

Bettors state average...

City sales tax betters itself for month, year

Another sizeable monthly jump in the Snyder sales tax return helped the city continue its year-to-date total at over 12 percent higher than last year.

In addition, Snyder's percentage is running ahead of state averages for both the month and the year.

For sales made during May and reported Wednesday, the 1 percent sales tax was 23 percent higher here, some \$57,000 this year compared to more than

\$46,000 last year. This brought the year-to-date total to almost \$428,000.

Snyder's year-to-date total is now at a plus 12.4 percent. The state's average is a plus 10.8 percent.

As for the monthly return, state sales showed a 14.3 percent increase with the July report compared to Snyder's plus 23 percent.

Statewide, comptroller Bob Bullock's office sent 915 checks to

cities which collect the sales tax. This rate varies from 1 to 1 1/2 cents for each dollar collected.

Checks totaling some \$5.8 million were mailed also to 81 counties that collect the one-half percent county tax.

The monthly return for Scurry County was \$32,873, bringing the year-to-date to \$154,101.

A sampling of sales tax returns for other area cities include:

—Lubbock: a plus 11.4 percent with \$7.7 million returned to date

compared to \$6.9 million last year. The monthly return was a 10.3 percent increase.

—Ablene: an 8.4 percent increase with \$4.2 million returned to date compared to \$3.8 million last year. The monthly return was a 3.2 percent increase.

—San Angelo: a 2.2 percent decrease with \$3 million returned to date compared to \$3.1 million last year. The monthly return was an 11 percent decrease.

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Dukakis offer meets 'frosty' Jackson

ATLANTA (AP) — Michael Dukakis says he wants Jesse Jackson to "play an important role" in the Democratic campaign in the fall, but an indignant Jackson isn't ready to look beyond next week's convention, warning of a symbolic challenge to Dukakis' selection of a running mate.

Dukakis and his vice presidential choice — Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas — spent Wednesday mending fences with major

Jackson supporters, with some success.

"It's a strong ticket. It's a winning ticket," said Rep. John Lewis of Georgia after Dukakis and Bentsen met with the Congressional Black Caucus on Capitol Hill. "It was very friendly in the room."

Republican nominee-to-be George Bush was moving to start the process of picking his own running mate, stepping up the pace after Dukakis laid down a

challenge in Bush's home state by picking Bentsen.

Today Bush was to speak for the Reagan administration before the United Nations, defending the government's actions in the shooting down of an Iranian airliner by a U.S. warship in the Persian Gulf.

"I can't wait to get up there to defend the policy of the United States government," Bush said Wednesday.

Dukakis, the governor of

Massachusetts, was to spend the day at the Statehouse in Boston, facing a state budget crisis.

Jackson, beginning a three-day bus trip to Atlanta today, was still frosty toward Dukakis. The civil rights leader was fuming over Dukakis' failure to tell him of his choice of Bentsen Tuesday before reporters asked Jackson for his reaction.

"After yesterday, many people have a sense of indignation and a sense of insult," Jackson said at a Chicago news conference Wednesday.

Some Jackson supporters were more emphatic.

Atlanta City councilman Hosea Williams, a nationally known civil rights activist, suggested the failure to treat Jackson better had racist overtones. Rep. Edolphus Towns, D-N.Y., said he was "extremely disappointed" after meeting with Dukakis and Jackson. "I don't feel comfortable (with the ticket) at this time," Towns said.

At a Capitol Hill news conference, Dukakis said he had apologized to Jackson when he did reach him Tuesday morning.

"I said I was sorry that I missed him on the first call," Dukakis said.

"At the black caucus, at the NAACP convention in Washington and in the news conference, Dukakis stressed how much he needed the enthusiasm of Jackson and his supporters in the fall campaign.

"We want him to play an important role in the campaign," Dukakis said. "We want his support. We hope and expect he will be very much involved with us in the campaign and afterwards."

Back in Chicago for one last time before the convention, Jackson was not ready to be appeased.

"At this point I'm not in the partnership," he told a news conference there. Later he told a convention of Operation PUSH, the civil rights group he founded, "For too long, the power brokers have sat in small rooms with closed doors and made great decisions."

Jackson laid down another

challenge to Dukakis, suggesting that he could very well allow his name to be put into nomination for vice president during Thursday night's session — in addition to the presidential roll call on Wednesday night.

It would be a symbolic gesture, since Dukakis has the delegate votes to control the convention.

Informed of Jackson's comments, Dukakis said, "I'm confident we'll have a united convention."

Oil value changes 'minimal'

The oil-related tax roll for Scurry County has been downgraded some \$447,000 by the Scurry County Appraisal District, it was reported Thursday, a change called minimal by local appraisal district officials.

This change is approximately the same amount of adjustment often granted during the appeal process for county oil values, said Scurry County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Ray Peveler.

He noted the change represents less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the county's entire oil-based tax roll.

The reduced values were granted Tuesday and involved values placed on equipment for Kalko Industries amounting to \$130,200; and the value of an oil field lease owned by Dynamic Oil Company amounting to \$316,770.

Going before the review board representing Kalko was Mairl McPaul; and for Dynamic, Len Bradford, a representative of Strategis Property Tax Service of Dallas.

The review board heard a third appeal, but no decision was rendered as yet pending a further check of equipment values between the local owner and the Dallas appraisal firm.

Meeting with the board for this session was Paul Zeck of Y-Z Industries.

On Monday, the review board also granted some \$10,000 in downward adjustments for county real estate and personal property values.

Before the review hearings began Monday, the district had on file 10 appeals related to real estate and 18 in connection with oil values.

With the appeal process all but complete, Peveler said he will begin certifying the tax roll and expects to have it to the six county taxing entities by Friday.



LOOKING BETTER — County Entomologist Deanna Myers Holladay inspects cotton Thursday morning at the Union Community Center northwest of Snyder, noting that the crop is con-

siderably greener and is enjoying a noticeable growth spurt because of recent rains. (SDN Staff Photo)

Curriculum post on trustee agenda

The regular July meeting of the Snyder school board Thursday will include a hiring recommendation for a new elementary curriculum specialist, a post which includes responsibility as a second appraiser for a portion of the district's elementary school teachers.

The position was vacated with the promotion of Margaret Presswood to assistant principal at Snyder Junior High.

In addition, the meeting will include consideration of the appraisal calendar for local teachers as well as the naming of individuals responsible for this assignment in addition to the district's seven campus principals.

Other action items set for the 7 p.m. meeting, listed in order, will include:

—Appoint new school business manager Lee McNair to three

positions traditionally handled by his office, as the board secretary, as the district's authorized representative to receive governmental commodities and as the district's representative for the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Program.

—Consider a request from American Food Management for the purchase of a 10-burner range, a Hobart brand slicer and

eight tables.

—Consider roofing bids for the high school auditorium and the girl's gymnasium.

—Consider a proposal to change the type of irrigation system for the practice fields at the high school, junior high and at Travis Field.

—Consider a presentation from the Council for Educational Excellence regarding a scholarship

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'Steer Saddling' slated with rodeo

A special "Steer Saddling" has been scheduled for each night of the Scurry County Rodeo with three-man teams from nine Snyder merchants to compete.

It will be part of the fun for the 53rd annual event slated at the Scurry County Rodeo Association rodeo grounds beginning next Thursday, July 21.

The rodeo will be held nightly Thursday, Friday and Saturday beginning at 8 p.m.

The steer saddling, which will require each team to saddle a steer and ride the animal to a finish line, will have three teams competing nightly.

On Thursday night, the teams will be provided by Snyder Na-

tional Bank, West Texas State Bank and American State Bank.

On Friday night, the competition will be among Howard Gray Motors, Mal Donelson Chevrolet and Wilson Motors.

The concluding contest Saturday will be between Snyder Farm and Ranch, Canon Supply and Scurry Ag Center.

Other events will include the traditional rodeo parade on Saturday, July 23, the annual stockholder's roping next Wednesday, and a dance at the rodeo ground's slab each night following the rodeo.

This year's event will be affiliated with the Texas Cowboy's

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The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Hang in there—remember today's mighty oak is yesterday's little nut that managed to hold its ground."

A Scurry County subscriber of the Texas Spur brought in a recent edition of the Dickens County weekly that carried the following account of an emergency city council meeting there.

"It is understood the discussion at the meeting centered around recent expenses reported by Mayor Dusty Cranford following a trip to Austin to attend the Mayor's and Council Members Conference.

"Members of the council questioned the mayor concerning the trip and he did not provide receipts for all the expenses reported.

"It also came to light at the meeting that the mayor was delinquent on his city utilities. He has indicated that he would try to have the delinquent account paid before the next regular meeting of the council which is set for July 12.

"All members of the council were present with the exception of Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Stewart who was in the country and could not be notified in time to attend the session."

Washington could learn a lesson from small-town America about how to get down to the nitty-gritty of the issue.

George Bush last week promised to put at least one Hispanic in his cabinet. The press sometimes views such a promise with skepticism.

One editor was reminded of the story about a tough press that announced the Lord's ability to walk on water under the headline "Jesus Can't Swim" when he saw how a newspaper played the Bush announcement.

Its headline read: "Bush Won't Promise to Put Blacks, Women in Cabinet, Despite Hispanic Pledge."

Politics is gonna add to the summer heat.

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Ask Us

Q — Is McDonald's building a playground in the front of the building?

A — Yes, although a spokesman said delivery of the playground equipment has been delayed. It is now scheduled to arrive later this month.

In Brief

Prime rate

NEW YORK (AP) — Two big banks raised their prime lending rate today by a half percentage point to 9.5 percent, the highest level in more than three years.

It was the second boost in the key lending rate this year and signaled a new round of higher interest rates for consumers on loans for purchases ranging from automobiles to homes.

Chase Manhattan Bank in New York was the first to announce the rate increase and was quickly followed by Citibank. Others were expected to follow.

Baby found

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A baby found abandoned in the blood-splattered bathroom of a United Airlines jet was apparently born five hours earlier, just before the plane took off from New Jersey, authorities said.

Weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces, the newborn girl was found by a custodian on Wednesday stuffed beneath a sink in a lavatory of United Airlines Flight 35.

Minutes earlier, the mother and 252 other passengers disembarked from the non-stop flight from Newark, N.J. Police were still searching for the mother Wednesday night.

The white infant, who has dark brown hair and blue eyes, is listed in good condition at Mills Hospital in San Mateo.

Eats speech

AUSTIN (AP) — A draft version of state Treasurer Ann Richards' keynote speech to the Democratic National Convention was lost in a computer glitch.

"I don't trust machines and never have," Ms. Richards said.

The speech, which was about 95 percent complete, disappeared Tuesday while being revised by a speech writer for the Democratic National Committee.

Local

Posse change

The Scurry County Sheriff's Posse meeting scheduled for Thursday has been reset for next Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 96 degrees; low, 72 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 73 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1988 to date, 13.65 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair and warm with lows in lower 70s and winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday, sunny and hot with highs in mid 90s and south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Bentsen back on job after day with Dukakis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lloyd Bentsen was returning to his customary Senate duties today after a first full day of campaign-style appearances with his new political partner, Democratic presidential nominee-to-be Michael Dukakis.

At a news conference on Wednesday, Bentsen looked relaxed and comfortable in his day-old role as Dukakis' running mate. With the Massachusetts governor at his side, Bentsen minimized his differences with Dukakis on such issues as abortion funding, Contra aid, and the Reagan tax cuts.

On "the vast majority" of issues, from jobs to health care to education, "we share a common cause," the Texas senator said.

On Wednesday, Bentsen skipped a Finance Committee meeting to make the political rounds with Dukakis. Today, though, he planned to preside as committee chairman at a hearing on the U.S.-Canada free trade agreement.

Bentsen won a warm bipartisan tribute from his Senate colleagues Wednesday night. As he entered the chamber for a roll call, Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas spotted him and said: "I'd like to extend my congratulations to Sen. Bentsen, from this side of the aisle."

The senators present, Republicans and Democrats alike, rose to their feet and burst into applause. Bentsen grinned and waved.

Bentsen was asked Wednesday at his Capitol Hill news conference with Dukakis about his plans to run for re-election to his Senate seat as well as the vice presidency in November.

"I can't get off the ticket in Texas. That's the way the law is written," he said. "If I was to step off the ticket, that would forfeit it to the Republican challenger, and I can't do that."

At the news conference, Bentsen laughed off a question about whether his age — 67 — was "prohibitive," and challenged his questioner, Sam Donaldson of ABC, to a tennis match.

Bentsen said his 94-year-old father "goes to work every morning by 6 o'clock, works six days a week, drives his own car and has

a fuzzbuster on the dash." He hastened to add that in Texas, such radar-detection devices are legal.

Earlier, Bentsen got a chilly reception at the NAACP convention, where some delegates booed when Dukakis introduced the running mate he chose over Jesse Jackson. NAACP executive director Benjamin L. Hooks intervened to cajole the delegates into offering Bentsen a warmer hand.

Bentsen told the NAACP that, "For all who are committed to justice and equality, indifference is simply not an option in 1988."

"If you care about the make-up of the Civil Rights Commission or the composition of the Supreme Court or the leadership of the Justice Department, or about equality and progress in jobs and schools, I think you have to vote for Michael Dukakis," said Bentsen.

"It's important not just for the

NAACP, not just for black Americans, but for all who care about freedom and opportunity, for all who believe that government can be a force for fairness, for all who believe in the politics of inclusion," he said.

Congress forces showdown with Reagan over closings

WASHINGTON (AP) — With plenty of extra votes in the Senate and maybe enough in the House to override a veto, Congress is forcing an election-year showdown with President Reagan on giving workers advance notice of plant closings and layoffs.

Fifty-four of the 177 House Republicans abandoned the administration and the party's presidential candidate, Vice President George Bush, on the issue Wednesday. Nineteen of the Senate's 46 Republicans did the same last week.

On a 286-136 vote, more than the two-thirds needed to enact the law over a veto from Reagan, the House voted Wednesday to let workers caught up in plant closings or layoffs involving more than 50 of them know about it 60 days beforehand.

The Senate approved the same measure a week ago by a veto-proof 72-23 vote in the biggest legislative battle of the decade between corporate America and labor unions.

House Republicans aware of polls showing that more than 80 percent of the American public favor the notices are distancing themselves from Reagan and Bush on the issue.

"I don't think he'll be able to sustain a veto," said Rep. Marge Roukema, R-N.J., who led the House fight against the mandatory notices through the legislative process but voted for the bill Wednesday.

"There are a lot more than 54 Republicans who don't want him to veto it," she said. "We fought every fight ... but you have to pick your battles. Bush is going to have to handle the issue now."

Immediately after the vote on the layoff notices Wednesday, the House approved by an even larger 376-45 vote a trade bill that Reagan vetoed in May because the plant closing and layoff notices were then a part of it.

The 14.1 million-member AFL-CIO, possessing one-sixth of the

"Mike Dukakis and I are committed to making a difference for America ... and we need your help," said Bentsen.

Bentsen said he talked by telephone with Jackson earlier Wednesday.

"Jesse Jackson is a friend of mine, he's a very able gentleman, and I wanted to establish communications with him. And that I did, and I think we had a very good conversation," he said.

delegates at next week's Democratic National Convention, has threatened to withdraw its pivotal support for overhauling the nation's trade laws if the plant closing notices are not enacted separately.

And the labor movement's chief supporters in the Senate — Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, — have vowed to reattach

the notices to the trade legislation or kill the bill entirely if Reagan's veto of them as a separate measure is upheld.

"Today's House vote, coupled with last week's overwhelming Senate margin, clearly give the White House a strong message that this bill should be signed," AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland said Wednesday.

Polygamist's son jailed in Phoenix

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — A man wanted for questioning in four slayings in Texas sat in the Maricopa County Jail for 12 days after he was booked under an assumed name before detectives learned who he was, officials say.

Sgt. Andy Anderson, a police spokesman, said late Wednesday that Heber LeBaron, 27, was identified from fingerprints forwarded to the department by Houston police detectives.

LeBaron, who was booked under the name Henry Givens, and four companions were arrested July 1 after they were stopped on a road near Interstate 17 in a stolen vehicle, Anderson said.

LeBaron is the son of the late Ervil LeBaron, whose Church of the Lamb of God is linked to slayings from Utah to Mexico.

If found to be the work of LeBaron followers, the four deaths in Texas last June 27 would bring to 18 the number of the polygamist patriarch's former disciples who have died or disappeared in the last 22 years.

The senior LeBaron, 56, died in 1981 of a heart attack at the Utah State Prison. He had been sentenced to a life term for masterminding the 1977 gunshot slaying of Murray, Utah, naturopath Rulon Allred, a rival polygamist.

Although he has not been charged in the Texas deaths, Heber LeBaron was wanted for questioning in the execution-style slayings of three people, including an 8-year-old girl, in Houston and one similar shooting the same day in a Dallas suburb.

Anderson said police determined through fingerprints that the man booked as Joseph Michaels, 24, was Doug Barlow, 28.

The others arrested gave the names of Lawrence Melton, 18;

Christina Adams, 22, and Melanie Martin, 22, Anderson said. He said investigators were working to determine if those were their true identities.

LeBaron, Barlow and Ms. Martin were charged with illegally conducting an enterprise, a Maricopa County jail records supervisor said. She said LeBaron and Michaels were being held in lieu of \$13,700 bond, with Ms. Martin held under a \$3,425 bond.

The spokeswoman said Ms. Adams and Melton were not listed in jail records, but Anderson said they were in custody.

Barlow and Ms. Martin face a preliminary hearing in Phoenix Justice Court on Friday, while LeBaron's appearance date is Monday, the supervisor said.

Anderson said the five were booked for investigation of auto theft after it was discovered they were riding in a vehicle stolen in Texas.

"In the meantime, some of our investigators were in contact with some investigators from Houston, and they were sharing information ... and they were able to send us some information and the fingerprints we used to make a positive identification," Anderson said.

In the Houston shootings, Duane Chynoweth, 31, and his daughter, Jennifer, 8, were shot to death as they sat in a pickup truck parked outside a vacant house in Houston, and about the same time, Chynoweth's brother, Mark, 36, was slain at an appliance business a few miles away, Turner said. Mark Chynoweth was LeBaron's son-in-law.

In Irving, Eddie Marston, 32, one of LeBaron's stepsons, was found shot to death the same day.

LeBaron's Church of the Lamb of God is one of many groups that advocate a return to polygamy, once practiced by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints but banned in 1890.

Court appearance missed by witness

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A meteorologist who was taking a lunch break at the time of the Delta Flight 191 crash was a no-show when he was scheduled to testify at the liability trial because he had to go to Washington.

Meteorologist Richard Douglass, who had been waiting to testify at the beginning of the week, said he had to go to Washington Tuesday night and could not be in court Wednesday.

A videotaped deposition made earlier was substituted for his testimony, but Delta attorney John Martin said the videotape's use deprived him of the chance to cross-examine Douglass and thus left significant questions unanswered.

Douglass, who was on duty at the National Weather Service Center Weather Service Unit on Aug. 2, 1985, left on a dinner break at 5:25 p.m. and did not return until shortly after the crash at 6:06 p.m.

The crash, which killed 137 people, has been blamed on a rapidly developing thunderstorm that caused a microburst, or sudden

downward blast of air, that dived the plane.

Government lawyer Kathlynn Fadely said Douglass called her Tuesday night and told her he had to go to Washington. Douglass had been waiting to testify earlier this week while Delta attorneys finished cross-examining another witness.

Although Douglass was a witness for the federal government, his appearance in court also was anticipated by Delta attorneys, who have focused on testimony that Douglass' weather radar station was unmanned during the entire time he was on break.

The airline contends that federal air traffic controllers and meteorologists failed to warn the Delta pilots of the developing thunderstorm, while the government argues that pilots have the best view of the weather and should have known what they were flying into.

In the deposition videotaped in Dallas in April 1987, Douglass said he went on his dinner break shortly after delivering a short-range forecast to air traffic controllers that predicted thunderstorms dissipating.

The meteorologist testified he did not know who was supposed to monitor his radar while he was on his break but did not expect air traffic controllers to do so.



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Oil spilled in Corpus harbor

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — An unexplained accident has caused the worst oil spill in the history of the Port of Corpus Christi, authorities say.

Officials said the tanker Nord Pacific, owned by a Singapore firm, was enroute to the Southwest Refinery late Wednesday when an unexplained accident caused a gash measuring eight feet by one foot in the side of the tanker.

The mishap caused an estimated 15,000 barrels of crude oil to be spilled into the harbor, officials said.

U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Paul Zukunft said the cleanup will take several days, but said the wind is blowing in a direction that will cause the oil to be pushed farther into the port and keep it out of Corpus Christi Bay.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials were to check for possible environmental damage early today.



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BRIDE-ELECT HONORED — Janna Tate, bride-elect of Clay Peterson, was feted with a gift shower Saturday at the East Side Church of Christ. Pictured from left are Sallie Tate and Rosalie Helm, grandmothers of the bride-elect;

Kathryn Tate, her mother; the honoree; Nancy Peterson, mother of the prospective groom; and Joyce Bowers, his grandmother. Vows will be exchanged at 6 p.m. August 20 in the East Side Church of Christ. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lee family reunion held

Descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lee met June 12 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Taylor of Abilene for a family reunion.

Six of their 10 children were in attendance with their families as follows: Ruth Lee Seabourn of Abilene; Addie Mae (Lee) Leonard of Bakersfield, Calif.; Alice (Lee) Gilmore of Baird; George J. Lee of Snyder; Herbert Lee and J.W. Lee of Sacramento, Calif.

Valree Lee Shroyer of Snyder and Earl Lee of Kailvakona, Hawaii were unable to attend. Those deceased are Walter Lee and Odell Lee.

George and Lilla Lee farmed in the Snyder area for many years. The couple moved from Alabama to Texas in the early 1900s.



LEE FAMILY — Pictured from left are Alice Gilmore, George J. Lee, Addie Mae Leonard, Herbert Lee, Ruth Seabourn, and J.W. Lee. These six of the ten children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lee were among family members attending a reunion June 12 in Abilene. (Family Photo)

The game can be cruel, particularly when the partnership presses to an aggressive contract with duplication of values. In today's deal, North and South were using the bidding system in which an immediate two-over-one response commits the partnership to getting to game. After South had bid two hearts, North could simply raise to three, setting the trump suit and leaving room for slam exploration. South was right in thinking that his partner had some slam interest. However, was it right for South to bid as much as he did?

South had 16 high-card points, but more important, he had a strong trump holding (A-Q). He also had aces in both minors. So he cue-bid four diamonds, and then, even after North bid only four hearts, continued by showing his ace of clubs. That was enough for North, who forthwith bid six hearts. The slam was not hopeless. On a good day, the club king would be outside, hearts would divide 3-2, and the spade suit would behave (either the king with East or the suit dividing 3-3). Still, needing all those favorable breaks made the odds for making the slam poor.

There were many wasted values in the combined cards. After reading this excuse, you have probably guessed that your hapless columnist was the poor devil who got to slam and went set.



COUPLE FETED — Helen Loredia Potts, bride-elect of Allen Dan Fox, was honored with a bridal shower July 2 in the Dunn Community Center. Pictured from left are Julia Fox, mother of the prospective groom; the honored couple; and Loredia Potts, mother of the bride-elect. The couple exchanged promises in a morning ceremony July 8 at the Third and Dwight Church of Christ in Monahans. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tips are given for cooking successful microwaved pork

CHOOSE THE RIGHT CUTS

The best types of pork to cook in the microwave are small cuts, such as chops, spareribs or loin back ribs, cubes, ground pork, sausages, bacon and Canadian bacon. Large pieces of pork such as loin roasts (over 3 pounds) should be cooked conventionally so that they cook more evenly.

When you shop, look for pieces of meat that are even in shape, size and thickness. To make uneven meat cuts more uniform, trim off thick areas of the meat or tuck under thin portions.

Using a sharp knife, trim off any excess fat from the meat before cooking in the microwave. Fat attracts microwaves and the meat near the fat may overcook.

Turn over bone-in meats (chops, small roasts, ribs) during microwave cooking because the bones shield the meat from microwaves, preventing the meat from cooking. Unless it's turned, meat can cook unevenly.

COVER PORK FOR EVEN COOKING

Always cover pork with microwave-safe plastic wrap or a lid so steam surrounds the meat, allowing even cooking to the well-done stage. If you use plastic wrap, be sure to turn back a small portion at one corner to allow excess steam to escape.

For less than 5 minutes cooking, cover high-fat pork, such as bacon, with microwave-safe paper towels to absorb grease.

For more than 5 minutes cooking, use a dish that can withstand the high temperature of the fat. Replace the fat-soaked paper towel halfway through cooking.

POWER FOR PORK

When cooking most types of fresh pork in your microwave oven, use 50 percent power (medium) or 30 percent power (medium-low). This slow cooking allows the heat to penetrate evenly to the center. High power works well for ground pork, bacon, sausages and slices of ham.

WHEN IS IT DONE?

Cut into the meat. There should be no pink remaining and the meat should be tender. Check pork chops for doneness by cutting into the meat near the bone.

To promote even cooking, turn over large cuts, rearrange pieces, or stir mixtures occasionally.

If thinner portions of meat finish cooking before the rest, shield them with small pieces of foil so they don't overcook. (First check your owner's manual to see whether you can use foil in your microwave oven.)

When you check the meat for doneness, you may find liquid accumulating in the dish. These juices will increase cooking time, so spoon them off occasionally.

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This layered Tex-Mex casserole is popular at our house. I like it because it goes together in a jiffy; my family thinks the hot-spice level is exactly right. Now I cook the casserole in my microwave oven in less than half the conventional baking time.

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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.

Alateen; for the children of alcoholics; 7 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

Scurry County Sheriff's Posse; Posse Clubhouse; 7:30 p.m.

Snyder Singles; Towle Park; outside games and watermelon; 7:30 p.m.

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; 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.

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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.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-0414.

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.

Although the Etruscans forged Italy's first civilization centuries before the birth of Christ, scholars have deciphered only 300 useful Etruscan words, says National Geographic.

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Olney Savings may acquire failing thrifts

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A Dallas-based savings and loan association is expected to acquire several Texas thrifts soon under the government's Southwest plan, industry experts say.

Industry experts said Metropolitan Financial Savings and Loan Association will acquire several thrifts under the Southwest Plan, the government's blueprint for cleaning up the nation's troubled thrift in-

dustry.

Three such transactions have been approved so far.

Roger Martin, a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in a telephone interview Wednesday that regulators have been involved in serious talks with officials of Metropolitan Financial, which had assets of \$832 million and regulatory capital of 5.1 percent

March 31.

But Martin stopped short of saying that Metropolitan Financial's proposal to participate in the Southwest Plan will be approved by regulators.

Other experts expect a deal to be announced soon, perhaps as early as next week.

"I fully anticipate that Metropolitan will be approved under the Southwest Plan," Frank Anderson, a senior vice president with D. Latin & Co., said earlier this week. "The only question is when and which thrifts it will be buying."

Two other industry experts, who requested anonymity, also said they expect Metropolitan Financial to be approved this month as a thrift acquirer under the Southwest Plan.

have not reached the final stages."

Martin said regulators have been in discussions with several different possible acquirers.

In addition to Metropolitan Financial, Martin said regulators have been talking with a number of institutions, including Olney Savings Association of Olney.

"We still are going to get four major deals done by the end of August," he said.

Olney Savings Association, located about 100 miles west of Fort Worth, had assets of \$1.36 billion and regulatory capital of 2.2 percent March 31. It has acquired about a dozen smaller Texas thrifts or branch operations since 1980.

Wade Fikes, president and chief operating officer of Olney Savings, confirmed his company's interest in participating in the Southwest Plan. But he declined to elaborate.

World Savings and Loan Association, headquartered in Oakland, Calif., has discussed with the Bank Board a plan to acquire Texas thrifts, Martin said.

"We're very interested in expanding in Texas through the Southwest Plan," said Marion Sandler, president and chief executive of Western Savings.

The Southwest Plan recently has come under mounting criticism. Bank board Chairman M. Danny Wall told the Senate Banking Committee last week that it will take twice as much

money to bail out troubled Texas thrifts as the agency previously had allocated.

The cost of the Southwest Plan, which is targeted at 146 insolvent and ailing institutions, had risen to \$15.2 billion from \$7 billion, Wall said.

Court to review child's lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's highest court has agreed to review the doctrine that prevents minor children from suing their parents in most types of cases.

Specifically, the Supreme Court will decide whether children injured in a one-vehicle wreck in their family car should be allowed to sue their father, who was driving.

The court on Wednesday set Oct. 12 arguments in the lawsuit filed by Khawar Jilani of Levelland, on behalf of her three minor children, against Ahmad Jilani, her husband. He was at the wheel on June 29, 1985 when the family Chevrolet went out of control and rolled over on a Clay County highway, injuring the children.

The children claim in the lawsuit that they are entitled to damages from their father, whose insurance carrier would have to pay those damages. The father is represented by a lawyer retained by the insurance company.

Citing the "parental immunity doctrine," State District Judge James Walker of Hockley County ruled the children could not sue their father. The Amarillo Court of Appeals agreed.

Justice John T. Boyd's opinion for the Amarillo court said a ruling in favor of the children could open a courtroom Pandora's box of litigation.

"We continue to believe that the complete abolition of the doc-

trine would have a detrimental effect upon the familial relationship if, for example, suits were permitted upon such matters as the imposition of parental discipline not rising to the status of physical mistreatment," Boyd said.

Allowing minor children to sue their parents could spark lawsuits concerning many parts of family life that have been traditionally left up to parental discretion, he said.

"While at first blush these concerns might appear to be inconsequential, in today's litigious society we are convinced that they are matters of valid concern and worthy of mature consideration," Boyd said.

The Amarillo Court of Appeals said the parental immunity doctrine is "judge-made law" dating back to 1891. Boyd said the "most persuasive" argument historically raised by supporters of the doctrine is that it "preserved domestic tranquility and family unity."

The U.S. Supreme Court has modified the doctrine to allow minor children to sue their parents in matters concerning the parents' business. But the Amarillo court said, "It appears that the doctrine of parental immunity is still alive and well in Texas insofar as it might apply to actions by an unemancipated minor against the minor's parent for alleged acts of ordinary negligence."

Executives from Metropolitan Financial have been talking with regulators for about three months, according to Robert Stallings, president and chief executive officer of Metropolitan Financial.

"We've been involved in a series of discussions involving a number of different possible acquisition groups," said Stallings, who served from October 1982 to December 1987 as executive vice president and chief operating officer of Murray Savings Association in Dallas.

"We certainly are enthusiastic about the proposal we've made," Stallings said. "But negotiations

ly, I presume, is going to be asked to reach out to the conservative wing of the Democratic Party," said Hightower, who has been among Jesse Jackson's inner circle of advisers.

Jackson was the subject of speculation for vice president, and Hightower said Dukakis' campaign did a poor job handling the selection process.

News Briefs

Nuclear board dismantled

DALLAS (AP) — A 9-year dispute over construction flaws in the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant ended Wednesday as federal regulators disbanded a federal hearing board and formally endorsed a \$10 million settlement between opponents and the plant's parent utility.

"To me, it's a stunner ... 10 years of fighting this plant (is over)," said Anthony Roisman, an attorney for the Citizens Association for Sound Energy, or CASE, during the last meeting of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board in Dallas.

Peter Bloch chaired the three-person Nuclear Regulator Commission board that officially dissolved when they signed an order at the end of the hearing.

Opponents of CASE's pact withdrew their petition for a two-month delay. Had the petition remained in place, the delay would have prolonged the pre-hearing phase and made the Sierra Club and a citizens' group intervenors, the role abandoned by CASE in their agreement.

CASE's deal with the NRC and Texas Utilities, Comanche Peak's operator, ends the last major citizens' opposition to NRC licensing of the plant.

Doctor wins round

AUSTIN (AP) — A doctor and five clinics sued by the state for allegedly treating an estimated 14,000 weight-loss customers with a toxic chemical, used as a weed-killer, won a round in the Texas Supreme Court.

The court on Wednesday, without writing an opinion, denied the state's appeal of a ruling by the 5th Court of Appeals in Dallas. The appeals court had reversed a trial court decision against Nicholas Bachynsky and the clinics, which operated in Dallas, Houston and San Antonio.

The customers were charged about \$1,400 each for treatment with 2,4 Dinitrophenol (DNP), the state said. It sued Bachynsky and the clinics for allegedly violating the Texas Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and Deceptive Trade Practices Act, and for negligence.

A&M gets tornado radar

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A new type of radar will give meteorologists the ability to detect tornadoes forming in thunderstorms for the first time and could expand warning times by up to 10 minutes.

Under development for eight years, the first new radar system called the Next-Generation Weather Radar or NEXRAD is now under construction in Norman, Okla., site of the government's National Severe Storms Laboratory. The radar is to be installed at Texas A&M University this fall.

Hightower also looking at race

AUSTIN (AP) — Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, already studying a 1990 bid for the U.S. Senate, says he may speed up those plans now that Sen. Lloyd Bentsen is the Democratic vice presidential candidate.

"I am like every other person of voting age in Texas — considering making the Senate race," the wise-cracking Hightower said Wednesday.

After being chosen as running mate by Michael Dukakis, Bentsen will simultaneously run for vice president and re-election to the Senate this year.

Presumably, Bentsen would vacate the Senate seat if he and Dukakis capture the White House and he also defeats Republican Senate hopeful Beau Boulter.

Hightower said his aides already have researched the law on the special election that would follow such a move.

"I am ... consulting key supporters, financial contributors, that sort of thing, to assess the feasibility of my making that race," Hightower said.

"I have been deluged with phone calls. I've run three statewide races and never once did anybody ask me to run. This time, there've actually been live bodies calling in and asking me to make this race."

Hightower had been doing groundwork for a race against Republican Sen. Phil Gramm two years from now, and he said that election remains a factor in his final decision.

"That is still a very important task to be taken care of — not only putting somebody as handsome as me in the United States Senate, but eliminating somebody as ugly as Mr. Gramm is," he said.

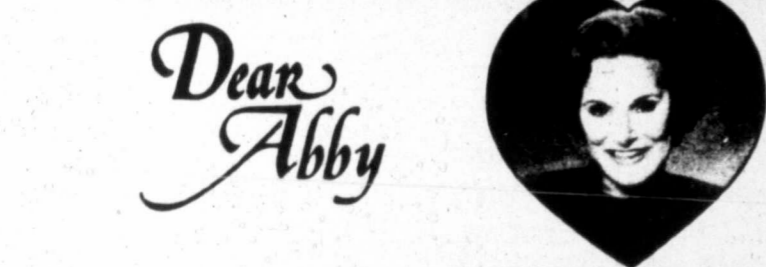
The Senate race that isn't yet already has sparked rounds of widespread interest. Speculation or their own words have included several Democrats — Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, U.S. Reps. Mike Andrews and John Bryant, and former Gov. Mark White — plus Republican congressmen Jack Fields and Steve Bartlett.

On another topic, Hightower said Wednesday he believes Bentsen's addition to the ticket should help Democrats win back the White House.

"Bentsen makes a very strong appearance. He has taken stands on issues that are going to strike responsive chords ... He certain-

ly, I presume, is going to be asked to reach out to the conservative wing of the Democratic Party," said Hightower, who has been among Jesse Jackson's inner circle of advisers.

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Some States Forgive, Even Forget, First Criminal Offense

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Some time ago, you published a letter from "Depressed Down South," a nursing student who had been convicted of shoplifting. She worried constantly about how this might affect her future employment prospects.

Your recommendation to get counseling to help "Depressed" deal with her emotional problems is right on the money. But there is something else she can do that can put her fears to rest.

Abby, many states have laws that permit a one-time offender to have the conviction and/or arrest record "expunged," erased and/or set aside. "Depressed" should contact a criminal defense lawyer in her state to look into the availability of that procedure. If the conviction is set aside, some states even have laws that permit job applicants to truthfully state that they have never been arrested, much less convicted.

If any of your readers have a similar problem and don't know the name of a criminal defense lawyer to consult, they should write or call: National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1110 Vermont Ave. N.W., Suite 1150, Washington, D.C. 20005. Telephone: (202) 872-8688.

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DEAR STRANDED: Call him. You don't need an "excuse" — use the real reason. You miss him. You're past the age of playing games, so tell him the truth, and invite him over for a home-cooked dinner.

DEAR ABBY: Here's a tip for all those people who are bothered by moochers who want to visit them during the season: When we retired to Florida nine years ago, I promised myself we wouldn't operate a motel for moochers, so I made my second bedroom into a sewing room. Now when anybody calls and wants to visit, I tell them we will be happy to reserve a room for them at a nearby motel — then I ask how much they want to pay. That solves the problem.

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