big Spring is 15-10 for the season while Snyder brings a 12-9 record into the game.

Snyder's Lady Tigers face the unenviable task of going up against the eighth-ranked Lady Steers in Big Spring. The Tigers are 9-13 overall and 3-7 in district competition.

Big Spring's girls are 21-3 for the season and 9-1 in the 4-4A.

In other girl's action, seventh-ranked Sweetwater (21-4, 10-0) hosts the Maidens of Lake View (7-13, 5-5) while Pecos (14-7, 6-4) welcomes Monahans (1-17, 0-10) and Fort Stockton (6-17, 2-8) travels to (Andrews (10-13, 5-5).

In other boy's 4-4A games tonight, Andrews (22-3, 7-1) visits Fort Stockton (5-14, 0-8), Lake View (12-13, 3-5) entertains Sweetwater (8-15, 3-5) and Pecos (12-8, 4-4) is at (Monahans (6-17, 2-6).

Top back commits to Baylor University

CUERO, Texas (AP) - Robert Strait, touted as Texas' top high school running back and the No. 3 rusher in national schoolboy history, said he was leaning toward playing outside the probation-plagued Southwest Conference until he saw a videotape prepared by league coaches.

Strait announced Monday that he will attend Baylor University.

He also had considered Southern California, Miami, Houston, Texas Tech and Texas. He said Oklahoma University was a frontrunner before the Sooners were hit by NCAA probation.

Oral commitments are non-binding. The national letter of intent signing period begins Feb. 8.

Strait said he was influenced by a videotape, "Stay and Play," that Southwest Conference coaches put together as a cooperative venture, urging the state's top high school states to stay in Texas.

Aguirre named in trade talks

DALLAS (AP) - The Dallas Mavericks and Detroit Pistons have been discussing several trade possibilities, including one that would send Mark Aguirre to Detroit in exchange for Adrian Dantley, the Dallas Morning News reported today.

Quoting sources familiar with the trade talks, the newspaper said the Mavericks rejected a deal that would have sent Aguirre and Sam Perkins to the Pistons for Dantley and John Salley, who has been starting because of an injury suffered by Rick Mahorn.

Detroit, the sources told the newspaper, rejected a deal that would have sent Aguirre and backup center-forward Bill Wennington to the Pistons for Dantley and Salley.

A straight Aguirre-Dantley trade could still be completed before the NBA trade deadline Feb. 23, the source said.

"When it first began, I really wanted to go out of state," Strait said. "After I took the visits and saw the film on why athletes should stay in Texas ... I thought, 'Why go out of state and help California beat Texas?' I'm from Texas."

NBA glance

Monday's Games
Golden State 105, Miami 98
Phoenix 126, Denver 100
Atlanta 130, L.A. Clippers 101
Portland 130, Charlotte 118



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'Horns preseason baseball favorite

DALLAS (AP) - A panel of media who cover Southwest Conference baseball agreed unanimously on Texas as the favorite to win the league championship in 1989.

Texas has won or shared 62 SWC titles in 74 years the championship was up for grabs.

The baseball season begins Friday with Baylor hosting Hardin-Simmons University.

On a scale of 8 points for first, 7 for second, etc., Texas received 72 points from the nine-member panel. Texas A&M finished second in the poll with 60 points, followed by Arkansas with 57 points.

From there, the race for the anticipated fourth position in the SWC post-season tournament gets extremely close. Houston, an NCAA region runner-up to Texas at Austin in 1987, got the nod for fourth place with 35 points.

Texas Tech, with a bevy of power hitters returning, was chosen to finish fifth with 32 points, while Baylor edged TCU

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NOWHERE TO GO - Clarendon's Tim Prewitt is pressured by David Smith and Keith Hawkins during Monday's WJCAC basketball game at Scurry County Coliseum. Western Texas College swept the doubleheader. It's Lady Dusters won 68-43 and its Westerners won 96-86. (SDN Staff Photo)

Break victory dry spell, 96-86...

Westerners beat Clarendon

Western Texas College broke its five-game conference losing string here Monday night, taking advantage of a second-half spurt to beat Clarendon's Bulldogs, 96-86.

"It's great," said Coach Tony Mauldin of the victory. "Losing is a habit just like winning is. We've been telling the kids to get the negative thoughts out of their heads, to think like winners."

Monday's game was hotly contested. Western led by a handful of points for most of the first half but the score at intermission was 40-40. Clarendon led only once in the second half, when Laparka Langston gave them a 42-40 edge. Vladimir McCrary answered with a 3-pointer for Western, and Clarendon never led again.

The 'Dogs kept close until midway through the half, when foul trouble and a tough WTC press began to wear them down. The Westerners led only 64-63 with about 10 minutes to play but went on a 12-2 tear to lead by 11 with 7:37 left. The rally was led by McCrary, who scored 19 of his 22 points in the second half. Bobby Spear got it started and Keith Hawkins finished it. In between, Jerry Joyce got four points, including one after a technical was charged to Clarendon's Langston.

After a Tim Prewitt field goal

for Clarendon, Western blew in front 80-67 on back-to-back goals by McCrary.

Clarendon was able to pull within nine points, but never closer.

McCrary, a 6-7 freshman who also handed out 10 assists, believes the win is the start of a strong finish this season for the Westerners.

"It was a very big win. Maybe we've started too late (to challenge for a regional tournament berth) but we're going to keep on coming now, I think,"

said the San Antonio native. "We're just going to take them one game at a time."

Spear led all scorers with 29 points, including 11 from the free throw line. Joyce scored 17 while Hawkins and David Smith tallied nine each and Bernard Williams added 8.

For Clarendon, 10-12 overall and 3-7 in the WJCAC, Langston scored 19, Russ Withers 17, Prewitt and Peter Sam 13 each and Cleveland Phelps 12.

Western, 11-13 for the season and 2-8 in conference play, will stay home Thursday to host

Frank Phillips. Tipoff is set for 8 p.m. in the coliseum.

Western Texas 96, Clarendon 86
CLARENDON (86)- Peter Sam 5 0-0 13; Rodney Phelps 3 1-2 7; Tim Prewitt 6 0-0 13; Danny Lazos 1 0-1 3; Jerome White 0 0-1 0; Cleveland Phelps 6 0-0 12; Elgin Leslie 1 0-0 2; Russ Withers 6 5-6 17; Laparka Langston 8 3-4 19; TOTALS 36 9-14 86.

WESTERN TEXAS (96)- Keith Hawkins 4 1-2 9; Chawn Cummings 0 0-0 0; Cedric Mason 1 0-0 2; Bernard Williams 2 3-3 8; Bobby Spear 9 11-15 25; Vladimir McCrary 8 3-3 22; Jerry Joyce 7 3-4 17; David Smith 4 0-3 9; TOTALS 35 21-30 96.

Halftime: Clarendon 40, Western 40; 3-Point Goals: Clarendon 5 (Sam 3, Prewitt, Lazos), Western 5 (Williams, McCrary 3, Smith); Fouls: Clarendon 26, Western 19; Fouled Out: Sam, Leslie; Records: Clarendon 10-12, 3-7; Western 11-13, 2-8.

Dusters run over Bulldogs; entertain FPC on Thursday

The outcome of Monday night's game between the Lady Dusters and Clarendon was predictable. Western Texas went into the game leading the conference. Clarendon was dead last. Forty minutes later, nothing had changed.

"They aren't going to be like that anymore," said Coach Kelly Chadwick, whose Dusters throttled the Lady Bulldogs 68-43 for their sixth conference victory in

seven tries. "It gets a lot tougher real quick."

Chadwick wanted fans who yawned through Monday's game to know that more exciting games are ahead. In fact, the Dusters now face the conference's elite, all in a row, beginning with Frank Phillips, a team that was ranked as high as 16th in the nation earlier in the year. Odessa, South Plains and the nation's current 16th-ranked team, New Mexico Junior College, all follow.

Here Monday, Western ran up a 31-15 lead by intermission. The Dusters were quicker, faster, taller and stronger, and their biggest opponent was their own intensity level.

"I got on to the girls after the game for the way they played, but you know it's hard to play well when the other team is 0-7 (in conference play)," said Coach Chadwick. "When you play a ragged team you get to playing ragged, too. It's tough on me especially, because I'm a perfectionist. I don't want our girls to play like that."

Chadwick emptied the bench early and eight of the nine girls put points on the board, led by Nickey Allen's 16.

"The good thing about this game is we got to play everybody and play them a lot," noted the coach. "We've got some people who are good shooters but aren't shooting the ball well and they need more playing time and more confidence."

Julie Roewe scored 11 points while Valery Jackson and Tami Wilson notched 10 each for the Dusters, now 19-6 for the season.

Western Texas 68, Clarendon 43
CLARENDON (43)- Filisha Lilly 0 0-1 0; Stacy McCord 6 0-0 13; Jamie Caldwell 7 3-4 18; Michelle Maes 1 2-3 4; Janice Strickland 0 0-0 0; Wendy Edwards 1 6-8 8; TOTALS (43)- Stacy Smith 2 0-0 4; Valery Jackson 4 1-3 10; Julie Roewe 5 1-1 11; Bobbie Brown 3 0-0 6; Tabitha Walton 1 0-2 2; Jackie Harris 0 0-0 0; Nickey Allen 6 4-5 16; Elayne Maddox 2 5-6 9; Tami Wilson 3 0-0 10; TOTALS 28 11-17 68.

Halftime: Western 31, Clarendon 15; 3-Point Goals: Clarendon 2 (McCord, Caldwell), Western 1 (Jackson); Fouls: Clarendon 16, Western 15; Fouled Out: Maes; Records: Clarendon 4-16, 0-6; Western 19-6, 6-1.

WJCAC men		
Team	Conf.	Season
Odessa	8 0	23 0
South Plains	9 1	23 2
Midland	6 3	15 7
Howard	6 3	14 9
Frank Phillips	2 4	11 9
New Mexico JC	2 6	10 13
Clarendon	3 7	10 12
Western Texas	2 6	11 13
New Mexico Military	1 7	6 16

4-4A boys basketball		
Team	Dist.	Season
Big Spring	8 0	15 10
Andrews	7 1	22 3
Snyder	5 3	12 9
Pecos	4 4	12 8
Lake View	3 5	12 13
Sweetwater	3 5	9 15
Monahans	2 6	6 17
Fort Stockton	0 8	5 14

Monday's Games: Western Texas 96, Clarendon 86; South Plains 97, New Mexico Military 73; Midland 102, Howard 93.
Tuesday's Game: New Mexico JC at Frank Phillips.
Thursday's Games: Frank Phillips at Western Texas, Midland at South Plains, Odessa at Howard, Clarendon at New Mexico Military.

Friday's Games: Snyder 58, Pecos 47; Andrews 81, Sweetwater 65; Big Spring 87, Fort Stockton 44; Lake View 73, Monahans 68.
Tuesday's Games: Big Spring at Snyder, Sweetwater at Lake View, Pecos at Monahans, Andrews at Fort Stockton.

WJCAC women		
Team	Conf.	Season
Western Texas	6 1	19 6
South Plains	5 2	15 6
New Mexico JC	5 2	21 4
Odessa	4 2	15 7
Frank Phillips	1 3	16 4
Howard	1 4	11 12
Clarendon	0 3	4 16

4-4A girls basketball		
Team	Dist.	Season
Sweetwater	10 0	21 4
Big Spring	9 1	21 3
Pecos	6 4	14 7
Andrews	5 5	10 13
Lake View	5 5	7 13
Snyder	3 7	9 13
Fort Stockton	2 8	6 17
Monahans	0 10	1 17

Monday's Games: Western Texas 68, Clarendon 43.
Tuesday's Game: New Mexico JC at Frank Phillips, South Plains at Mesa, Arizona (non-conference).
Thursday's Games: Frank Phillips at Western Texas, Odessa at Howard.

Friday's Games: Pecos 60, Snyder 39; Sweetwater 66, Andrews 55; Lake View 62, Monahans 32; Big Spring def. Fort Stockton, nsa.
Tuesday's Games: Snyder at Big Spring, Fort Stockton at Andrews, Monahans at Pecos, Lake View at Sweetwater.

25-A boys basketball		
Team	Dist.	Season
Roby	3 0	19 3
Rotan	2 1	10 7
Ira	1 2	16 5
Hermleigh	0 3	5 17

25-A girls basketball		
Team	Dist.	Season
Roby	3 0	13 9
Rotan	2 1	12 7
Ira	1 2	1 18
Hermleigh	0 3	9 13

Friday's Games: Ira 71, Hermleigh 45; Roby 96, Rotan 69.
Tuesday's Games: Ira at Roby, Rotan at Hermleigh.

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Former lawyer is found guilty of manslaughter

NEW YORK (AP) — Joel Steinberg was convicted of manslaughter but not murder in his adoptive daughter's death after jurors rejected testimony by his battered five-in company that he beat the girl and left her comatose on their bathroom floor.

Eight days of heated deliberations ended Monday when the jury reached the compromise verdict in the case that refocused national attention on domestic violence.

By acquitting Steinberg of second-degree murder, the jurors decided that the disbarred lawyer had not shown "depraved indifference to human life" when he struck his illegally adopted 6-year-old daughter, Lisa, in a rage in November 1987.

"It's a sad day for the kids who are being abused in this country," said Dr. Vincent Fontana, chairman of the Mayor's Task Force on Child Abuse, who believed Steinberg was guilty of murder.

"The child protective system failed (Lisa), the school system failed her, and now the judicial system has failed her."

District Attorney Robert Morgenthau promised to seek the maximum 8 1/3-to-25-year prison sentence for the first-degree manslaughter conviction, which required the jury to find that Steinberg intended to cause Lisa serious harm. Steinberg, 47, faces sentencing March 8.

"Steinberg has shown himself to fully deserve that sentence," Morgenthau said, adding: The case "highlighted the dreadful problems that beset our city — child abuse, drug abuse and family violence. All of us have a responsibility to work to ensure that similar tragedies do not reoccur."

Steinberg was stoic as the verdict was announced, ending a three-month trial in a case that spun a web of drugs and domestic violence from behind the facade of a quiet Greenwich Village building.

"He did not say anything," said Steinberg's attorney, Ira London. "He did not do anything."

"We do not consider this (verdict) a win for Joel or a triumph

for Joel," said London. Michaels Launders, Lisa's 27-year-old biological mother, fled the courtroom in tears and would speak to reporters after the verdict.

Just before the announcement, she said, "The only verdict that would be justice for Lisa is murder."

She had been sitting next to Gracann Smigiel, the grandmother of a then-16-month-old boy who was found in Steinberg's apartment, tethered to a crib and drinking spoiled milk, when police and paramedics removed Lisa's comatose body on the morning of Nov. 2, 1987.

Steinberg and his former companion, Hedda Nussbaum, were charged with Lisa's death but Ms. Nussbaum testified under immunity as the star prosecution witness.

Publicity about the case reached a peak during Ms. Nussbaum's emotionally wrenching testimony in December, when local television stations gave gavel-to-gavel coverage and Cable News Network broadcast extensive chunks of her testimony nationwide.

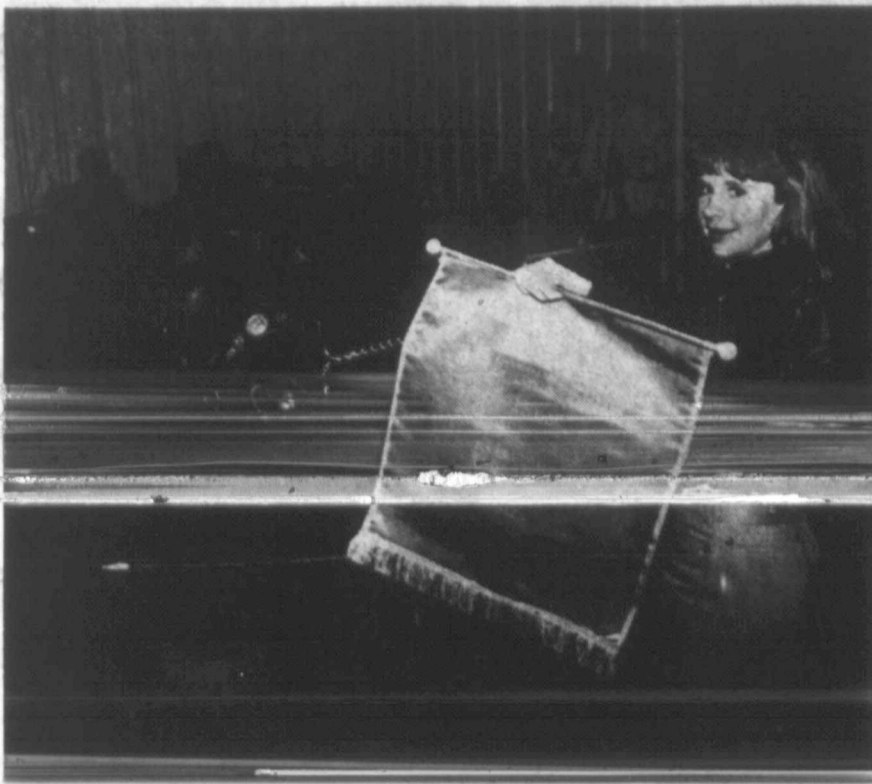
During seven days of testimony, she said she was so dominated by Steinberg that she was unable to defend herself from virtually systematic beatings, or to protect Lisa.

She said that Steinberg told her in bed on the night of Nov. 1, 1987, after they had free-based cocaine and while Lisa lay comatose on their bathroom floor, that he had "knocked Lisa down and she didn't want to get up."

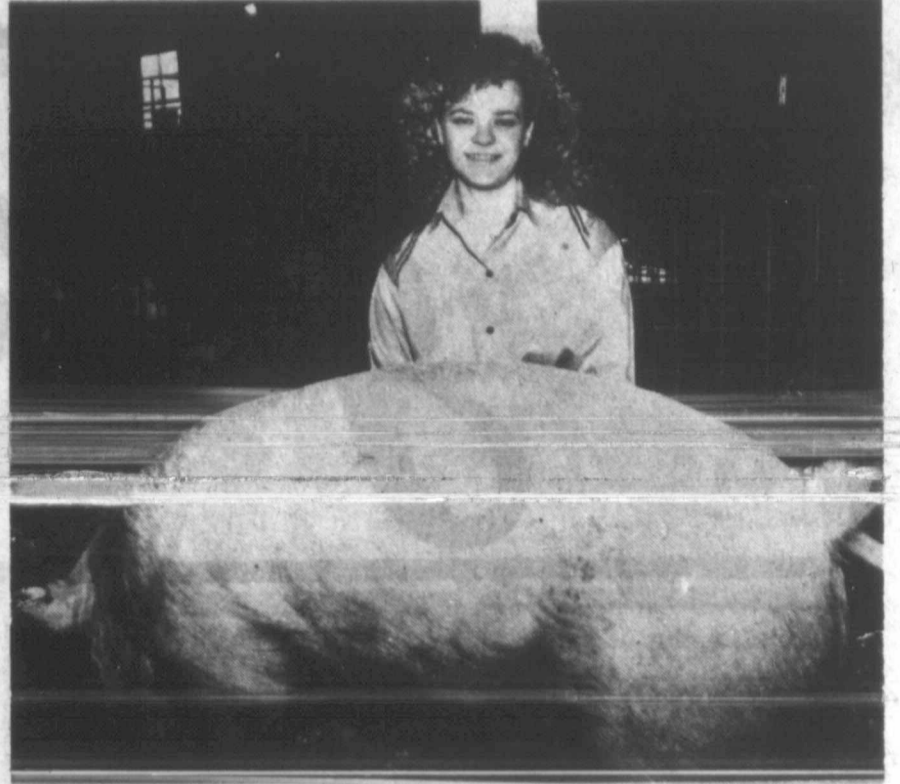
She said she was unable to bring herself to summon help promptly. The girl lay there nearly 12 hours before Ms. Nussbaum called an ambulance; she died of brain damage in a hospital three days later.

Juror Helena Barthell said the panel "virtually ignored" the testimony, which was sharply challenged by defense lawyers who stressed Ms. Nussbaum's responsibility in Lisa's death.

She also said the manslaughter charge was a compromise, with some jurors arguing for the murder charge and some leaning toward lesser charges.



BORDEN GRAND CHAMP — The grand champion steer at the Borden County Junior Livestock Show was shown by Shayne Hess, pictured here in the show ring last Saturday afternoon during the annual premium sale. (SDN Staff Photo)



GRAND BARROW — In the barrow competition at the Borden County Junior Livestock Show in Gail, this entry from Kandy Belew was deemed the grand champion. Her efforts were rewarded Saturday at the show's annual premium sale. (SDN Staff Photo)



RESERVE STEER — Amanda Anderson is shown last Saturday following the "premium" sale of her reserve champion steer. The animal was named a winner at the Borden County Junior Livestock Show held in Gail. (SDN Staff Photo)



RESERVE BARROW — This Hampshire shown by Grant Key won reserve champion honors last week during the barrow show for the Borden County Junior Livestock Show. He is shown following the premium sale Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

New bills would strengthen laws

AUSTIN (AP) — Drivers would be ticketed for open containers of alcohol — even in their passengers' hands — under bills sponsored by state lawmakers and supported by law officers and Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The new bills, sponsored by Rep. Bill Blackwood, R-Mesquite, and Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, would strengthen 1987 laws against open alcohol containers, which

required law officers to see a driver drinking before issuing a citation.

Under the proposed bills, drivers and passengers in mobile homes and limousines and clergy carrying alcohol for religious ceremonies would be exempted.

The legislation would make it a misdemeanor for the driver or any passenger to have an open alcoholic beverage, including an unmarked or disguised one, inside the passenger compartment of a vehicle.



RESERVE LAMB — Reserve champion honors in the lamb competition were awarded to this animal shown by Deann Parks last week. The premium sale for the Borden County Junior Livestock Show was Saturday afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo)



GRAND LAMB — The Number 1 lamb at the Borden County Junior Livestock Show last week was shown by Kurt Hess. He displays the grand champion animal following the show's premium sale. (SDN Staff Photo)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres (Formation), Annie Martin Lease, Well Numbers 5, 6, 12, 13, 16, 20, 22, Annie Martin "C" Lease well numbers 7, 8, 9, and 11. The proposed injection wells are located 5 miles northeast from Fluvanna. These wells are in the Corazon Field, in Scurry County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2249' to 2600' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/445-1373).

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Subcommittee: prison construction waste unless system changed

AUSTIN (AP) — The state shouldn't construct more prison facilities until the criminal justice system is reformed, a House subcommittee on corrections has recommended.

"We conclude that unless a comprehensive Texas criminal justice system management plan is written and implemented immediately, the addition of even one prison bed is a waste of our taxpayers' money," said the report presented Monday to the House Appropriations Committee by Rep. Ric Williamson, D-Weatherford.

The subcommittee, headed by Williamson, said Gov. Bill Clements "should declare the entire criminal justice system to be in a state of emergency disaster."

Clements "should charge the Legislature with immediately developing a comprehensive restructuring that will return the control of our homes and property to law-abiding citizens," said the report.

The five-member subcommittee heard last week from state officials and corrections experts.

Clements has called for nearly 11,000 new prison beds, with construction financed by \$343 million in bonds. Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and House Speaker Gib Lewis also have voiced support for bonding to pay for prison construction.

"We believe that Governor Clements, Lieutenant Governor Hobby and House Speaker Lewis represent the best leadership combination that Texas could hope for in rebuilding the criminal justice system," the report added.

But the subcommittee said it would be unable to recommend new prison construction "until and unless the criminal justice system is reformed to address a series of weaknesses and cost inefficiencies."

The report said, "We understand and agree with what our taxpayers expect — get tough on crime. Unfortunately, these 11,000 beds will not give our taxpayers the system they demand. Our streets will not be significantly safer; our homes will not be significantly more secure; our families will not be better protected."

The subcommittee said it was divided on the idea of issuing bonds to pay for prison construction.

"The additional interest cost of \$342.4 million could be better in-

vested in delivering needed services to our taxpayers," the panel reported.

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— The state should define the number of prison beds it can afford and then reserve the space for hardened criminals.

— The judiciary needs greater flexibility in sentencing and a broad range of punishment sanctions.

— The state should make a "massive investment" in locally controlled, state-funded confinement centers.

— An "ideal" intensive supervision probation or parole program should include extensive use of electronic monitoring; mandatory and constant substance abuse counseling; increased officer supervision; mandatory life skills training; and maximum state funding.

— Parole should be extended only to those who demonstrate the ability to re-enter society as law-abiding citizens.

— The state should fully fund an identification and intervention program aimed at children who may be victims of a domestic criminal environment.

— Convicted criminals should make restitution to the community and victims of crime as a condition of freedom.

— Counties should get compensation as a financial inducement to implement local confinement systems.

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— The judiciary needs greater flexibility in sentencing and a broad range of punishment sanctions.

— The state should make a "massive investment" in locally controlled, state-funded confinement centers.

— An "ideal" intensive supervision probation or parole program should include extensive use of electronic monitoring; mandatory and constant substance abuse counseling; increased officer supervision; mandatory life skills training; and maximum state funding.

— Parole should be extended only to those who demonstrate the ability to re-enter society as law-abiding citizens.

— The state should fully fund an identification and intervention program aimed at children who may be victims of a domestic criminal environment.

— Convicted criminals should make restitution to the community and victims of crime as a condition of freedom.

— Counties should get compensation as a financial inducement to implement local confinement systems.

College count final for spring

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as Scurry County residents this spring totaled 501. This compares to 488 last fall.

Classes began Jan. 18 and the last day to enroll was Jan. 24. During the first five days of class, WTC gained more than 230 students.

On the first day of class, some 960 students were enrolled.

College officials reported earlier that on campus housing this spring has a 20 percent vacancy, a situation said "normal" for the spring term.

They have noted the spring term exceeding the fall count is also a common occurrence. The all-time record enrollment for the college was in the spring of 1984, when 1,414 students enrolled.

Author slated here Wednesday

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University of Texas in 1966 and spent two years studying at Harvard Divinity School.

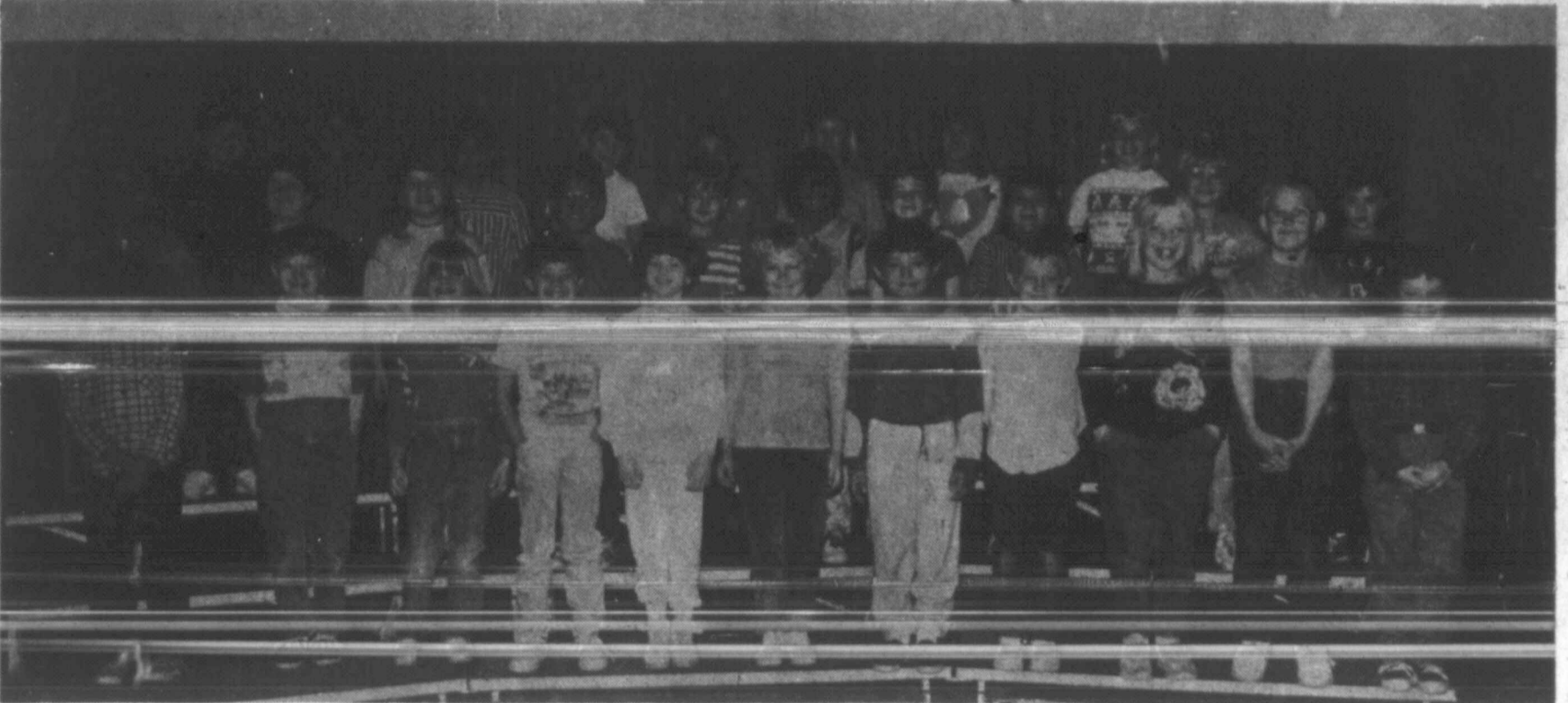
He began writing in 1967 while working as a carpenter, handyman, farm hand, cowboy and ranch manager.

He has written more than 500 articles, appearing in such publications as Texas Highways, Western Horseman, the Cattlemen as well as both the Dallas Morning News and the Dallas Times Herald.

He has spoken to groups all over the western United States and Canada to include the Library of Congress, the Institute of Texan Cultures and a number of universities.

He has been elected to the Texas Institute of Letters and the Phi-Kappa-Sigma Society of Texas and has received the West Texas Cultural Achievement Award from the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and the Oppenheimer Award for the best humor book of 1987.

He lives in Perryton with his wife, Kristine, and their three children, ages 5, 10 and 14.



NEVER ABSENT—These Northeast Elementary students were never absent during the fall semester. Second graders: Eddie Abell, Nicholas Barboza, Karley Collins, Amanda Compton, Jonathan Davis, Starla Davis, Timothy Dominguez, Sheila Garza, Tim Gentry, Jason Grant, Joanie Hembree, Timothy Dominguez, Marci Ir-

vine, Terra Lyons, Angie Reynolds, Adrian Vanderpool and Brandi Wolf. Third graders: Jackie Beck, Michael Benitez, Kristy Bollinger, Terra Bynum, Jeremy Fuentes, Rene Garza, Michell Jones, Veronica Martinez, Paul O'Connor, Chris Ortegon, David Olivarez and Ray Vasquez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Three-way custody battle being waged

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A woman who gave up her baby girl under a surrogacy agreement and the couple who intended to adopt the infant but then got divorced are waging a three-way court battle over custody of the child.

The fight, further complicated by the fact that the sperm donor is not the man seeking custody, centers on blond-haired, brown-eyed Tessa, now 4 years old, biological daughter of Norma Lee Stotsky.

In January 1985, the day-old girl was given to Richard Reams and Beverly Seymour, a married

couple who paid Mrs. Stotsky \$10,000 and expenses under a surrogate mother agreement.

The marriage broke up a year later, before the couple started adoption proceedings.

The legal entanglements began a short while later in juvenile court in Columbus when Mrs. Stotsky, Reams and Ms. Seymour petitioned for custody.

Subsequently, Reams filed an adoption petition with Mrs. Stotsky's consent, prompting Ms. Seymour to file one of her own.

Legal and personal complications have delayed a decision in the case and put the child and her future at risk, according to Mrs. Stotsky's attorney, Patricia Grimm.

"I honestly feel for all three of these people. They all love her," she said. "My client is pursuing this for the benefit of Tessa. She wants to make sure she gets a good home."

Despite their clients' differences, Ms. Grimm, Tessa's court-appointed attorney, Charles Milless; and Reams' attorney, Kim Halliburton, agree on one thing: Tessa is bound to get hurt.

"It really is a legal ping-pong game," said Ms. Halliburton. "Unfortunately, Tessa is the ball."

Milless said his goal is to protect Tessa from pain.

"Any child involved in a custody battle is an unfortunate child. Overall, she's in pretty good shape. We have protected her, or tried to, from publicity," he said. "I'm not so sure that she understands all of this."

A court-ordered paternity test revealed that a sperm donor other than Reams was Tessa's biological father, despite what Ms. Grimm said was a "gentleman's agreement" among the three parties that Reams would be the father.

Although the donor, a former colleague of Mrs. Stotsky's, has waived any claim to the child, both would-be adoptive parents and Mrs. Stotsky have not.

All three filed custody petitions in juvenile court, but a complicating factor is that Ohio has no law governing surrogacy contracts.

The custody requests were put on hold while the question of pi-

is charged

A 33-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication at 1:29 a.m. Tuesday at Allsup's convenience store on College Ave.

Golf clubs said stolen

Police are investigating the reported theft of a set of golf clubs from a home in the 3300 Block of Ave. U.

Grass runs made

Firemen extinguished two grass fires Monday, the first at 1:12 p.m. west of Snyder off U.S. 180 on property owned by E.E. Sumerlin, where they worked until 1:45 p.m.

Births

Holly and Jeff Wesson of Odessa are the parents of a baby girl, Jacey Jo, born at 10:45 a.m. Jan. 27. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was welcomed by a sister, Micah. Grandparents are Kenneth and Sue Herbert of Odessa and James and Janet Wesson of Snyder.

Eighteen today! Look out world Here I come.

More than 1,600 persons died in the United States in 1987 after using cocaine.

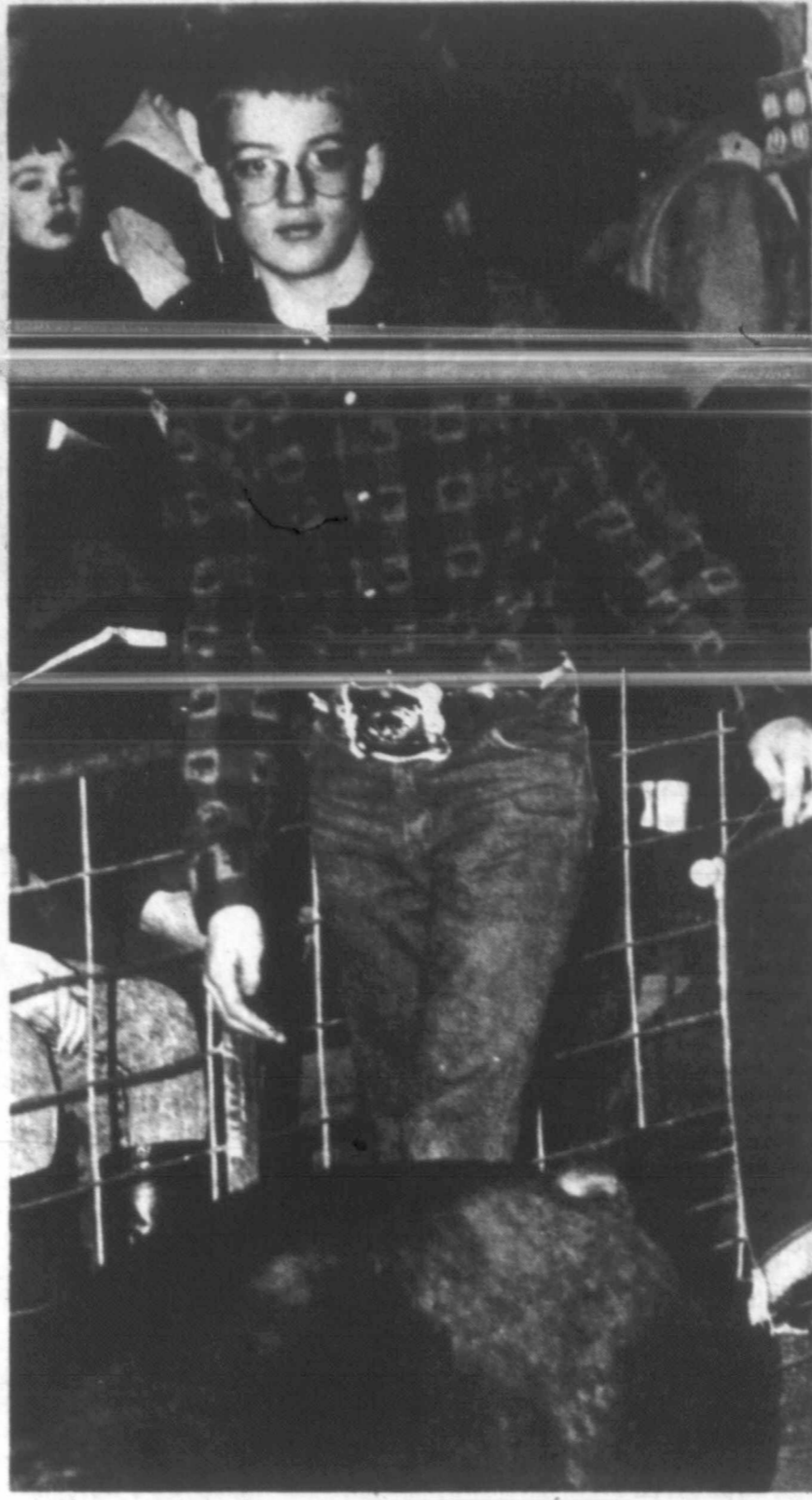


Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	58 1/2	57 3/4	57 3/4
Ameritech	51 1/2	51 1/4	51 1/4
AMLI Inc	16 1/2	16 1/8	16 1/8
Amer T&T	31 1/2	30 3/4	30 3/4
Amoco	77	76 3/4	76 3/4
Arka	20 1/2	20 1/4	20 1/4
ArmoInc	11 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/4
AtRichfd	85 1/2	85 1/4	85 1/4
BakerHugh	15	14 3/4	14 3/4
BancTexas	70 1/2	70	70
BellSouth	42 3/4	42 1/4	42 1/4
Beth Steel	26 1/2	26 1/4	26 1/4
Borden	58 1/2	58 1/4	58 1/4
CamronR/Wk	16 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/4
Caterpilr	60 1/2	60 1/4	60 1/4
Centel	62 1/2	62 1/4	62 1/4
CentSo West	32 1/2	32 1/4	32 1/4
Chevrron	49 1/2	49	49
Chrysler	29 1/2	29 1/4	29 1/4
Coastal	34 1/2	34 1/4	34 1/4
CocaCola	46 1/2	46 1/4	46 1/4
Coleman	43 1/2	43 1/4	43 1/4
Coig Palm	46 1/2	46 1/4	46 1/4
ComMetl	20 1/2	20 1/4	20 1/4
DeltaAirl	54 1/2	53 3/4	53 3/4
DigitalEq	115 1/2	114 3/4	114 3/4
DowChem	95 1/2	95 1/4	95 1/4
DresserInd	31 1/2	31 1/4	31 1/4
duPont	100 1/2	99 3/4	99 3/4
EstKodak	48 1/2	48 1/4	48 1/4
Enserch	19 1/2	19 1/4	19 1/4
Exxon	46 1/2	46 1/4	46 1/4
FICityBcp	29 1/2	29 1/4	29 1/4
FlowerInd	16 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/4
FordMotor	54 1/2	54 1/4	54 1/4
GAF Cp	50 1/2	50 1/4	50 1/4
GTE Corp	46 1/2	45 3/4	45 3/4
GnDynam	51 1/2	50 3/4	50 3/4
GenElec	48 1/2	47 3/4	47 3/4
GenMills	55 1/2	55 1/4	55 1/4
Gen Motors	91	90 3/4	90 3/4
GnMotr E	46 1/2	46 1/4	46 1/4
GoldMar	9 1/2	9 1/4	9 1/4
Goodrich	53 1/2	53 1/4	53 1/4
Goodyear	48 1/2	48 1/4	48 1/4
GTATPac	51 1/2	51 1/4	51 1/4
Gulf StaUt	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/4
Halliburton	29 1/2	29 1/4	29 1/4
HolidayCp	29 1/2	29 1/4	29 1/4
HollyFarm	62 1/2	62	62
HouatInd	28 1/2	28 1/4	28 1/4
IBM	128 1/2	127 3/4	127 3/4
IntlPaper	90 1/2	90 1/4	90 1/4
JohnsJn	91	90 3/4	90 3/4
K Mart	37 1/2	36 3/4	36 3/4
Kroger	2 1/2	2 1/4	2 1/4
vJLTv Cp	2 1/2	2 1/4	2 1/4
Litton Ind	75 1/2	75 1/4	75 1/4
LonsSta Ind	30 1/2	30	30
Lowes	22 1/2	22 1/4	22 1/4
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PacTelesis	33 1/2	33	33
PenneyJC	54 1/2	54 1/4	54 1/4
Philips Dod	60 1/2	59 3/4	59 3/4
PhillipPet	29 1/2	29 1/4	29 1/4
Polaroid	41 1/2	41	41
Primerica	23 1/2	23 1/4	23 1/4
ProctGamb	91 1/2	90 3/4	90 3/4
PubS NWmX	13 1/2	13	13
SFSoupP	19 1/2	19 1/4	19 1/4
SearsRoeb	42 1/2	41 3/4	41 3/4
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SouthernCo	23 1/2	23 1/4	23 1/4
SwstAirl	23 1/2	23 1/4	23 1/4
SwstBell	43 1/2	43 1/4	43 1/4
SterlingChm	18 1/2	17 3/4	17 3/4
SunCo n	35 1/2	35	35
TNP Ent	20 1/2	19 3/4	19 3/4
Tandy	42 1/2	41 3/4	41 3/4
TempInd	54 1/2	54 1/4	54 1/4
Tenneco	50 1/2	50 1/4	50 1/4
Texaco	50 1/2	50 1/4	50 1/4
TexAmBach	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/4
TexEste	67 1/2	67 1/4	67 1/4
TexasInd	33 1/2	32 3/4	32 3/4
TexasInst	43 1/2	43	43
Tex Util	29 1/2	29 1/4	29 1/4
Textron	26 1/2	25 3/4	25 3/4
USX Corp	22 1/2	21 3/4	21 3/4
UnCarbide	28 1/2	28 1/4	28 1/4
UnPacCp	69 1/2	68 3/4	68 3/4
US West	61 1/2	60 3/4	60 3/4
UniTel	47 1/2	46 3/4	46 3/4
Unocal	39 1/2	39 1/4	39 1/4
WalMart	33 1/2	33	33
WestHl	55 1/2	55 1/4	55 1/4
zerex Cp	61 1/2	61 1/4	61 1/4
ZenithE	19 1/2	19 1/4	19 1/4



JAMIE — Jamie Beck's reserve grand champion lamb brought \$700 in the Saturday premium sale of the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. (SDN Staff Photo)



JUSTIN — The Scurry County Junior Livestock Show's grand champion hog, a Duroc shown by Justin Donelson, fetched \$825 in the event's annual premium sale Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Woman called to court over her cat

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — An 80-year-old woman was summoned to court today because it appears her house cats have been doing in her neighbor's yard what the city of Fort Worth feels they should do in a litter box.

Over the past six months, the city's Animal Control Department issued six citations against Nan Farris because of complaints by her neighbor that the woman's three cats dug up his shrubs and used his yard and van as a litter box.

Ms. Farris was ordered into Municipal Court today to answer the citations.

"The whole thing is about the silliest thing I've ever heard of," Mrs. Farris said.

One citation charges one of Mrs. Farris' cats with "walking on a car in the 4900 block of Roanoke Street."

She faced the possibility of a jail sentence and several hundred dollars in fines.

"This thing is crazy, and I don't know why it's happening," she said. "And I can't afford to pay all this money they're talking about."

"Unfortunately, there is a violation involved — animal at large — and it is normally our policy to prosecute," a spokeswoman for the city attorney told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The neighbor, Ralph Neal, said he lived in a neighborhood overrun by cats and didn't see any

humor in the situation.

"All I want is for my property to be left alone," he said in an interview last summer. "I have a right to plant shrubs without getting my hands in cat stuff."

Neal has since obtained an unlisted phone number.

Neal said he had set out traps and captured 13 cats, which he took to the city animal shelter.

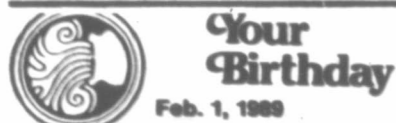
"It's gotten to the point where they know me by sight down

there," Neal said.

Charles Baldwin, Mrs. Farris' attorney, wrote to the city attorney's office seeking dismissal of the citations.

"I would appreciate it if the great city of Fort Worth could find in its heart to show mercy and dismiss these tickets, as I don't believe a conviction in this case would serve as a deterrent to other cats with a compulsion to violate the law," Baldwin wrote.

ASTRO-GRAPH BERNICE BEDE OSOL



You are likely to become absorbed in many new interests in the year ahead. Each will have a place in your life, but one in particular may outshine all the others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not abandon your old projects, but today try to focus your efforts on your newest interests, because this is where you are likely to be the luckiest. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't let situations that entail competition intimidate you today. Your opposition might look strong on paper, but the odds are tilting in your direction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An old, infeasible idea may be discarded today for a bright and promising new concept which will have the potential of bearing fruit more quickly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There is a possibility you may profit in some manner today through a considerate associate, who has your best interest at heart. This person has helped previously.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is a good day to move upon an important development you've been studying thoroughly. Decisions that are well

thought out should produce advantages.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something you're working on with someone has good chances for success at this time, provided each makes some necessary adjustments. Don't let changes intimidate you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Conditions in general should be much more harmonious for you today in your dealings with others. If you've been experiencing any disagreements, patch them up now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be as productive as possible today and make a concerted effort to wrap up a project that you've left dangling. You'll feel better once it's off your mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It looks like you might be getting some good news today. It could come from or through a person with whom you're paley-walsy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your financial prospects should start to brighten a bit at this time. However, do not use this as a signal to loosen your purse strings. Try to live within your old budget for a bit longer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Things in general should go rather smoothly for you today because it won't take much to arouse your enthusiasm and optimism. When you think like a winner, you'll be one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Flow with events today, instead of swimming against the tide, especially in matters that are of a commercial or financial nature. You should come out OK in either area.

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Father's Absence Didn't Make Children's Hearts Grow Fonder

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to "Alone in Minnesota," who wanted to hear from people who never knew their fathers. I am one.

My mother and father had planned to marry in June of 1959. My mother became pregnant in October of 1958, and when she told her fiance the news, that's the last time she saw him!

When I hear my friends tell horror stories of what it was like to live with "lousy" fathers who were in and out of their lives (many of them were abused children), I thank everyone involved for not having subjected me to a father who obviously was not ready for the responsibilities of fatherhood.

I am proud that my mother decided to keep me — which was not an easy choice to make in 1959. I was very much loved by her and have missed nothing in my father's absence. Perhaps I would have felt different if I had had some contact with him, but I agree — no father is better than a lousy one.

If I should ever have the opportunity to meet him, I would do so. I am very much interested in his ancestors, and particularly in his medical history. However, I cannot say to what extent I would want him in my ongoing life. It would depend on the type of person he is today.

I hope "Alone" obtains peer support for herself. She is not the first woman who has had to make that kind of a decision. Nor is her child the first to grow up without a father. Somehow, they survive.

ONE OF MANY IN L.A.

"Alone" asked for opinions of those who never knew who their fathers were.

My opinion is based on the life of James Michener, the author. As a babe, he was left on the doorstep of a Pennsylvania widow who had several children of her own.

At one point she had to place all her children in an orphanage until she was financially able to care for them. Michener not only didn't know who his father was, he didn't know who his mother was either. But apparently he knew love, which was more important.

Enough on Michener. "Alone" is a wise young woman. No father is indeed better than a lousy one.

JOYCE IN FLINT, MICH.

DEAR ABBY: I fathered a child 42 years ago by a young girl I cared for. Soon after "Mary" became pregnant (unknown to me), I went into the armed services. Mary fell in love with another man and did not want me to know about the pregnancy, preferring to let her new husband think it was his child. He learned a year later that it was not his, as it looked exactly like me, so he divorced her. I found out about all this only after Mary had given up my son for adoption. I lost track of the boy and his mother. Abby, I would have married her in a minute and raised my son.

I wholeheartedly agree with you when you say, "It's a man's right to know that he has fathered a child." Sign me ...

HOW NICE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN

DEAR ABBY: "Alone in Minnesota" wrote to say she was pregnant and unmarried. She tried to tell the man responsible, but he lived in another state and refused to see her, so she decided not to tell him, saying, "Maybe no father would be better than a lousy one." You said: "Every man has the right to know that he has fathered a child."

Don't put off writing thank-you notes, letters of sympathy, etc. because you don't know what to say. Get Abby's booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions." Send a check or money order for \$2.99 (\$3.99 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054 (postage is included).

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