

GOP defends Tower choice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans rallied today to defend Defense Secretary-designate John Tower, whose confirmation vote has been delayed while the FBI investigates allegations about his drinking and his financial ties with military contractors.

"For those who have known him for a very long time, it's very significant that they have never seen him incapacitated, never seen him drunk," Sen. Pete Wilson, R-Calif., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee that is considering the nomination, said on NBC's "Today" show.

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Bush to unveil budget plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush tonight unveils a budget plan keyed to his campaign promises of "kinder and gentler" programs without new taxes, but it leaves difficult decisions on reducing the federal deficit for later.

The president, in a 9 p.m. EST speech before a joint meeting of Congress, will call for a nation more competitive abroad and more compassionate at home. To those ends, he will propose

more federal spending in fiscal 1990 for clean air and clean coal technology, for science and space, for AIDS research and aid to the homeless, education and child care, according to administration and congressional sources.

Bush claims that those costs will be offset by about \$4 billion in new revenue from a controversial cut in the capital gains tax — another campaign promise — and \$2 billion by holding the ex-

pansion of the military budget to the rate of inflation.

"You will have a very detailed and precise descriptions of the priorities of the Bush administration," said Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary.

Left deliberately unclear, however, will be how much Bush embraces the many budget cuts he left unchanged from the first-draft spending plan former President Reagan submitted last month.

Bush will distance himself from any of the individual, unpopular cuts by inviting Congress to help set each program level in accordance with his "flexible freeze" plan to limit overall spending in general categories.

Reagan suggested terminating dozens of domestic programs and cutting back many others in order to reduce the deficit below the \$100 billion maximum allowed by the Gramm-Rudman law.

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TDC line delivery 'in hand'

Contractors say material available

City officials were told Wednesday that equipment deliveries related to the extension of water and sewer lines to the Daniel Unit five miles east of Snyder should be "no problem."

Contractors on the project met at city hall Wednesday for a pre-construction conference related to the work.

About three dozen contractors, sub-contractors, suppliers of construction materials, representatives of utility companies, state, city and county officials and other interested persons attended the 45-minute meeting.

City Engineer Don Osborn said afterwards that the delivery of pumps and other needed equipment — originally projected as a possible problem because the pumps could be hard to obtain — appears now to be well in hand.

"There aren't supposed to be any hold-ups on equipment deliveries," he said, explaining that some of the key suppliers attended the meeting and assured him that all of the necessary materials are immediately available.



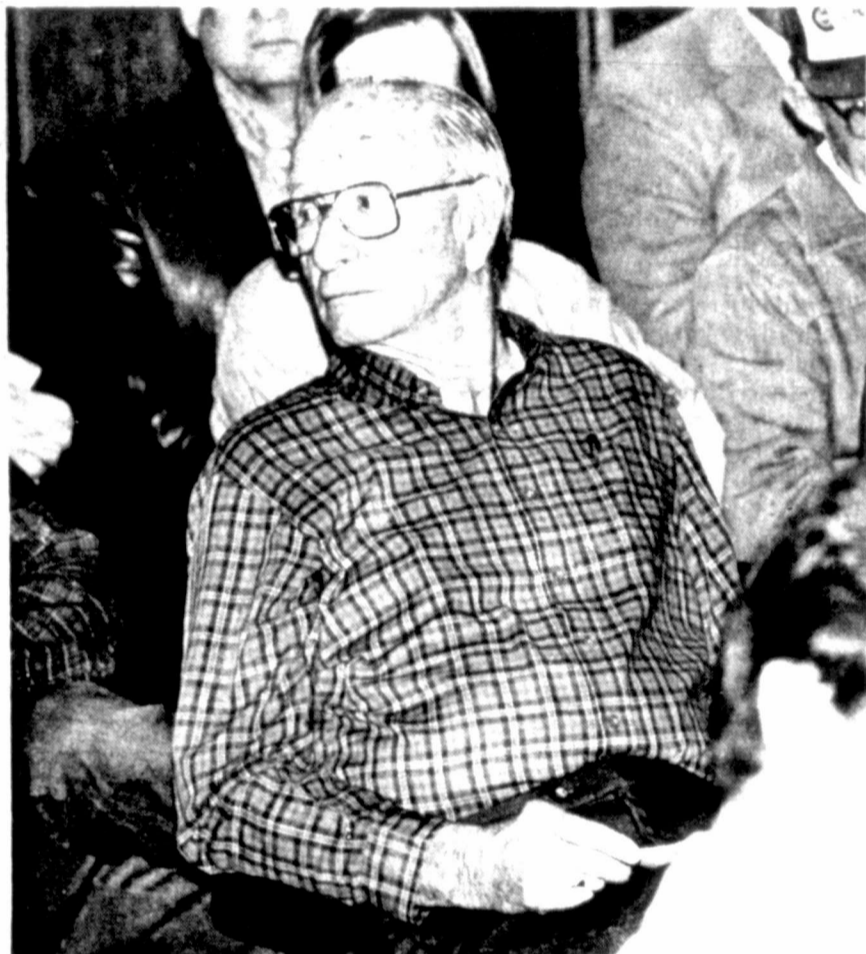
TANK BUILDER — Ben Johnston of Pittsburg-Tank & Tower Co. of Henderson, Ky., listened Wednesday to a discussion of his company's pending installation of an elevated storage tank at the TDC site five miles east of Snyder. He was among more than 30 men who attended a pre-construction conference at city hall. (SDN Staff Photo)

Terry Bilderback of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, the Lubbock engineering firm that has been hired to supervise the project, told the assemblage at the end of the meeting, "We certainly want to proceed with all speed."

The TDC unit is scheduled for

completion by June 27 and it is now projected the utility lines could be completed three weeks before this.

Bilderback discussed aspects of the project with representatives of Southwestern Bell, Lone Star Gas, Midwest Electric,



FOR THE LINES — A pre-construction conference Wednesday morning at city hall on the extension of water and sewer lines to the Texas Department of Corrections Daniel Unit had the interest of Dave Hampton, owner of Panhandle Construction Co. in Lubbock and low bidder for the utility line work. (SDN Staff Photo)

TU Electric, Panhandle Construction Co. of Lubbock, Pittsburg Tank & Tower Co. of Henderson, Ky., and the several sub-contractors who will be involved.

Bilderback told the group that his company "expects the

highest quality materials" to be used in the job.

Along with the water line, averaging 3½ ft. in depth, and the sewer line, which will range from 5 to 20 ft. in depth, the job entails the construction of a

See TDC, page 8

Policy update set for career ladder

Snyder school trustees Thursday will consider final approval of a district career ladder policy to include guidelines for selection and "maintenance."

The board will meet for its regular February session, set to begin at 7 p.m. in the school administration building.

Last Monday, trustees considered points in the proposed career ladder policy during a 3½ hour workshop.

A major change as proposed in the career ladder policy by the district beginning next fall granted the right to retain their career ladder designations from previous school districts.

The board discussed also "maintenance" of career ladder standing, the appraisal rating

teachers must receive to be retained at Level II of Level III.

Guidelines for this maintenance are included in the policy to be considered Thursday.

The meeting will include also the consideration of contract extensions for school administrators. This will include all principals, assistant principals and such posts as the district's testing coordinator, curriculum specialist and directors for maintenance and transportation.

Also due board approval is a request to advertise for a tractor and catcher to be used by the grounds maintenance department.

Other agenda items listed for See SCHOOL, page 8



TEST TIME — Snyder Junior High School faculty member Betsy Griffin was explaining the importance of concentrating and doing one's best before

handing out TEAMS test booklets Wednesday, the first of three days of testing, with mathematics being the first order of business. (SDN Staff Photo)

Elementaries slate free dental checks

Elementary students in Snyder public schools will be receiving free dental checks next week as part of the local observance of National Dental Health Month.

The school district, in cooperation with local dentists, will be emphasizing dental health awareness as part of the observance.

Snyder dentists will donate their time to visit the elementaries to check each student. Those participating will be Drs. John Best, Michael Dunham, Judith Dunham, Robert Hargrove, David Hensley and Jay Kidd.

Following the dental survey in each elementary, students will be given a report from the school

nurse to take home. These will indicate if additional dental services are needed.

Coordinating these activities are school nurses Angel Duncan and Reba Erwin.

All through the month, classroom instructors will present special units on dental health. Teachers in grades K-2 will teach the "Tattletooth" curriculum which is provided by the Texas Dental Health Services and the Texas Education Agency.

In addition to instruction in dental awareness, proper brushing techniques and eating habits, each student will be given a toothbrush.

In the third grade, the Crest Dental Health School Program is See DENTAL, page 8

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "One reason why you can do something is worth a hundred reasons why you can't."

You may be surprised to learn that the average man carries \$145 in his billfold, and that amount is said to be about twice as much as carried by the average female who has \$74 in her purse.

Everyone knows that women don't carry money. If they need money, they simply slip some of the \$145 out of hubby's wallet while he's taking a shower. Kids are always needing cash for school, and mom never has cash.

What she has is a check book—usually with more checks than she has money. And when the checks run out, there is plastic money. We're surprised that dad ever has \$145 to stash away.

The same study by the Federal Reserve reports that nearly half of all Americans use bank cash machines with men withdrawing an average of \$184 per visit and women withdrawing \$125. We suspect that is to replace what was taken from hubby's billfold earlier in the day.

The dollar bill lives about 18 months and changes hands about 400 times. The study says that a dollar bill stays in a person's pocket less than two days. Five and ten dollar bills hang around for about a week, while \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills can last a whole month—if your wife doesn't find the hidden compartment in your billfold.

We can attest that a \$20 bill will last sometimes for weeks. But if that \$20 is ever broken, it all will be gone before sundown.

Surprisingly, Americans make about half of all purchases by check and more than a third with cash. Credit cards are used for only one out of 12 purchases and the average credit card purchase is said to be \$62.

All this newly-found data results in some interesting assumptions. You could save money if you got paid only in \$100 bills, which we wouldn't want to spend.

The study didn't touch on the importance of cash. But one thing about it is documented: if you go to the coffee shop without it, you'll be expected to pay the tab.

Thursday

Feb. 9, 1989

Ask Us

Q. — In reference to the visit last week by state school board chairman Monte Hasie, how many members comprise the state board and how many are holdover members from the appointed board?

A. — The board now consists of 15 elected members from specific districts. Four of these are holdover members from the appointed board.

In Brief

S&L rescues

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. says it is temporarily halting savings and loan rescues once it's finished taking control of 224 insolvent institutions under orders from President Bush.

S&L regulators rescued or propped up 223 institutions last year.

Local

Museum help

Scurry County Museum volunteers and any local men or women interested in becoming museum volunteers are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in the museum next Tuesday.

Those planning to attend are asked to call the museum before Monday to allow for food arrangements. There is no charge for the luncheon.

Cogdell bills

The monthly noon bill paying session for Cogdell Memorial Hospital board members will be Friday.

The only item slated other than consideration of bills will be the swearing-in for board member Roy McQueen, recently named to his second two-year appointment.

Bass Club

The Snyder Bass Club will have its first meeting of the year at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Snyder National Bank.

Bowhunters

A Bowhunters Association is organizing in Snyder and a meeting is slated next Monday at 7:30 p.m. It will be at the Snyder Savings and Loan community room.

For more information, call 573-2010 or 573-1288.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 43 degrees; low, 20 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 21 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, .76 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight and Friday, partly cloudy. Low in the mid 20s. Warmer Friday with a high around 60. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph tonight and Friday.

Workers' compensation reform bill filed

AUSTIN (AP) — The workers' compensation issue is "moving forward very well," said Gov. Bill Clements, who predicted passage of legislation concerning the system of paying employees injured in work-related accidents.

"It's an important part of our economic development today in Texas, and I expect us to pass a significant workmen's compensation bill. It would be much, much better to pass it in the spring instead of the summer," Clements said Wednesday.

The workers' compensation system would be reformed — in-

cluding an increase in benefits for injured workers and an overhaul of the system's governing body — under a bill introduced Wednesday in the House.

"If Texas is to keep its economic momentum, significant revisions to our current workers' compensation process are essential," House Speaker Gib Lewis told a news conference on the bill. "Without such changes, our economic competitiveness will be impaired and our ability to create jobs for Texans will be endangered."

House Bill 1 — whose primary sponsors are Reps. Richard Smith, R-Bryan, and Rick Perry, D-Haskell — was referred to the House Business and Commerce Committee, which promptly scheduled a Monday hearing.

It comes after a 1½ year study of the workers' compensation system. Premiums for workers' compensation — paid to employees injured on the job — have increased more than 100 percent since 1985, and another 19 percent increase took effect Jan. 1.

The bill, Smith said, addresses increasing safety in the workplace; reorganizing and strengthening the Industrial Accident Board, which would be renamed the Texas Workers' Compensation Board; changing the benefit structure; and changing the adjudication process for disputed cases.

Instead of a workers' compensation case getting a completely new trial at the district court level, the district court action would be treated as an appeal of

the agency action.

The maximum weekly benefit for an injured worker would be raised from the current \$238 to the statewide average weekly wage, currently \$416.

"Today, the people that should be most happy in Texas with what we're doing are the rank and file workers of this state," Perry said.

The system would remain a voluntary one.

"They're trying to clean up Boston Harbor, but I wouldn't ask anybody to swim in it until they get through with the job," Smith said. "The system we've got today is such a mess that I just simply in good conscience

couldn't ask anybody to force them to participate in this system."

Among other provisions in House Bill 1:

— The prohibition of recovery by an intoxicated worker would be expanded to include drug-related intoxication.

— The governing board would be increased from three to nine members, and a business-labor committee would advise it.

— The new Texas Workers' Compensation Board would include divisions on compliance and practices; medical review and compliance; industrial safety; education and training; and hearings and appeals.

Dear Abby



Bride Finds Common Courtesy Was Rare Among Her Guests

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: There have been numerous letters in your column from grandparents, parents, etc., who are angry and hurt because their gifts have not been acknowledged. Most of these letters were directed to teen-agers or young adults, but, Abby, the younger people are not the worst offenders when it comes to common courtesies and social amenities.

My husband and I were married last June in a semi-formal outdoor wedding. Several months prior to the wedding date, we placed an order for printed wedding invitations, reception cards and response cards. The response-card envelopes had my return address printed on them and a postage stamp, too. We mailed our invitations four weeks before our wedding. Out of the 100 mailed to "adults," exactly three were returned!

Most of those invited showed up — for the reception, but not the wedding.

When I asked a few of them why they didn't mail the response card back to me, they each said, "Oh, you knew we'd be there." Abby, there is absolutely no excuse for this kind of behavior. I am still fuming and hope that you will print this so that all of them will recognize themselves for the selfish, ill-bred clods they are. Don't use my name or I will start another war with my mother. She thinks I should not have been angry — just forgiving.

DISGUSTED

if you please," one should use plain, direct English: "Please let us know if you are able to attend — and also if you are not."

DEAR ABBY: My mother started shoving your column under my nose when I was about 12. I'm 43 now and have been an avid reader over the years.

I've often thought about responding to some of the letters in your column, but procrastination always won out. The letters you received in response to "Bereaving, Too" resolved a huge personal problem for me — and that is why I am writing.

My mother died three years ago. Since that time, on her birthday and wedding anniversary, I never knew whether to call my dad, send a card, or what. I would think about him days before and days after those special dates, but I always ended up doing nothing for fear of upsetting him — or "reminding" him.

I know now that I would not be "reminding" him of anything — Dad is the type who even remembered the anniversary date of when he and Mom met. (They were married just short of 40 years.) I've felt so guilty and uneasy about ignoring those dates, but no more!

Love to you, Abby, and to your readers who helped me change my mind.

A DECISION WELL MADE, GRANTS PASS, ORE.

DEAR DISGUSTED: You are not alone. Every bride and hostess report the same frustration when their R.S.V.P.s are ignored. The only solution is to telephone those who have failed to respond and ask, "Are you planning to attend?"

Perhaps instead of "R.S.V.P.," which is French for "Respond,

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Farm bureau meeting downplayed by aide

AUSTIN (AP) — An aide to Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower is downplaying the Texas Farm Bureau's plan to hold a special meeting to discuss urging replacement of the elected agriculture commissioner's post with an appointed board or commissioner.

Vernie Glasson, a farm bureau official, Wednesday said bureau President S.M. True had called the session for March 20 in Waco.

"They're going to hold this special meeting in planting season when a lot of real farmers are going to find it hard to get off their tractors and out of their fields and go to Waco," said Andy Welch, Hightower's press secretary.

"What they're going to end up with is a pretty select group of malcontents who disagree 180 degrees with Hightower and have for the last six years and will for the next six," Welch said.

Glasson said the meeting was being called "to re-evaluate our position" about an elected commissioner.

Welch called the meeting

another shot in the bureau leadership's long-running political feud with Hightower, a two-term Democrat.

"This is the same old stuff. They (Farm Bureau leaders) can't beat Hightower at the polls, so they're going to try again through the legislative process," he said.

Leaders of the Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization, have been highly critical of Hightower. That criticism has increased in recent weeks, after the European Economic Community banned imports of American beef treated with growth hormones. Hightower has been pushing the U.S. Department of Agriculture to allow exports of hormone-free Texas beef.

Farm Bureau President S.M. True issued a statement calling that effort wrongheaded.

"Hightower is either perpetrating the biggest fraud in Texas political history, or he has become the comic sidekick for the European Economic Community in the growth promotant dispute," True said.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is subject to the state's "sunset" review process during this legislative session. The agency is scheduled to go out of existence Sept. 1 unless the Legislature passes and the governor signs a bill authorizing it to continue.

Glasson said changing the agriculture commissioner's job from an elected position has been discussed by Farm Bureau members for several years.

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SCEPTER PASSES — Gay Idom, 1988 Valentine Queen of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, prepares to pass her reign on at the annual Valentine Ball to be held Saturday night at 9 p.m. at The Snyder Country Club. Tickets are \$15 per couple and may be purchased from any sorority sister or by calling 573-0633 after 5 p.m. The new queen will be crowned at the event and the Tiny Lynn Band of Lubbock will play. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bridge

James Jacoby

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♠ 9 7			
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SOUTH			
♦ K Q 8 5 3 2			
♥ A 7			
♦ J 9			
♠ A Q 5			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: South			
West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♦
Opening lead: ♦ A			

No one doubts that defense is the hardest part of the game, a point well proven with today's deal. Place yourself in the East position, defending against four spades. Try not to peek at declarer's hand or the West cards, and just assume that your partner has led the ace of diamonds and now continues with the 10. You win the king of diamonds. What next?

Even with full consideration of the possibility of artifice on the part of the declarer, it's not too likely that partner was leading from A-10 doubleton of diamonds. (If declarer held J-9-x-x-x, he would probably hold back the play of the nine to leave you with the suggestion that West was leading from an A-10-9 combination.) Therefore, if West is leading from length, it would be with the thought that you might be able to ruff the second round. And so it makes sense that the 10 of diamonds suggests the lead back of the higher of dummy's side-suits, in this case hearts. Thus, in this deal, if West held the same distribution with the queen of clubs and no king of hearts, the play at the second trick would be the three of diamonds rather than the 10. So, following the useful rule of suit-preference and the more important rule of compliance with partner's wishes, you return a low heart and set the contract.

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AWARDS PRESENTED — The West Texas Girl Scout Council's annual awards luncheon was held at West Elementary Saturday. Local residents receiving recognition pictured from left, front are Peggy Vernon, 10-year pin and Intro to Cadettes director and Holiday in the Park Event director; Sandra Crawford and Katrina Fink, 5-year pins. Back row: Brenda Clem, 10-year pin; Zola Schlegel, retiring board member; JoAnn Cearley, Day Camp director; and Dawn Clem, 5-year pin. Not pictured are Alvin Wimmer, retiring board member, and with 5-year pins, Betty Bredemeyer, Joni Huffman, and Amy Patterson. Holly Barkowsky, local Wider Opportunity participant, was also recognized during the ceremony. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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.
Musical Coterie; MAWC; 7:30 p.m.
Scurry County Sheriff's Posse; posse clubhouse; 7:30 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; The Shack.
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.

Christian Women's Club guest dinner; Snyder Country Club; 7-8:30 p.m.; \$7.75 dinner; \$1 beverage alone; reservations by noon Thursday, 573-9969 or 573-8942.

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

Defensive Driving; 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; \$25; Snyder Savings & Loan community room; 27th and Colledge.

Bake Sale; Furr's Supermarket; 9 a.m.; sponsored by Deep Creek Chapter ABWA.

Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.

DAR; George Washington Tea; MAWC; 2:30 p.m.

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Valentine Ball; Snyder Country Club; 9 p.m.; sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority; \$15 per couple; 573-0633 for reservations.

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.

Valentine candy

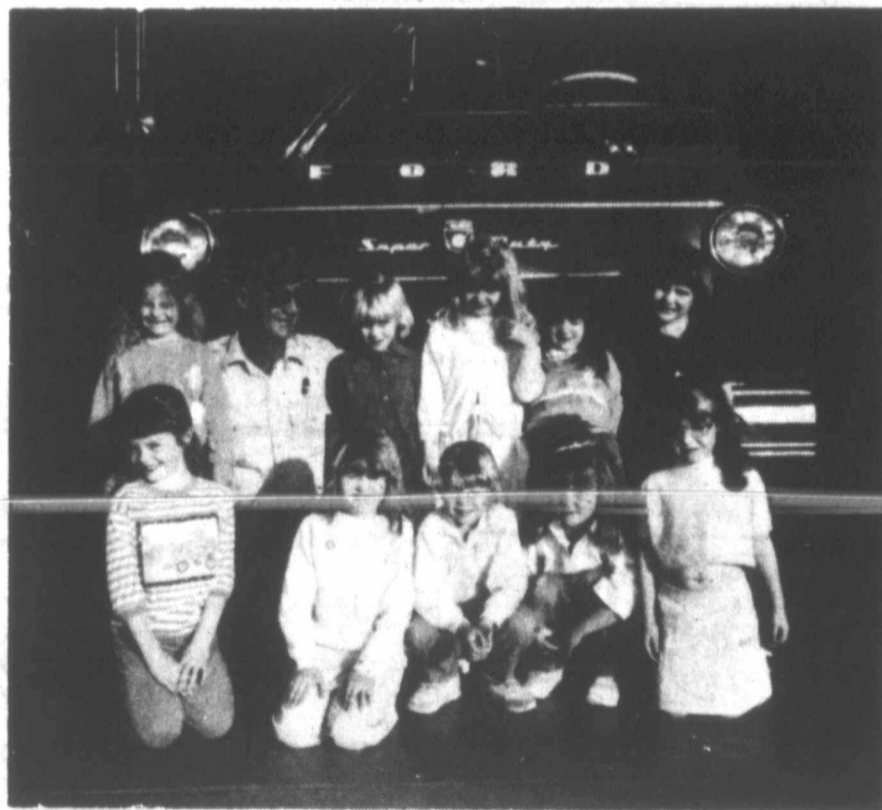
NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly two out of three Americans give candy as gifts on Valentine's Day.

Industry sources estimate candy sales for this Valentine's Day will be approximately \$600 million, which would represent an all-time high for the day, says Chocolatier magazine.

It says most of the purchases are made on the actual date of the holiday, which makes Feb. 14 the biggest candy-selling day of each year.

Bake sale set for Saturday

A bake sale will be held at Furr's Supermarket Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. sponsored by the Deep Creek Chapter of American Business Women's Association.



VISIT TO FIRE STATION — Members of Daisy Girl Scout Troop 4-350 recently made a tour of a local fire station. Pictured from left, front are JennyLynn Chandler, Leslie Hancock, Kimberly Key, Kara Babcock, and Alicia Bowlin. Back row: Destini Crawford, Fireman Odell Cox, Tricia Brzozowski, Jennifer Beights, Charli Boone, and Melissa Hicks. (Scout Photo)

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"Texas First."

It's more than a catchy name. It's a new concept. "Texas First" is Southwestern Bell Telephone's new economic development proposal to help bring about more jobs and create a stronger economy in the 1990s to Texas and all communities we serve.

So let's talk about "Texas First" and how it impacts you, your friends, your community, your state — and your telephone company.

Texas has a lot going for it. Good roads, good people, plenty of space, and a quality of life that is the envy of most other states.

These are the assets that also attract new industry and create new jobs. But there is another ingredient — a new "must" for economic development — and it's state-of-the-art telecommunications. It's the ribcage in our infrastructure that often separates the "have's" from the "have-nots."

In years past, the difference between old and new telecommunications technology weren't all that significant. Calls went through either way. Expectations were a lot simpler.

Today's needs are more high tech. We depend much more on getting and sending information, at faster and faster speeds. In fact, almost half of all the "traffic" that flows over our telephone network is data and computer talk. And it's not just happening in our metro cities. It's going on everywhere — well, almost everywhere.

Southwestern Bell Telephone in Texas has plowed millions of investment dollars into new telecommunications technology over the last decade. The new technology is focused in our major metropolitan areas — and for Texas, that's not good enough. We won't be satisfied — and our customers and regulators won't be satisfied — until all Texas communities, large and small, metro or remote, have access to advanced telecommunications technology. Other states are moving full steam ahead to modernize their networks, like California and Florida — Texas' two toughest rivals for economic growth.

Thus, "Texas First" was born.

From the start, we knew we had to come up with a proposal that made sense for the communities we serve in competing for new jobs, made sense for our customers, and made sense — economically — for us.

Under our "Texas First" proposal, Southwestern Bell has proposed the following five elements:

- Replace over a five-year period older switching facilities in some 190 Texas communities with the most modern digital technology available.
- Phase out four-party service over the same five-year period, and eliminate mileage charges outside base rate areas.
- Provide some 21 "fringe" communities adjacent to the state's four largest metro cities with an optional "expanded metro service" that would eliminate toll charges to their neighboring metro city.
- Reduce charges paid by long distance companies to access our local networks, so that they can, in turn, reduce long distance rates to their customers.
- Freeze for five years all business and residence basic local rates — rates that haven't changed in five years, rates that are well below the national average.

So, what's the catch?

Why is Southwestern Bell willing to do all this modernization and rural service upgrade, reduce rates to the long distance carriers, and still freeze local rates for five years? What's in it for the telephone company?

We have presented our "Texas First" proposal to the Public Utility Commission as something we can do for the economic good of Texas and Texans. In return, we must have a more flexible "range" of permissible earnings — 11 to 13% on investment — that will allow us to take the risks described above — and be rewarded for those risks if they pay off.

Currently, the PUC places a ceiling on earnings. This means if you're getting close to that ceiling level, the incentive isn't there to further invest in technology that could trim costs or provide new revenue sources for the company for fear of bumping over the "allowed" level. In that scenario, there is little reason to take investment risks that could bring "information age" services to the "have-nots" of the world.

We have proposed a "share-the-success" formula that would return half of our earnings above the 13% level directly to our customers in the form of credits, with the remaining earnings retained by Southwestern Bell that could be plowed back into the business to provide new products and new services. "Texas First" does not contain any "share of the loss" — the risk is ours.

In future "Let's Talk" commentaries, we will further examine the need for regulatory change and its relationship on our ability to carry out our "Texas First" plan, and to provide high-quality, multi-optional telecommunications services you and all Texans want and deserve.

In short, with "Texas First," Southwestern Bell Telephone is willing to incur great financial risks, if given the chance to reap some rewards. We're betting that we can improve the Texas economy, improve the quality of telephone service statewide, freeze basic rates, lower toll rates, and still improve our earnings by marketing new products and services. We're betting that the economy in Texas will grow — thanks in some part to "Texas First" — and that we will grow with it.

We think "Texas First" is a good investment for us and for Texas. We'd be interested in knowing your thoughts. If you have any comments or questions, please drop me a line.



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Plainview, TX 79072

BORN LOSER by Art Sansom



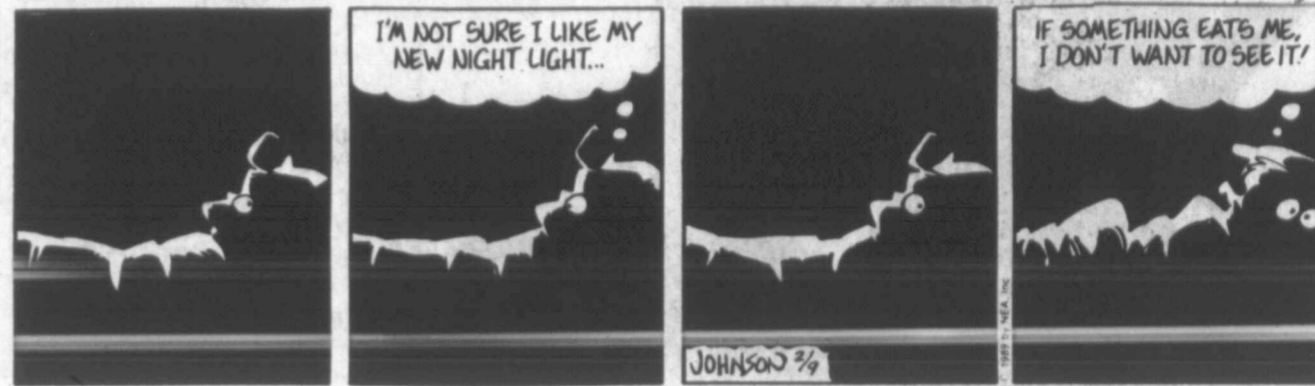
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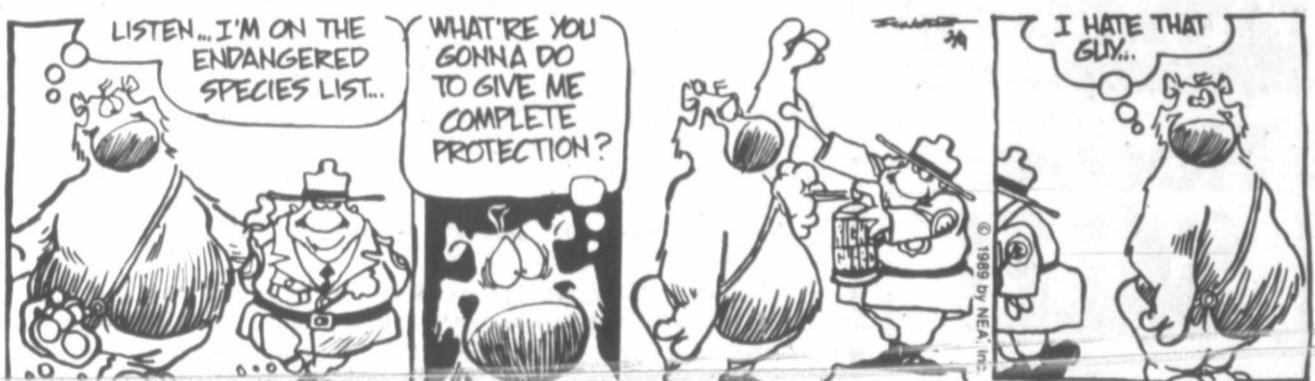
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PUZZLES

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 - Wind instruments
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 - Mexican party item
 - Old-fashioned people
 - Having a good chance (2 wds.)
 - Not figurative
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 - Vacation spot
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 - Mrs. Charles Chaplin
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 - Spread out
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 - Of a son
 - Fuel-carrying ship
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SNAFU by Bruce Beattie



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

REWARD: for information leading to the recovery of 1 Set of Ladies Golf Clubs (maroon bag) & 1 Set of Mens Golf Clubs (black bag). Stolen from 3311 Ave U on 1-29-89. 573-4092, days; 573-0358, nights, weekends.

070

LOST & FOUND

FOUND: Male, Blue Heeler Mix Adult Dog, on West 30th. 573-5342.

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PERSONAL

ADOPT: We can help each other! Caring couple wants to provide a warm, secure home and future for white newborn. Medical/Legal Expenses paid. Please call collect at 201-852-7896.

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VEHICLES

1987 FORD F150 XLT Supercab: loaded, low miles. 573-8882 after 4:00 p.m.

BILL'S AUTO SALVAGE is now open! Late model used parts. Chevy, Ford, Chrysler, Toyota, Datsun. West Hwy 180 at the Traffic Circle. 573-9569. Open Weekdays, 8-6; Sat. 9-6; Sun. 1-5.

COMPLETE AUTOMOTIVE Window Tinting and Detailing. Pick Up & Delivery. For information, call The Detail Shop, 573-7825.

1986 CHEVY CUSTOM VAN, blue & silver, 31,000 miles, \$12,500. Also, 1981 Rockwood Pop-Up Camping Trailer, very clean, well-cared for, \$1,250. Call 573-2147 after 5:00 p.m.

1988 CHEVY SPRINT, automatic, air conditioner, 600 miles, \$5400. 1912 College, 573-7663 (8:00-6:00).

1980 OLDS TORONADO, loaded, tinted windows, FM-Cassette, \$2795. Call 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 573-2931.

PRICE REDUCED: 1987 Nissan 300 Turbo ZX. Automatic, loaded, white with brown leather sports seats, premium sound system, performance suspension package, special exhaust system. One of a kind. See to believe. 6,000 miles. \$18,500. See at 4015 Houston. Call 573-2536 after 6 p.m.

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COOPER APPLIANCE Service & Parts
573-6269
Heating & Air Conditioning
Free Estimates.
Best Prices. 25 Years Experience

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Serving Snyder Area for 35 Years. Satisfaction guaranteed. Repairs on all makes & models.
CAP HERNANDEZ, OWNER
2415 College 573-4138

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TRANE BUCHANAN HEATING & AC
Snyder, TX
2101 25th
We handle Trane units and service all makes and models. Call us for your heating and cooling needs at 573-3907

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Tommy Maricle 573-2493
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Snyder, Tex. 79584

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Furniture, Tv's
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573-4844

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Puts you in the Classifieds.

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ELECTROLUX Sales & Service
Supplies
Don Adams
2300 College
573-0016
or 573-3747 after 6

Don't be left out in the Rain!!



Get your Classified Ad in by 4:00 p.m. the day BEFORE you want it in the Paper. (4:00 p.m. Friday for Sunday & Monday paper).

Notice to Classified Ad Customers
All Ads are cash unless customer has an established account with The Snyder Daily News. Ads may be taken over the phone so that they may be processed but payments must be made prior to publication.

1985 CHEVROLET SILVERADO Pickup: LWB, Power, Air, Electric, Grill Guard, FM-Cassette, New Tires, Clean, \$6995. Call 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 573-2931.

FOR SALE: 1978 Pickup Silverado 4x4. Call 573-2442, days; 573-2461 after 5:30.

1982 FORD SUPERCAB Pickup, low mileage, \$5,300. Call 573-8382.

GOVERNMENT SEIZED Vehicles from \$100. Fords, Mercedes, Corvettes, Chevys. Surplus. Buyers Guide. (1) 805-687-6000 Ext. S-10238.

091 VEHICLE PARTS

GOOD USED Standard Transmission for 2.2 Liter Engine. Call 573-9686.

110 MOTORCYCLES

HARLEY DAVIDSON Fat Bob Super Glide. Original & Clean. \$3,000. 573-5302. 3611 Avenue A.

150 BUSINESS SERVICES

"CHICO OLIVAREZ CONSTRUCTION" Concrete Work & Carpenter Work. Storm Cellars, Metal Buildings, & Roofing. 20 years experience. 573-8786.

BILL GREEN ELECTRIC: Residential, Commercial, Industrial. Free Estimates. Trouble Calls. Licensed. Bonded. CALL 573-2589.

For all your **ELECTRICAL WIRING NEEDS**, call Ed Blocker, 573-7578.

M&S FENCE CO. Build All Types Pipe and Wire Fences. Free Estimates. 573-0372, 573-3789.

NEED HELP with your Income Tax? Qualified to do all types of Income Taxes. 573-5725.

Classified Ads Call 573-5486

160 EMPLOYMENT

NEED CASH? Sell Avon the new way. Earn up to 50%. For more information, call Peggy Durham, 573-6893.

OILFIELD COMPANY is now accepting applications for Dispatcher. Must be able to work shifts. Send Resume to: Box 949-M, Snyder, TX.

WORK AT HOME, earn \$30 a day. People call you to order Videos & C.D.'s. Call 806-376-7268, Ext. L21.

GET PAID for reading books! \$100.00 per title. Write: PASE-445D, 161 S. Lincolnway, N. Aurora, IL 60542.

HELP WANTED: Domino's Pizza now hiring Delivery Drivers. Please apply in person at 3903 College after 4 p.m.

LVN OR NURSES AID: immediate opening for LVN with 1 year hospital experience or Nurses Aid with 2 years hospital experience. Apply in person at T.E.C., 2501B College Ave. E.O.E. Employee Paid Ad.

180 INSTRUCTIONS

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE: Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room. Saturday, February 11th, 8:30-5:00. Cost: \$25. NO RESERVATION NECESSARY.

210 WOMAN'S COLUMN

MATURE WOMAN would like to do House Cleaning. 573-4173.

ALTERATIONS for Men and Women with a Professional Look. Blanche's Bernina, 2503 College, 573-0303.

UNIQUE CANDY Gifts or Party Favors for Valentines. Call Sweet Expressions, 573-5302.

CHILDCARE in my home. Dependable. References. Very Affordable. Call 573-7637.

ANTIQUE OR NEW - Bring in or Call us for the Repair and Refinishing of your Clocks, Lamps & Furniture. Also, Old Phonograph Record Players.
HOUSE OF ANTIKES
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220 FARMER'S COLUMN

LELAND WALLACE has three 2 year old Hereford Bulls for sale in the National Anxiety 4th Hereford Sale on February 27th at the Coliseum Ag Complex.

On The Farm Tire Service
Goodyear Tires available at:
Lang Tire & Appliance
1701 25th Street
Snyder, Texas 79549
Auto-Truck-Farm
573-4031

251 BOATS

SKEETER WRANGLER, 175 Mercury, 12/24 Trolling Motor. Custom Cover, Clean. 573-0939.

260 MERCHANDISE

BUILDING MATERIALS: New Windows, 24x60, \$15.00; 1/2 Wafer Board, \$6.00; 1/2 YP Siding, \$12.00. 1-235-9966, Sweet-water.

EVERYTHING IN STOCK 75% off! Dealers welcome. Also, Fixtures & Equipment. Snyder Bookstore and Gift Shop. West Side of Square.

FOR SALE: Large Nice Office Building w/Shop, Store Yard. College at Hwy 84. 573-5627.

FOR SALE: Cash Register, \$800; Check Out Stand, \$400. Call Special Moments Gift Shop, 573-4802.

FOR SALE: 9 Drawer Dresser, Mirror, 2 Night Stands, \$150. 573-2761 after 4:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1986 CR80 Honda Motorcycle. Excellent shape. 8x12 Greenhouse. Call 573-8239 after 6:00 p.m. & weekends.

FOR SALE: Firewood and Square Bales Hay. 573-7309.

FIREWOOD: Oak, \$120/cord; Split Dry Mesquite, \$100/cord. **CLEARANCE SALE:** Mixed Mesquite, \$80/cord, delivery by February 10th. 573-3789, 573-1424.

30 GALLON DRUMS w/lids, cleaned and painted. \$6.00 each. Call 573-3571.

MOVING: Across the street or across town. 1 item or a housefull. Call Pioneer Furniture, 573-9834.

NORDIC STOVES: Fireplace Inserts & Wood Stoves. Chimneys Cleaned. 1-728-5885, Cooper's Cove; 573-5777, Gary & Jerri Davis.

PECAN AND FRUIT TREES sold by the grower. Trees that will live at wholesale prices. Phone 1-365-5043.

PRE-INVENTORY SALE at the Scurry County Museum. Most items 25-50% off original cost. Museum has a nice selection of Valentine Items. Hours: 8:00-5:00, Monday-Thursday; 8:00-4:00, Friday.

Say "I LOVE YOU" to your special VALENTINE with a heart shaped cake. Gift boxed. Call Reta's Cake Shop, 573-1546.

10' SATELLITE DISH, \$750. Call 573-7746.

SOFA & Matching Loveseat, good condition, \$150. 1987 Honda Elite 80 Motorcycle, \$700. 573-9591.

USED COLOR T.V.'S. Portables start at \$150. Consoles start at \$175. Snyder Electronics, 311 E. Hwy., 573-6421.

WE ARE NOW OPEN on Tuesday and Thursday for cracking pecans. Shelled pecans available. Nutty Acres, Colorado City, 728-5936 or 728-5816.

WANT TO BUY: A good Utility or Livestock Trailer. Please call 573-7622 after 5 p.m.

CONVALESCENT NEEDS Wheel Chairs, Walkers, Canes, Home Blood Pressure Kits, Etc. Sales & Rentals.
BURGESS McWILLIAMS PHARMACY
3706 College 573-7582

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290 DOGS, PETS, ETC.

TO GIVE AWAY: Brittany Spaniel Dog, very friendly, less than 1 year old, papers available, needs a good home. 573-5887, 573-1753.

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ALL BREEDS GROOMING. Nylon Collars, Leashes, Harnesses. Small Dog Sweaters. Scurry County Vet Clinic, 573-1717.

VALENTINE DAY PUPPIES: Buy someone special a puppy for Valentine's Day. \$25, Dobie & Australian Shepherd Mix. 573-0234.

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310 GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE
Friday & Saturday
214 36th Place
Lots of misc.

GARAGE SALE
3011 Ave Y
Fri. till 3:00
Used carpet, cookware, glass top table, timex computer, tupperware, butane container, lg. womens clothes.

MOVING SALE!
3120 Ave T
Friday Only
Heaters, desk, car seat, infant & toddler wear, braid rug, sheets, spreads, toys, lots more.

315 WANT TO BUY

PAYING TOP PRICES for Copper, Brass, Stainless & other Scrap Metals. Limited Time. Call 24 Hours, Sweetwater Pipe & Supply, 235-5424.

320 FOR RENT-LEASE

LARGE SHOP-OFFICE Building. North College at Y. \$400 month. 573-2442, 573-5627.

LARGE MOBILE Home Space. Chain Link Fence, Barn & Corral for horse (if needed). One mile East on Roby Highway. 573-0548.

2 MONTHS FREE RENT! Key Mobile Home Park. Near Jr. High, High School and Shopping Center. Large lots, playground. R.V.'s welcome. 573-2149.

QUIET COUNTRY LIVING: Large Mobile Home Spaces. 573-6507.

600 S.F. OFFICE, 2100 S.F. Shop, large fenced yard. Off North College. \$700. 573-2442, 573-5627.

WADLEIGH CONSTRUCTION'S Offices, Shop, Store Yard for rent (part or all) or for sale. 573-2442.

325 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Sunshine Village
306 28th 573-1526
Carpeted. Draped, Clean Furn. Apts. Bills paid + Scat. 1 bdrm, \$160 mo; 2 bdrm, \$225 mo. Wk rates if necessary.

NICE 2 Bedroom, Unfurnished Apartment, Paneled, Carpeted, Dishwasher. Also, Very Clean, 1 Bedroom, Furnished, Bills Paid. 573-3553, 573-6150.

PALOMAR MOTEL, 573-2633. Weekly, Daily, Monthly, AARP, Kitchenettes, Direct Dial Telephones, HBO, Local Calls Free.

ENJOY MAINTENANCE FREE LIVING AT KINGSWOOD ESTATE
100 37th St.

and EASTRIDGE APARTMENTS
4100 Brick Plant Rd.
COME CHECK US OUT!
*Spacious Landscaped Grounds
*Safe Family Living
*Designer Decorated
*Energy Efficient
*Laundry Rooms
*Starting at \$151
*\$30 Off for Limited Time
*No Deposit with Valid Refs
*Rental Assistance Available
573-5261

MISS YOUR PAPER?

Your Snyder Daily News should be delivered to you by 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Your Carrier strives to give Prompt Service, but should your paper be missing...

PLEASE CALL
573-5486
Before 6:30 p.m.
Monday through Saturday



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Furn. or Unfur. *All Electric *1 or 2 Bdrms *1 or 1 1/2 Baths *Laundry Facilities *Maid Service Available | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All G.E. Appliances *Garbage Disposals *No Frost Refrigerator *Dishwashers *Located near Child Care Facility & Good School *Central Heat & Ref. Air./Heat Pumps |
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- 1 Bedroom/Furn., \$300 **573-3519**
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1208 1/2 25TH STREET: 1 bedroom, 1 bath, furnished Apartment. \$240/mo., bills paid. Call 573-9001.

APARTMENT FOR RENT- \$175-Up. Come by 607 29th or phone 573-9971 for information.

1 BEDROOM, Furnished Apartment. 1411 24th Street. \$235/mo. \$50/security deposit. All bills paid. 573-3880 or 573-4167.

EXTRA NICE, Furnished, Efficiency Apartment. Water & Gas paid. No pets. Call 573-7150.

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom, furnished Apartment. All bills paid. Reasonable. 573-2844.

Join Our Warm, Comfortable Home Community.

WESTERN CREST APARTMENTS
3901 Ave O 573-1488

2 bedroom, 1 bath
or
2 bedroom, 2 bath

WINDRIDGE VILLAGE APTS

- *One Day Maintenance Service
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573-0879
5400 College Ave

330 HOUSES FOR RENT

UNFURNISHED HOUSE: 3-1 1/2-2, 2808 42nd St. \$500 or best offer. 573-7146 after 4 p.m.

3 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, brick, fenced, total electric, CH&A, FP, lg. den, DW & Range built-in. \$400/mo. 573-5891.

EXTRA LARGE, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large kitchen, carport. 511 27th. Reduced to \$300. 573-7188, 573-8341.

AVAILABLE FEB. 1ST- Large 3 bedroom, 1 bath House. Nice & Clean. \$250/mo. Water paid. 1208 25th. 573-9001.

2 BEDROOM HOUSE, garage, clean. Nice neighborhood. Call 573-8705 after 5:00 p.m.

FOR LEASE OR RENT: Approximate 3 Acres, Shop Building, 1 Office, 2 bedroom House (unfurnished). 573-4711.

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom & larger houses, \$275-\$325. Would consider rent-to-own deal. 573-8963.

FOR RENT OR LEASE: 3 bedroom, 2 bath Home on West 39th. 573-4953.

360 REAL ESTATE

HOUSE FOR SALE: 2912 Ave C. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Corner lot. \$10,000. 573-0413, Marie Boone, Broker.

REPOS FOR SALE: Prices reduced for inventory clearance. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in Snyder, on O'Neal Ave. Also, 4 bedroom, 2 bath in Hermleigh. \$500 down each, 10% APR financing, no closing cost. Call Mike Barton at 915-672-4249 for more info.

City REALTORS

4610 College Ave.
573-7100 573-7177

LOVELY HOME- Cedar Cr, yd landscaped w/sprinklers, pool, see to appreciate.
APP 2900 SF-5-3-2+game-room, FP, wet bar, hot tub.
2802 47TH- nice tile entry, FP, well arranged for any family.
7A FENCED- 1 yr old, 4-3-1 slab for gar. Country fresh air.
2-1-1CP-storm windows, insulated, siding, corner lot, \$10T.
3-2-2- on 1.55A, Hermleigh, \$50's.
EAST- 3112 Ave C, 224 32, 216 34, 3206 Hill, 412 36, 605 29, 2712 Ave F, 207 36th Pl, 2401 N.
LAND- on Round Top Acres.
7-20-40-80&318- good land.
WE SELL all Hud homes on list.
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Doris Beard 573-8480
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Realtors
573-8571
573-3452

BONUSES! BONUSES! hot tub room, lg brick storage bldg w/childrens play area, lg bdrms, unique kitchen & more. 90T.
NICE- Older Home, well taken care of, 3749 Sunset, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, formal dining, extra big breakfast area.
OWNER SAYS "Sell"- Drastically reduced!! Country living at its finest, with all the amenities plus 120 acres.
START the New Year in this lovely 3 bdr, 2 1/2 bath, formal living & dining. Fenced in pool. MAKE this dream your reality, Four bdr, study, Three baths plus a weight room with hot tub. **PRIME** location, New listing, 3 bdr, 2 bath, 2 car garage. See by appt.
SWIMMING POOL: spacious 3 bdr. ATTIC room. Southwest location.
SPACIOUS: Edge of town, 3 bdr, 2 bath, brick.
Lynda Cole 573-0916
Joan Tate 573-8253
Faye Blackledge 573-1223
Lenora Boydston 573-6876
Dolores Jones 573-3452
Howard Jones 573-3452

WANT TO BUY a Mortgage Note. 1-852-1081.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3 bedroom, 2 bath Home. Large den & fenced yard, within 3 blocks of Jr. High, High School & West Elementary. 573-4053.

CORNETT REALTORS

3905 College

24 HR Phone 573-1818
Claudia Sanchez 573-9615
Troy Williamson 573-7211
Pat Cornett 573-9488

FOR SALE: Owner Financed, Terms Negotiable. 3 & 5 Bedroom Houses; 5 Unit Apartment; Mobile Home Lots. 573-8963.

3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 Bath, 1 car attached garage. 2 car garage in back. Refrigerated air, storm windows. Needs new carpet - you pick it out. 208 33rd St. Call 573-2147 after 5 p.m. or 573-8214 after 5.

STEVENSON REAL ESTATE
4102 College
Weekdays
573-5612 or 573-1755

3402 KERRVILLE- 3-2-2, exclusive, many extras, \$79,000.00.
2808 35TH- 4-3-2, reduced.
120 25TH- 2-1-1, low \$20's.
2806 EL PASO- 3-2-2, \$85T.
114 CANYON- own fin.
205 36TH PLACE- assume FHA.
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THE NHS — These Snyder High School students were inducted Sunday into the National Honor Society. From left to right are Brandi Bell, Kathy Armstrong, Ron Baker, Jason Best, Denise Blythe, Rana Eicke, Dana Fenton, Abel Garza, Toby Goodwin, Jennifer Harden, Kristi Head, Mande Henry, Christy

Holmes, Jacy LaRoux, Gina McWhirter, Thad Myers, Anne Osborn, Jay Parker, Felicia Perry, Annette Ramos, Dora Jean Rumpff, Sam Shifflett, Ginger Smith, Jennifer Spence, Cindy Srna and Jason West. (SDN Staff Photo)



THE SENIORS — Senior members of the National Honor Society at Snyder High School were in a good humor Sunday after inducting 26

new members. The afternoon ceremony and reception afterwards were attended by about 200 people. (SDN Staff Photo)

DR. GOTT PETER GOTT, M.D.

A method to dissolve kidney stones

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a uric acid stone 3/4 inch in diameter. I'm taking Uriced and allopurinol and drinking large amounts of water. I'm in quite a bit of pain so I am wondering how long it will take to dissolve the stone. I'm also a non-insulin dependent diabetic. My doctor hasn't given me much information about diet or prognosis. Can you?

DEAR READER: Kidney stones are composed of various materials; uric acid crystals are one of the most common. You appear to have gout, an elevation of uric acid in the blood, leading to joint inflammation and/or kidney stones.

Your stone is quite large; so large, in fact, that I doubt it will ever disintegrate or shrink with the methods you describe. Such a stone may never give you serious symptoms because it is probably too big to be passed from the kidney to the bladder. However, it can form the focus for persisting urinary infection that can be very resistant to treatment. This may explain why you are experiencing pain.

You may need to have the stone removed surgically. In order to avoid an operation, you may want to consider the possibility of having the stone pulverized by sound waves. This new technique is called extracorporeal shock-wave lithotripsy. You would be immersed in a tub of warm water and sound waves would be focused through the water into the stone. The shear and tear forces of the sound-shock would shatter the stone. After the procedure, the fragments could be removed by a device that is passed from the bladder up into the kidney. Lithotripsy is a new and safe therapy for the non-surgical treatment of many types of kidney stones. Ask your doctor to refer you to a urologist; this specialist can advise you about the best way to approach your problem.

Of course, you will also wish to avoid forming new kidney stones in the future. This you can do by taking allopurinol (an anti-uric acid medicine), drinking enough fluids and avoiding food rich in uric acid (organ meats, such as liver and sweetbreads).

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 32, female and about four years ago started to get veins in the side of my nose. They are getting worse and very noticeable. What should I do?

DEAR READER: Unsightly veins in the skin can be treated by plastic surgeons in one of three ways: surgical removal, freezing (cryosurgery) or laser therapy.

Ask your doctor to refer you to a plastic surgeon for specific advice about which technique would be most suitable in your case.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been told I can reduce my cholesterol by eating Certa, the material used for making jelly. Is this true?

DEAR READER: According to the manufacturer, Certa contains pectin, lactic acid, citric acid, potassium citrate and sodium benzoate. To my knowledge, none of these harmless compounds will lower cholesterol. If you are interested in natural compounds to achieve this purpose, I suggest you try oat bran, niacin or Metamucil.

For more information I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Cholesterol." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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'Lonesome Dove' helps all 3 networks

NEW YORK (AP) — It didn't look like happy trails for CBS, but "Lonesome Dove" has ridden to the rescue.

The success of CBS' four-night Western has not only boosted morale at the third-place network, but sent audience shares of CBS, ABC and NBC soaring into the 80s in a season that has been averaging percentages in the 60s.

On his CBS talk show Tuesday, Pat Sajak told his audience they might find it a little warmer than previously.

"With the success of 'Lonesome Dove,'" he said, "CBS has turned the heat back on in the studio."

"Lonesome Dove" has more than met CBS' guarantee to advertisers. Televisions in an estimated 25.7 million homes were tuned to CBS for the series' first installment.

Instead of the less-than-30 share the network expected, the miniseries is headed for an average share closer to 40. The share is a percentage of televisions in use.

"It's performing significantly better than we anticipated, though obviously we had great hopes for it because of the quality," said David Poltrack, CBS' vice president for marketing. "The recent patterns of television viewing would create a healthy skepticism in terms of response, and we're very pleased."

The audience reception shows that networks can still put on good programs and people will watch.

"Lonesome Dove," Tom Shales of The Washington Post enthused, "is enough to give one new respect for the miniseries, new respect for Texas, new respect for CBS, and even new respect for television. There is almost never anything this good on network TV."

"It is the best Western ever on the small screen," wrote Art Chapman of the Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram. "It is the best miniseries we have seen in 10 years. And it is the best overall show of the last few seasons."

The four-part series that concluded Wednesday night is based

on Larry McMurtry's 1985 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of the same name.

The tale of life, death and love on a Texas-to-Montana cattle drive had an all-star cast, including Oscar winners Robert Duvall ("Tender Mercies") and Anjelica Huston ("Prizzi's Honor"); Emmy winner Tommy Lee Jones ("Executioner's Song"); Diane Lane, Robert Ulrich, Ricky Schroder, Danny Glover, D.B. Sweeney, Chris Cooper and Glenn Headly.

"What it tells you is basically that quality will bring out audiences," said Poltrack. "Now on the other hand, you don't run out and make 10 miniseries based on this, because you have to realize you're dealing with Pulitzer Prize-winning book, an extraordinary production, extraordinary acting. 'I think the Robert Duvall performance will go down in history as one of the great television performances of all time. When you have that kind of combination you're going to be successful.'"

Alan Wurtzel, ABC's vice president for research, said: "I would say it's a little dangerous to draw any conclusions about the future of either Westerns on television or the future of the long miniseries on television, based on one case. ... I think if there's nothing else you learn in television it's that there's always the exception to the rule."

Last season, the networks began fretting about the loss of viewers to cable options and videocassettes. The slide stopped, at least for this week.

Sunday night's premiere of "Lonesome Dove" had a 28.5 rating and a 42 share and was the highest-rated show of the week, according to the A.C. Nielsen Co., whose weekly ratings compilations run Mondays through Sundays. Each rating point represents 904,000 U.S. homes with televisions. Monday and Tuesday's installments drew a 37 share each.

ABC and NBC might be losing the time period to "Lonesome Dove," but the competition is not doing badly, and a hit for one is ultimately good for all three net-

works.

"It's always been my contention, as far as the network business is concerned, three healthy networks are really preferable. I would just like to be the healthiest of the three, but it's really to no one's advantage to have one or two networks not performing well," said Wurtzel.

Poor programming on any network chases viewers to cable and video alternatives, he said.

Cavazos gives deposition

DALLAS (AP) — Former Texas Tech president Lauro Cavazos gave a deposition in a discrimination case filed by a fired employee of the school, which he left last year to head up the U.S. Department of Education.

Cavazos answered questions from lawyer James Barber in Dallas Wednesday for about three hours.

Mrs. LaFontaine, who now lives in Dallas, filed the lawsuit against Texas Tech in 1985 seeking unspecified damages, attorney's fees and reinstatement to her old job.

But there's also a sense of tipping the hat when a competitor comes up with something really special. "Lonesome Dove," Wurtzel said, "is an excellent, very, very well-done show, and I think it deserves to get viewers."

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You could be rather lucky today where your material interests are concerned. There is a strong possibility you might derive personal benefits from something you least expect.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't be discouraged today if associates fail to see the merits of your position immediately. They'll eventually come around to your way of thinking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions look favorable for achieving career objectives today, provided you're consistent and stay on top of things, including minor details.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If something propitious develops for you today, try to include people in it who have been helpful to you recently. Your gesture will assure you of their continued support in the future.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't be deterred from going after goals you establish for yourself today. You might have to deal with some small frustrations, but they will be manageable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Solutions to resolve a complicated development can be found today if you solicit advice from a friend who experienced something similar.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In a business arrangement your position may be stronger than you realize. Stop focusing on negative aspects and look for ways to utilize the opportunities at hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In a situation that affects you and another, take some positive measures on your own today that you believe will be mutually beneficial instead of waiting for your partner to supply the initiative.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This can be an extremely productive day for you if you are able to operate free from the interference of others. Don't make yourself available to people who merely waste your time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone who is always hard to please might try to put a damper on one of your social involvements today. However, it's not likely to be enough to keep you from having a good time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your potential for personal gains looks more promising today than it has all week. If you have something profitable on the stove, turn up the burners.

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Chairman favors bank takeovers

NEW YORK (AP) — The multibillion-dollar savings and loan crisis doesn't mean the death of the industry, but more banks may assume the role of thrifts, the chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board says.

"You have to understand in this country we have had a very high commitment to home ownership," a goal aided by savings and loans, M. Danny Wall told a meeting of international bankers Wednesday.

Wall also said the government actively would seek restitution from fraudulent thrift executives, whose actions have contributed to the industry's losses, said to be accruing at the rate of \$500 million a month.

He said the \$90 billion bailout plan announced this week by President Bush does not signal the demise of a financial in-

stitution created in the 1930s to help Americans buy single-family homes.

Wall, who is from South Dakota, said there were "thousands of banks" in that part of the country whose business was much the same as thrifts, which traditionally have catered to individual depositors or mortgage seekers.

"Over time, I'm convinced we should allow those kinds of institutions to borrow from federal home loan banks," he said.

Wall said the plan for dealing with the hundreds of troubled thrifts includes a reversal of a Federal Reserve ban on allowing bank holding companies to own thrifts.

Under the plan, which must be approved by Congress, banks would be allowed to absorb insolvent thrifts immediately and acquire healthy institutions beginning in 1991.

Comptroller says...

\$81 billion plan would shortchange the land

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Energy Department's \$81 billion plan to modernize and clean up nuclear weapons plants over 20 years would save the nation's production of war devices but fail to remove all environmental hazards, the head of General Accounting Office says.

"Modernization activities would essentially be completed by 2010, and the nation would have a revitalized weapons complex," Comptroller General Charles A. Bowsher told a congressional hearing Wednesday.

"However, problems in the environmental area would still be with us."

Bowsher told the House Budget Committee it would take up to \$155 billion over 30 years to modernize the industry, clean up closed plants and protect the environment from radioactive contamination.

Material for nuclear weapons is produced at reactors and other facilities in a dozen states, but has effectively stopped because

of safety concerns at reactor sites in Washington state, Nevada and South Carolina.

Energy officials told another congressional committee last week they hope to get the tritium-producing reactor at the Savannah River site in South Carolina back in operation before the end of the year, but may not be able to do it that soon. The reactor has been out of operation since August when an unexplained power surge caused it to shut down.

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