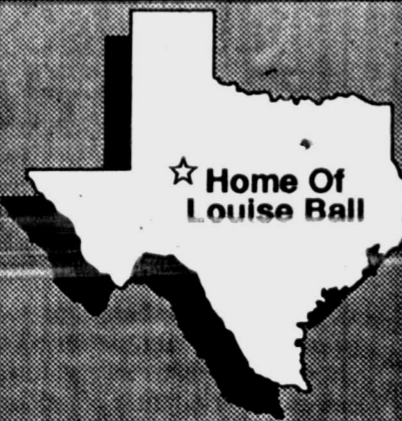


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Ask Us

Q—Are Snyder public school students in grades K-3 tested or identified as gifted/talented?

A—At this point, grades 3 and up are. Administrators said they are working on a plan to include grades K through 2. In grade 3, gifted/talented students are identified and served in their classrooms with differentiated curriculum.

Local

East

East Elementary family night out will be Wednesday at Spanish Inn.

VFW

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will not meet this evening but will meet Jan. 16.

Horse club

Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will not meet this month.

SHS drama

SHS Drama Patrons will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the high school.

West

West Elementary Parent Teacher Organization will meet at 7 this evening in the school cafeteria.

Dialogue

Dialogue cancer support group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board room. For more information, call 573-3773.

Jr. high

Junior High Night Out will be held Tuesday at Taco John's. All parents, students and staff are encouraged to participate.

Testing

Assessment testing for evening registration at WTC begins at 5:30 p.m. today. No other tests will be administered this evening.

Video series

The Family Life series continues at 7 this evening on Cablevision Channel 2 with "Faith and Growth: The Greatness of the Mustard Seed."

Coats needed

Scurry County Child Welfare Board is in need of coats for boys and girls. Anyone wishing to donate a coat or coats, used or new, is asked to bring it to 312 East Highway.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 65 degrees; low, 26 degrees; high Sunday, 73 degrees; low, 32 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 33 degrees; no precipitation either day; total precipitation for 1995 to date, .08 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low 40-45. Southeast wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High in the lower 70s. South southwest wind 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:58. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:44. Of 8 days in 1995, the sun has shone 6 days in Snyder.

Public school finance again?

Legislators could be facing familiar problem yet again

AUSTIN (AP) — As the Texas Legislature prepares to convene Tuesday, the potential looms for a wrench to be thrown into the gears of an otherwise smooth-running session.

The question is whether Texas Supreme Court justices will toss it.

The wrench is public school finance. But the justices have yet to rule on whether the Legislature's latest school funding system is constitutional.

If the high court rules against the current law, "we're starting all over again," says House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center.

"We did that (writing finance laws) twice last session. It's not something I think that anyone in the Legislature would like to do, but they're all here to do the work," Laney said.

School finance is just one of the issues facing legislators. Others include casino gambling, concealed weapons, welfare reform and juvenile justice.

And there's the biennial budget. Estimates say about \$6 billion more will be needed over the current, \$71 billion budget. But Comptroller John Sharp says additional revenue, plus a surplus and budget cuts should cover the increase.

During their last 140-day regular session, in 1993, Texas lawmakers passed two school finance plans.

The first was a proposed constitutional amendment, dubbed "Robin Hood" for its take-from-the-rich approach.

That plan would have allowed the shifting of about \$400 million in property taxes from wealthier to poorer school districts. But voters overwhelmingly rejected it in a May 1, 1993, election.

The second was a hurried-up plan written after the voters spoke. Democratic Gov. Ann Richards signed it into law on May 31.

Under that plan, which remains in effect, the 96 wealthiest of the 1,045 public school districts were given several options for shifting some of their money. If they didn't choose one, they faced either forced detachment of property or consolidation with another district. Residents in all the districts voted for one of the wealth-sharing options.

The Supreme Court, which struck down school finance laws in 1989, 1991 and 1992, heard arguments for and against the latest law on May 25, 1994.

Every Thursday since, when the court hands down its written opinions, observers have been watching for a school finance decision.

There hasn't been one.

Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, is chairman of the budget-writing House Ways and Means Committee. He says that if the high court throws out the latest law, the judges should recom-

mend an answer. "If they're so smart, let's just let them do it."

If the court throws out the law without saying what solution would be constitutional, "I think they have done a disservice to taxpayers and schoolchildren and the Legislature," Junell said.

And then, Gov.-elect George W. Bush has pledged to reverse the state's growing reliance on local property taxes to pay for schools.

During his campaign, the Republican said he wanted the state to determine the cost per pupil of providing an "excellent" education in literature, math, science and social science and then fund it.

Changing to such a system, Bush said, "depends on the state's willingness over time to redress the balance between the state (funding) and (local) property taxes."

That balance currently is about 45 percent state and 55 percent local.

Bush also said that even if the Supreme Court upholds the current finance system, that doesn't mean Texas is out of the courts for good.



ALL-STATE CHOIR MEMBERS — Two Snyder High School choir students, Richard Rogriguez and Jimmy Hall, standing from left, made the All-State Choir, and Sterling Cave is alternate. Hall made second chair baritone and Rodriguez made fifth chair first tenor. Cave was named second alternate in second alto. Try-outs were held in Midland Lee High School in Midland. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

WTC begins registration this afternoon

Sophomore registration began early this afternoon for the 1995 spring term at Western Texas College.

The dorm opened this morning and registration for evening students is set from 6:30 until 8 this evening. Freshmen will register Tuesday and classes begin Wednesday.

Sophomores began registering by surname at 1 o'clock today.

Tuesday, freshmen students will register according to the following schedule:

8:30-9:30 a.m., surnames P-Z.
9:30-10:30 a.m., surnames A-F.
10:30-11:30 a.m., surnames G-O.

Registration for students who haven't registered at the assigned times will be held from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday.

Registration begins in the admissions office, located at the south entrance of the Learning Resource Center.

Students may enroll in spring classes through Jan. 17.

For students who have not previously taken classes at WTC, placement testing is required if ACT or SAT scores are not available. Test scores must be shown prior to registration or a WTC placement test can be taken at the WTC counseling office. A \$10 fee is charged for the test.

Classes will dismiss for spring break on March 10 and resume March 20. The spring term will end with final exams May 1-3.

Lighting, livestock bids top WTC list

Western Texas College trustees will consider lighting and livestock when they convene at 7 this evening in the administration board room.

It is the second time the board has considered bids for the Fine Arts Theatre lighting system. The topic was addressed last semester but dropped temporarily when the only bid submitted came in too high. Also to be considered tonight are bids for livestock for the ag and rodeo programs.

The board is expected to accept the resignation of Jerry Baird, who will retire Jan. 31 as director of the Senior Center. Baird was a member of the original faculty at WTC and has served more than 25 years.

Other items of business include a proposal from May and Hrbacek to conduct the annual audit for the 1995-97, and approval of financial information and previous minutes.

Also on the agenda are a number of reports. They include: —Services provided to students through Carl Perkins funds.

—Adult vocational education courses for the September through November quarter.

—The auction of old and obsolete college property.

—The golf cart path project.

—The college's on-going energy project.

—Repair to elevators.

—And, student financial aid.

Auditions set for WTC plays

Members of the community are invited to audition for parts in the two drama productions planned at Western Texas College this spring.

The auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Productions planned for the spring are "Master Harold...and the Boys," and "The Importance of Being Earnest." Both plans will be under the direction of Mike Endy, who may be contacted for further information on campus at 573-8511, ext. 233.

Treatment plant evaluation, crosswalk on council agenda

An evaluation report on the city's water treatment plant is expected to be the main topic of tonight's city council meeting which will begin at 6:30 at City Hall.

The presentation will be given by representatives of the engineering firm of Freese & Nichols.

Council members learned in a preliminary report from the firm last October that it could cost as much as \$4.5 million to upgrade the city's water treatment plant.

Changes are needed at the plant in order to comply with state and federal regulations. Engineers have said regulations require modifications to increase the plant's capacity to 5.7 million gallons per day.

Options presented in October included modifying the existing plant at an estimated \$2.25 million — a move which would prohibit future expansion; adding a clarifier and two new filters at a cost of \$4.5 million — high cost because of the difficulty in construction, or constructing a new plant on a new site at a cost of \$4 million.

City officials said today that the report to be

presented tonight includes a fourth option. The council is expected tonight to hear the report, but not take action until later in the spring.

The council will also consider a resolution to construct a crosswalk on Trinity Boulevard from Cogdell Memorial Hospital to the medical offices located across the street. Anticipated cost of the project is about \$700, according to city officials.

The crosswalk is proposed immediately south of the east bound lane of Cogdell Boulevard.

Also on the agenda is a proposal to install lighting on the Deep Creek walking path. The lighting would allow the use of the walking path and the parking lot after daylight hours.

The area is from 30th Street to College Avenue and would include the parking area where Neff's Nursery was formerly located.

The council will also consider a city engineering staff's recommendation on water service to the new landfill area and consider an appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill the vacancy created when Hugh Gray was transferred to Houston.

Year-end deposits increase, prompted by TexPool scare

Fueled by the return of public funds from the state's investment pool, Snyder financial institutions showed a substantial increase in deposits at year-end.

Local governmental entities,

reacting to negative publicity about TexPool investments, returned large sums of public funds to local financial institutions during the last quarter of 1994.

As a result, total deposits at three reporting financial institutions exceeded the \$200 million mark for the first time since December of 1992.

Reporting financial institutions were Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank and Snyder Savings and Loan Association. American State Bank and First American Bank do not report individual branch data.

Total deposits were \$201.6 million at year-end compared to \$189.3 million at the close of 1993, an increase of \$12.3 million. Combined loans at the three institutions were \$89.8 million on Dec. 31 compared to \$83 million at the same time in 1993, an increase in total loans of \$6.8 million.

Snyder National Bank, based on the Dec. 31 call report, had total deposits of \$90.9 million, an increase of \$5.9 million over the

close of 1993. Compared to the end of the third quarter of 1994, Snyder National's deposits jumped \$12.9 million.

West Texas State Bank showed total deposits of \$78.5 million, a jump of \$5.6 million when compared to the final quarter of 1993 and an increase of \$5.7 million compared to the previous quarter of 1994.

Snyder Savings' deposits were \$32.2 million at year-end, an increase of \$800,000 over the same time in 1993, but a drop of \$600,000 when compared to the third quarter of 1994.

WTSB's total loans were \$38.2 million, a drop of \$100,000 compared to 1993's closing figure, but an increase of \$2.4 million when compared to the third quarter of 1994.

Snyder National reported total loans of \$29.4 million, a jump of \$300,000 when compared to the fourth quarter of 1993. The loan figure remained unchanged from

Spray control pact approved by county

Scurry County commissioners approved a contract this morning for a mosquito control program which will see the county furnish the spray equipment and chemicals and the city provide manpower and two pickups.

Also, the county will pay an additional \$100 per day when spraying is necessary outside the city limits.

The additional spraying will be around baseball fields or in other areas as necessary during heavy mosquito infestations.

meeting, commissioners approved the bonds and oaths of several county officials and employees, agreed to purchase a truck/tractor for use in Precinct 3 for \$14,000 and set Jan. 23 as the date to open and consider bids for an inmate phone system at Scurry County Jail.

The present telephone contract with the Tel-Link phone company expires in February and Sheriff Keith Collier said he hopes a new contract will provide additional

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Berry's World



Jim Berry
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"The party tonight is dressy. Go put on a CLEAN tank top."

White House tactic: selling reform plans to consumers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Having concentrated for the last two years on how telecommunications reform could help American business, the Clinton administration is switching gears and trying to sell it to the American public.

Up to now, consumers have gotten second billing in a legislative debate focused on how reform would affect multimillion-dollar telecommunications companies' ability to get into new businesses. "We've got to make people know how this will affect their daily lives," said Greg Simon, domestic policy adviser to Vice President Al Gore. "Innovation and competition in the information society will lower prices for consumers and give them more choices."

The first step in that effort was to come today, when Gore planned to discuss the benefits to the average American in a speech to regulators and local government officials meeting in Washington. The message is not new. It just hasn't been sold to the American public, said Simon.

Legislation proposed in the last Congress sought to free telecommunications companies to provide a variety of futuristic services and devices.

It would have let telephone and cable companies get into each others' businesses, and let regional phone companies provide long-distance service and manu-

facture telecommunications equipment.

Under this scenario, a person could buy local phone service from a cable company, HBO and other video services from a phone company and long-distance service from a regional Bell. The added competition in each business would lower consumer prices, supporters have said.

This year's legislation, which has not yet been introduced, is expected to focus on opening these same businesses to competition. But disputes are likely to arise over how this would be accomplished, particularly in the Republican-controlled Congress.

Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, for instance, has favored removing barriers to each of these businesses at the same time.

The administration argues that there should be a transition period. Otherwise, Simon said, monopolies such as the majority of local telephone and cable companies can use their power to stifle competitors.

The need for a transition and coordination among federal, state and local regulatory bodies was to be the second major message in Gore's speech.

Ginning up more consumer interest could be one way to pressure Congress to act this year, administration officials say.

Land in aquifer recharge zone...

San Antonio seeks to limit development

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio City Council is divided over a proposal that seeks to protect the city's sole source of drinking water by putting severe controls over development in the recharge zone of the Edwards Aquifer.

A proposed ordinance would govern the nature of future development over the area north and northwest of the city where water seeps into the underground formation.

The aquifer is an underground limestone formation millions of years old that stretches across six counties and provides clean water to about 1.5 million South Texans.

Overpumping has threatened the flow of aquifer-fed springs in Comal and Hays counties, to the north of San Antonio, and the endangered species that live in them.

The proposed ordinance addresses the fear of some that urban growth on the aquifer's recharge zone poses a risk of pollution entering the water supply.

Developers, community groups and environmentalists are squaring off over how far the city should go to limit recharge zone development.

City regulations now allow builders to lay down as much concrete and construction as they want in new residential or commercial developments, tempered only by state rules requiring them to adhere to plans for reducing pollutants in runoff in the recharge zone.

Most suburban neighborhoods have 50 percent buildings and pavement — "impervious cover" in the jargon of developers. Commercial developments range much higher.

The proposed ordinance before the council would put a 15 percent maximum on impervious cover.

Studies conducted in Austin reveal that developments that cover more than 15 percent of the land produce significantly more pollutants in the runoff created by impervious cover, said groundwater hydrologist George Rice of San Antonio.

The proposed regulations would require flood plains and buffer zones around them to be left untouched.

They also would prohibit builders from cementing up sinkholes and other features that allow rain to seep into the aquifer.

Environmentalists say the case for strong restrictions is powerful. "As you increase impervious cover, the amount of pollutants in stormwater increases and the concentrations of pollutants increase," said Rice, who's a member of the Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas coalition, one of the groups that worked to draft the proposal before City Council.

According to the Austin studies, if impervious cover rises to 30 percent, the pollutant load doubles.

For every 15 percent addition to impervious cover, the pollutant load doubles again. A development with 60 percent impervious cover has eight times the pollutant load of a development with 15 percent cover.

"No one wants to pollute the aquifer, but unfortunately there are some people who will do it out of ignorance or inconvenience, and those are the people, by and large, that we have to create these regulations for," Rice said.

Developers, many of whom have bought land in one of the county's hottest real estate markets, are worried their plans for profits will be stymied by new regulations.

They say the proposed limits would force them to leave so much of a lot untouched by construction that only the wealthy could afford to build homes in the recharge area, where rain runoff and streams refill the aquifer.

And, developers say, the limits would virtually halt commercial projects over the zone despite the lack of proof that construction is polluting the aquifer.

Environmentalists agree homes on the recharge zone would cost much more but say that's the point — make those who build and live in such a sensitive area pay for the privilege.

Survey: typical freshman less political than last 29 classes

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the last year, a majority of college freshmen attended a religious service, drank beer, didn't complete their homework on time and visited an art gallery or museum — not necessarily in that order or combination.

Typical members of the Class of '98 also are less interested in politics than the previous 29 classes. They're less likely to drink than members of the Class of '97, more likely to smoke and more prone to stress, according to the 29th annual survey of college students across America.

The survey, conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California-Los Angeles, covered 333,703 students at 670 two- and four-year colleges and universities.

Ricky Galchen, a Princeton University freshman from Norman, Okla., says she doesn't feel overwhelmed by college — anymore.

"It's exciting, but it doesn't keep me up at night," she said. "I would definitely say that college is a lot more demanding than a public high school, even though I went to a very good public high school."

But survey director Alexander W. Astin, a professor of higher education at UCLA's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, pointed to a number of findings that suggest students are feeling increasingly stressed.

He cited the 24.1 percent of freshmen who said they "felt overwhelmed" in the past year, and 9.5 percent who said they had "felt depressed." Both figures represented increases over the prior year.

Only 31.9 percent of the fall 1994 freshmen said that "keeping up with political affairs" is an important goal in life — the lowest percentage in the survey's 29-year history. In 1990, 42.4 percent said it was an important goal, and in 1966, 57.8 percent answered affirmatively.

The percentage of freshmen

who said they frequently discuss politics also reached its lowest point, dropping to 16 percent from 18.8 percent the previous year, and 24.6 percent in 1992. The highest level of freshman political debate — 29.9 percent — was in 1968, a presidential election year during the Vietnam War and a time of turmoil on college campuses.

"I can't remember many times when I would actually hold conversations with people on politics, on a day-to-day basis or very often," said Sonya Hebert, a freshman from Olney, Md., who attends Emory University in Atlanta.

But Stephen Shore, a freshman from San Francisco who attends Princeton, said his classmates of-

ten talk politics — but talk is all they do.

"The amount of activism is very small, mostly because this is a conservative campus and people are pretty happy with the status quo," he said.

Consistent with Shore's experience, the poll found a declining number of freshmen saying community activism is a very important goal in life. In 1994, 24.3 percent said it was important to "participate in programs to help clean up the environment," compared to 33.6 percent in 1992.

Support for legalizing marijuana increased for the fifth straight year, to 32.1 percent, compared to 28.2 percent in 1993 and 16.7 percent in 1989, accord-

ing to the survey.

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Oil Patch News

Howard County
HAT Oil and Gas Inc. has completed the No. 1 Ace in the Hole, four miles east of Luther. The well was finished to produce 145 barrels of 50.5 gravity oil. Perforations were from 7,746-750 feet, and location is in Section 20, Block 31, T2N, T&P survey.

Maguire Oil Co. will drill the No. 2 Carpenter, an 8,000-foot wildcat located 13 miles north of Coahoma. Location is in Section 11, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Partee Drilling Inc. will drill the No. 1 Martin in the Moss Creek field, five miles southeast of Big Spring. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 8,500 feet, and location is in Section 30, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Mitchell County
Trend Exploration Co. will drill the No. 6001-C Sterling Family Trust in the Double B field, four miles northeast of Vincent. Planned for a depth of 7,600 feet, location is in Section 60, Block 20, Lavaca Navigation Co. survey.

Garza County
Primrose Operating Co. will drill the No. 11-P Exxon Fee in the

Dorward field, three miles southeast of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 3,000 feet, location is in Section 4, Block 6, H&GN survey.

Primrose Operating will drill the No. 12-P Exxon Fee in the Dorward field, three miles southeast of Justiceburg. Also contracted for 3,000 feet, drill site is in Section 4, Block 6, H&GN survey.

Primrose Operating will drill the No. 13-P Exxon Fee in the Dorward field, three miles southeast of Justiceburg. Planned depth is 3,000 feet, and location is in Section 4, Block 6, H&GN survey.

Primrose Operating will drill the No. 14-P Exxon Fee in the Dorward field, three miles southeast of Justiceburg. Scheduled for a depth of 3,000 feet, location is in Section 4, Block 6, H&GN survey.

Nolan County
Fegan Energy Inc. has completed the No. 3 Gines in the Withers field, four miles south of Sweetwater. The well was finished

to produce three barrels of 40.6 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 6,014-034 feet, and location is in Section 72, Block 22, T&P survey.

Union Pacific Resources has completed the No. 1 H.L.C. in the Maryneal field, three miles east of Maryneal. The venture was completed to produce 75 barrels of 43 gravity oil and 26 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 347-1 with perforations from 6,057-096 feet. Location is in Section 170, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Fisher County
Walsh and Watts Inc. will drill the No. 1 T.L. Harrison, a 6,600-foot wildcat located seven miles east of Rotan. Location is in Section 95, Block 1, H&TC survey.

R.L. Adkins will plug and abandon the No. 3-B Wickham, a 5,549-foot wildcat located seven miles northeast of Eskota. Location was in the George Creath survey No. 321.

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Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-6-1 (six, six, one)

Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press
Tickets bought in Northeast Texas and the Dallas area correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot is worth \$10 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 3, 10, 16, 22, 35 and 50.

In addition to the two jackpot winners, there were 159 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$1,528. There were 8,348 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$105. And there were 156,617 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic \$3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be \$4 million.



I can't be with you today, but I'm thinking of you!
Happy 17th Dad

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Patchwork Squares Club; for information call Dycie Kemp, 573-2308; 9:30 a.m.
 Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.
 Storytime for 4- and 5-year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
 Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; Snyder Chamber of Commerce; visitors welcome; 6-7 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-4158 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.
 American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.
 White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room of Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.
 Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 863-2349, 573-8626, 573-1141; 8 p.m.
 Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

TUESDAY

Dialogue, cancer support group; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7 to 8 p.m.
 National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Martin Preuit Chapter; Snyder Country Club; program "Cooking Colonial," by Audrey McMillan; hostesses, Tizzy Hall, Jo Flynn and Lee Falls; noon.
 Plainview Extension Club; 2 p.m.
 Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; program, Jo Ann Crill; hostess, Sharon Bruns; 4:15 p.m.
 TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in and meeting from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.
 Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-4158 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
 Beta Sigma Phi; community room of Snyder National Bank; 7 p.m.
 Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 7 p.m.
 Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.
 New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 573-2101; 8 p.m.
 Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-3956, 573-2101, 573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club luncheon; Snyder Country Club; "Creative Memories," program by Susan Blackard; Cathy Thompson, special music; speaker, Helen Martin of San Antonio; 11:30 a.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-4158 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Palette Club; old airport terminal building; hostess, LaVerne Lee; bring pictures for library; 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Ministerial Alliance; Willow Park Inn; 10 a.m.
 Noah Project-W Advisory Committee; Martha Ann Woman's Club; noon.
 Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m.
 SOS (Singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Life Center; 7 p.m.
 Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.
 Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.
 New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3308 or 573-2101.
 Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30-11 a.m.
 Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 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.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.
 Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving; Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room, 27th & College; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-4158 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 863-2349 or 573-8626; 10 a.m.
 Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.
 ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Richardson trustees to decide whether to restrict use of book

RICHARDSON (AP) — A ruling is expected tonight by school trustees on a request that use of a novel be limited because of complaints by two parents that the book promotes religion and teaches children about the occult.
 At the center of the controversy is *The Egypt Games*, which is assigned to some of the district's fifth- and sixth-graders.
 Two parents requested that the trustees review the award-winning novel, written by Zilpha Keatley Snyder.
 Barbara Wortham, one of the parents, complained that the book portrays children in dangerous situations. She said she isn't asking that the book be banned.
 "I'm simply asking if it should be used as instructional material," she said. "I have no problem with it being in the school library, but I do have a problem if it's being used in class or being used as required reading."
 The book is about a small group of sixth-graders who play a number of imaginative games in a vacant lot behind an antique store. They pretend to be Egyptians and build altars for the goddess Isis and for Set, the god of evil.
 It is used in district elementary schools as supplemental material, such as a follow-up to a lesson on Egypt. Teachers also use it to illustrate figures of speech, such as similes and metaphors.
 A local school committee reviewed the book after some parents raised questions about it.

Rep. Frank ads wit, bite to arguments

By JIM ABRAMS
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's been 40 years since House Democrats have been reduced to backbench sniping at a Republican majority, but they've quickly found a chief sniper who's a master at the fine art of making opponents wince.
 Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., has long been famed for his quick wit and debating skills. So he was a natural when Democrats set out to show that the new Republican agenda should be treated with a good deal of skepticism, and a dash of humor.

"When you are in the majority, sometimes inevitably you've got to defend some dumb things," Frank, a liberal whose views have not always coincided with the Democratic mainstream, told Republicans on the opening day of the new session. "But in one day, you have been dumber than we were in two years."

Frank was the point man for testy Democrats as Republicans kept them on the floor until well past midnight, voting on a host of measures to change the way the House does business.

"You told us you would be family-friendly," Frank said. "You forgot to tell us it would be the Addams Family that would be friendly, because we will be doing it at 3 o'clock in the morning."

Last year's Republican minor-

ity also had its floor watchdogs, such as Reps. Bob Walker of Pennsylvania or Dan Burton of Indiana who badgered Democrats with questions and challenges. But Frank has the ability both to irritate and amuse.

"Parliamentary inquiry," Frank called out shortly after midnight during the marathon opening session. "Will the speaker tell me if it is his ruling that it is still Wednesday?"

"I just want to know what day this is. I was told we have to do this on the first day," he said, referring to the Republican promise to pass a host of reforms on the first day.

Even Republicans voiced their admiration. Rep. Matt Salmon, a freshman from Arizona, praised Frank's eloquence: "I am impressed. You are even better in person than you are on C-Span."

Frank, 54, has gained a reputation during his 14 years in Congress as a champion of liberal causes and a supporter of deep defense cuts.

In an interview, Frank said Democratic Whip Dave Bonior of Michigan had asked him and Rep. Robert Wise of West Virginia to be in charge of about a dozen Democrats assigned to keep Republicans on their toes during floor debate.

Their job, he said, will be to point out the "weaknesses, flaws and hypocrisies" of the opposition. It's a task that is less satisfying than writing legislation but also more fun, he said. Humor "both lightens and sharpens" the political battle, he added.

Despite pledges of bipartisan cooperation, new Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., is a "most thor-

oughly confrontational guy," Frank said, and there are bound to be disputes as the session progresses.

He gave a preview of that when he chided Republicans for their post-midnight vote on a bill forcing members of Congress to abide by the same worker protection laws as other employers, a bill supported by Democrats but blocked by Senate Republicans last year.

Republicans are lucky the bill does not apply to copyright laws, he said, "because if it did, this example of intellectual theft and attempted partisan piracy would be ruled illegal."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jim Abrams covers Capitol Hill for The Associated Press.

Energy efficiency has surprise benefit: more efficient staffers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Postal workers in Nevada sorted more mail. Riveters made fewer mistakes assembling jetliners. Clerks processed more insurance claims. And shoppers in Kansas bought more at a Wal-Mart.

Why? Managers attribute it to new lighting and other energy improvements they made to cut their electricity bills.

Environmentalists and energy experts for years have argued that if companies installed more efficient lighting, heating and cooling systems they soon would recoup their costs by paying less for electricity.

But experts at the Rocky Mountain Institute, which advocates wider energy conservation, have discovered in examining eight case studies that there can be much greater, unexpected financial rewards in dramatic improvements in worker productivity.

William Browning, one of the study's authors, said they discovered that energy-efficient renovations of offices and work spaces resulted in unexpected productivity increases of between 6 percent and 16 percent.

For example, according to the researchers:

—In Reno, Nev., new lighting design and other energy saving measures in a U.S. Postal Service sorting center cut energy costs by \$22,400 a year. At the same time, the number of letters sorted per hour increased 6 percent with fewer mistakes because, they said, workers could see better and were more comfortable.

—When 450 workers at West Bend Mutual Insurance Co. in West Bend, Wis., moved into a

new building with new lighting, heating and cooling systems and better insulation, electricity costs dropped 40 percent. What startled managers was that productivity jumped 16 percent.

Bob Schmitt, the insurer's facilities manager, attributes much of the gain to the creation of individual work stations, each with independently controlled lighting, radiant heaters and cooling vents. "We used to have to control temperatures for large areas. Now each person can control their own," said Schmitt. "The people are more comfortable."

—Boeing Co. improved its

lighting in aircraft assembly plants to cut electricity costs. The number of mistakes by riveters dropped dramatically and imperfections were found more easily and earlier in the assembly process, saving thousands of dollars.

Boeing managers told the researchers that the new lighting had less glare and was better focused so that workers could more easily read the measurements and machinery and immediately detect manufacturing flaws.

—Lockheed Corp. moved 2,700 engineers and other workers into a new 600,000-square-foot building that made strong use of daylight and energy efficiency.

Woman gets court order to stop exhumation plan

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A woman says she will seek permission from a district judge to go through a pile of dirt in a San Antonio cemetery to look for burned remains of some of the Alamo defenders.

Lee Spencer obtained a 14-day temporary restraining order last Friday to keep officials from exhuming the body of Texas Ranger Capt. Samuel H. Walker so that it could be moved to Waco for reburial.

Ms. Spencer said she took the action because she realized that some of the remains of the Alamo defenders were buried between the grave of Walker and the grave of Texas Ranger R.A. Gillespie.

The Texas Rangers Hall of Fame in Waco wanted the remains of Walker, a Mexican War hero and designer of the "Walker

Colt" pistol, to be exhumed and moved to Waco.

Ms. Spencer, president of the Alamo Defenders Descendants Association, said she will seek permission this week from the court and Curtis Tunnel of the Texas Historical Commission for archaeologists to sift through the dirt for any burned remains that may have been unearthed.

Wayne Cox, an archaeologist with the University of Texas at San Antonio, has been asked by Ms. Spencer for assistance.

Cox said that if Tunnel and the court give their approval, he is interested in screening the soil removed from the site, since that is the only way to tell if it contains bone fragments. He said the exhumation could be done in two days.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ Q			

Try to find enough winners

By Phillip Alder
 J. Paul Getty (who else?) said, "If you can actually count your money, then you are not really a rich man."
 In rubber bridge for high stakes, though, if you can count the hand correctly, you will probably end up a rich man or woman. In today's deal, South found 10 tricks to make his contract, despite the 4-1 trump break.

Playing in four hearts, South ducked the first spade trick, won the second and cashed his two top trumps, discovering that East had two certain heart tricks. How should South have continued?

South might have rebid three no-trump, a contract he probably would have made. But that's another story.

Having won three of the first four tricks, South was faced with four major-suit losers. However, he spotted that he might be able to win 10 tricks before he lost four. At trick five, South cashed his club ace. Then he played a club to dummy's king and ruffed a club in his hand, East discarding a diamond. Next came three rounds of diamonds, ending in the dummy. Luckily, East had to follow suit throughout. With nine tricks in, declarer called for dummy's last club.

South couldn't be prevented from making a trick from his remaining 7-4 of hearts. His 10 tricks were one spade, four hearts, three diamonds and two clubs.

What happened to the fourth defensive winner? At trick 13, both West's top spade and East's master trump were played. Two winners had been consigned — or telescoped, if you prefer — into one.

Phillip Alder's new book, "Get Smarter at Bridge," is available, autographed upon request, for \$14.95 from P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Hts., NY 11577-0169.

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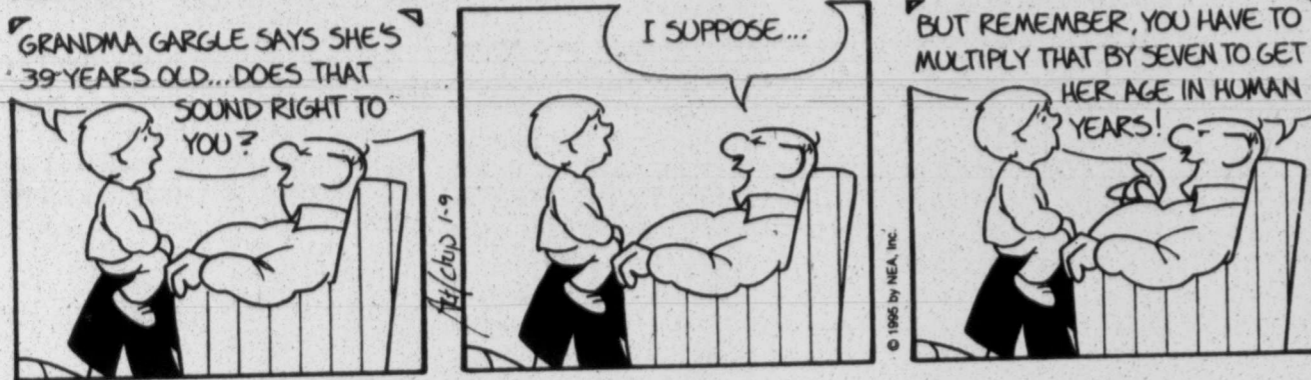
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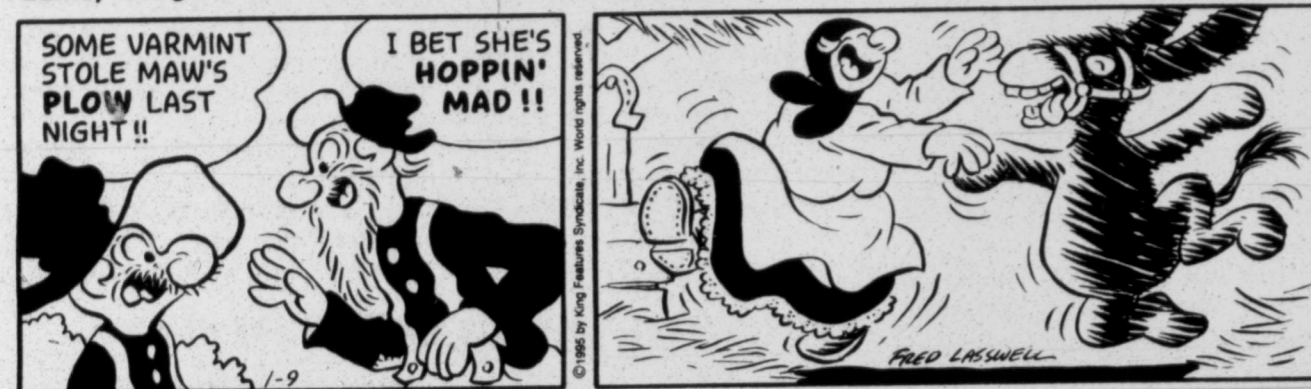
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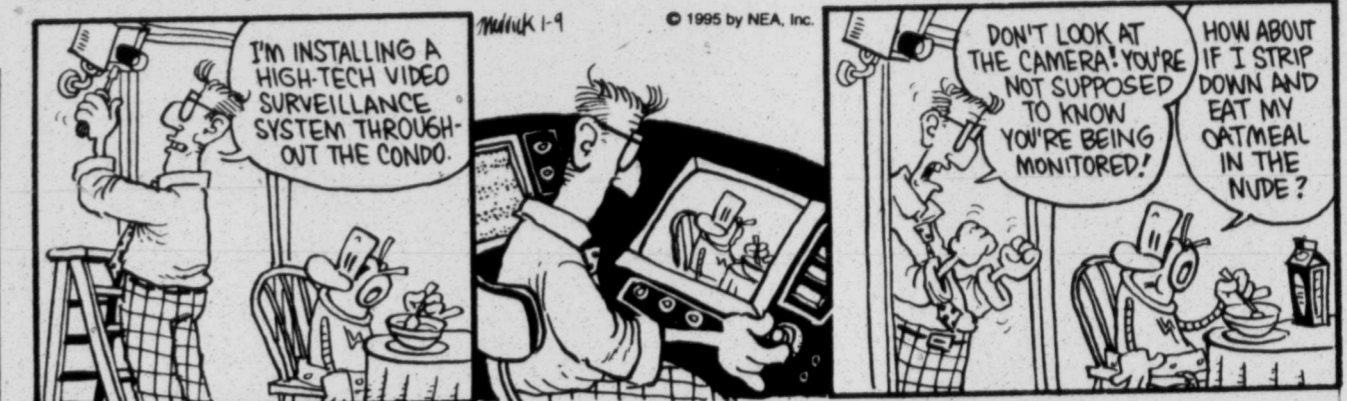
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 c) Wilfred Hyde-White as eccentric scientist Dr. Goodfellow
 Answers: a) "V" b) "Buck Rogers in the 25th Century"
 c) "Star Trek: The Motion Picture"

NEA Crossword Puzzle

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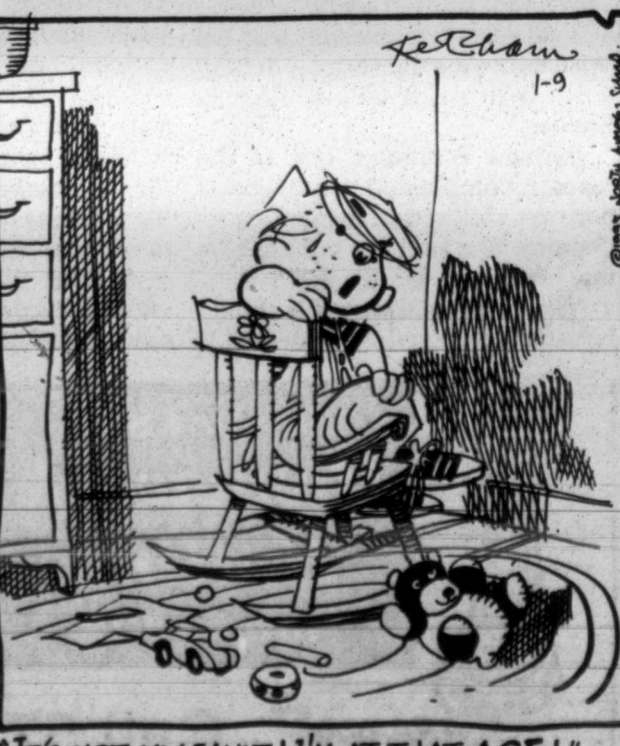
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Sports

Dallas dismantles Green Bay Cowboys' victory sets up San Francisco showdown

IRVING (AP) — No surprise. It's the defending champion Dallas Cowboys against the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC title game for the third consecutive year — just like everyone predicted in August.



Aikman



Switzer

The uncertainty is how healthy Emmitt Smith will be for that game after reinjuring his left hamstring and missing most of the Cowboys' 35-9 playoff victory over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday. "There's no question Emmitt won't be well by next Sunday," Dallas trainer Kevin O'Neill said. "He had three weeks to get ready for this game and he wasn't well. He's got a chance. But I won't have a good handle on what degree of pull he has until tomorrow. We'll see if there is any swelling."

The Cowboys, despite the absence of Smith, gave rookie coach Barry Switzer his first playoff triumph behind the pinpoint passing of Troy Aikman, who completed 23 of 30 passes for a club playoff record 337 yards and two touchdowns.

Smith, who scored the Cowboys' first touchdown, injured the hamstring late in the first quarter and did not return. Smith, though, said he'll play against the 49ers.

"It didn't feel as bad as it did when I hurt it in New Orleans. That's a good sign. I felt a twinge. I feel very good about my chances," he said.

Switzer told Smith after the game: "You've got all damn year to rest that thing" and added "if we win this one we'll win the Super Bowl."

Later Switzer changed his tune, saying "why would anyone expect him to play this week when he had three weeks of rest last time and didn't last more than a quarter?"

Smith, who had 44 yards on seven carries, went to Valley Ranch for treatment after the game.

The Cowboys, 12-4 during the regular season, play at San Francisco. The 49ers beat the Chicago Bears 44-15 in the other NFC divisional playoff game on Saturday.

Dallas, a 21-14 loser to the 49ers earlier in the season, is trying to become the first team to win three consecutive Super Bowls and become the first franchise to win five. Pittsburgh, Miami, San Francisco, Green Bay, and Pittsburgh all have won two consecutive Super Bowls.

Switzer said he has now seen the difference between regular season and playoff games.

"I asked 'em to show me and they did," Switzer said. "There is a difference between the two seasons and I got to experience it today. It's the best we played all year on offense and defense. It was Troy's best game since the opener against Pittsburgh."

Aikman, 7-0 in playoff games he has started, had only one touchdown pass in his last five games. But he was on target Sun-

day, setting a playoff record with a 94-yard hookup with Alvin Harper before leaving in favor of Rodney Peete with 7:55 left.

"We can talk about San Francisco now," Aikman said. "It's going to be a fun week. This is what we play for. I hope nothing changes from the last two years."

Tight end Jay Novacek caught 11 passes for 104 yards, Michael Irvin had six catches for 111 yards and Harper had two catches for 108 yards. It marked the first time since 1982 that three receivers topped 100 yards in the playoffs.

"Troy was sizzling today," Irvin said. "I could see it coming in practice. This team plays better when we have the fear of losing and we had it today. We'll have it next week, too."

Dallas defeated the 49ers 38-21 last year in Texas Stadium and 30-20 two years ago in Candlestick with Jimmy Johnson as coach. The 49ers were early seven-point favorites for Sunday's NFC title game.

Switzer gave the Cowboys a stirring pregame pep talk.

"Coach Johnson did it with intimidation but Barry is more like your buddy," said kick returner Kevin Williams. "Barry kept saying 'ain't no tomorrow, ain't no tomorrow.' It got me hyped up."

Aikman was 16 of 21 for 272 yards in the first half as the well-rested Cowboys took a 28-9 lead.

"They have a lot of great weapons and it seems like they always pop big plays whenever they play us," Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren said. "All the teams in the NFL are trying to catch the 49ers and the Cowboys. Next week will be a great game. It's what the public wanted and now

here it is."

Williams' 36-yard return of the opening kickoff got the Cowboys rolling on a 51-yard drive with the playoff coming on Smith's 5-yard run.

After Chris Jacke kicked a 50-yard field goal, Aikman and Harper put their names in the playoff record book with their long TD play.

Harper outran the coverage of Terrell Buckley and George Teague and caught Aikman's 55-yard pass. Buckley and Teague ran Harper down on the 14-yard line but he cut back, broke Teague's arm tackle and scored. It broke the record of 93 yards from Buffalo's Daryle Lamonica to Elbert Dubenion in 1963 against Boston.

"I don't know what coverage we were in but Harper was way too wide open," Holmgren said. "Troy was extremely hot."

Defensive end Reggie White was so irritated by the game he refused comment in the locker room.

Dallas made it 21-3 in the second period behind Aikman. He hit Irvin on a 53-yard pass and found Novacek open for a 22-yarder to the Packers' 1. Blair Thomas, who replaced Smith, scored three plays later from the 1, the first of his two TDs.

Brett Favre, who was 18 of 35 for 211 yards and an interception, hit a 59-yard pass to Robert Brooks on a 74-yard scoring drive which was finished off by Edgar Bennett's 1-yard run on fourth down to make it 21-9. A pass for 2 points was broken up by James Washington.

WTC outscores Paris

ODESSA — With the arrival of a new head coach, a new nickname and a host of new players, Western Texas College billed the start of the 1994-95 season as the beginning of a "New Era."

However, an extremely tough non-conference schedule, including four teams among the nation's top 25, thwarted the Lady Westerners' plans of achieving success. Until now.

With the arrival of new year, the Lady Westerners have emerged as a team capable of living up to all of Head Coach Brenda Welch-Nichols' pre-season expectations.

After a 5-10 start, the Lady Westerners have gone 2-1 in 1995, including a 82-80 win over Paris Junior College Saturday at the Odessa tournament.

The victory propelled Western Texas to a record of 7-11, as it heads into tonight's 1995 home, and conference, debut at 7:30 against Odessa College in the Scurry County Coliseum.

"The way we have played in our last couple games is what I have been waiting for all season long," Nichols said. "I'm excited that they are playing like this. It's such a great relief after a tough start."

Nichols credits the team's layoff at semester break to their surprising upswing.

"I think the players went home and looked at the season, so far, and realized that they hung in there with some of the nation's top teams," Nichols said. "They have really matured and grown as a group."

"Now we don't have the confusion that we had at the beginning of the season, everyone

knows their role. Players have emerged to fill in our missing links. We've gotten to the point where now we have perfect interchangeable parts."

The Lady Westerners' win over Paris Saturday typified Coach Nichols' assessment of the team.

According to Nichols, the starting five came out sluggish against Paris — forcing her to make a change.

"I took out the first five early and went with a different group and they responded really well," she said. "The bench did living up to all of Head Coach Brenda Welch-Nichols' pre-season expectations."

Led by Jackie Wright's 22 points and five rebounds, the Lady Westerners were able to utilize their strength inside.

Wright, who was suffering through a stomach virus, posted her third straight 20-plus point performance.

"Jackie is doing everything I thought she would," Nichols said. "She has come in and been a consistent performer for us. She seems to get everyone around her into the flow of the game."

Wright's inside presence, along with Christy Cates, who had 14 points and nine rebounds of her own, allowed the Lady Westerners to capitalize on a sagging Paris defense.

By committing more players to Western Texas' inside attack, the Lady Dragons were unable to keep pressure on guards Tammy Wilson and Carri Moss.

Moss had 18 points on the night, including two 3-pointers. Wilson, on the other hand, contributed 13 points with two 3-pointers of her own.

Chargers nip Miami

Missed field goal sends Dolphins home

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Somehow, Stan Humphries and the San Diego Chargers overcame the crazy calls and the Miami Dolphins.

And in the end, the ball finally went the Chargers' way. Pete Stoyanovich missed a 48-yard field goal with one second left Sunday and San Diego emerged with a 22-21 victory over the Dolphins that sent them into the AFC championship game.

Humphries, deprived of an apparent touchdown pass late in fourth quarter on an official's call, threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Mark Seay with 35 seconds left to tie it and John Carney kicked the winning point.

The Chargers will play at Pittsburgh next Sunday for a trip to the Super Bowl. San Diego defeated the Steelers 37-34 in the final regular-season game, although Pittsburgh had already clinched the home field and rested some injured starters.

Sunday's game was filled with

several controversial calls, including a rare illegal double pass in which Miami's Keith Jackson appeared to lose the ball.

The Chargers advanced to the AFC title game for the first time since Dan Fouts got them there following the 1980 and '81 seasons. They have never been to the Super Bowl.

San Diego joined Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Dallas — each of whom have four Super Bowl titles — in the NFL's final four.

The Chargers also blocked what could have been Dan Marino's last realistic shot at getting the Dolphins back to the Super Bowl, which is at Miami's Joe Robbie Stadium.

Marino moved the Dolphins to the San Diego 31 in the final seconds and Stoyanovich — 8-for-10 between 40 and 49 yards this season — came on with a chance to win it.

But a high snap seemed to throw off his timing, and Stoyanovich missed badly to the right.

Tech is front-runner in tight SWC race

LUBBOCK (AP) — Every seat at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum already has sold for next week's Southwest Conference opener between No. 9 Texas Tech and No. 25 Texas A&M.

League play gears up with the Lady Raiders looking like favorites and Texas — a traditional contender — limping along with a 3-6 record.

Conradt

"Obviously we are playing very poorly and are struggling," said Texas coach Jody Conradt, whose Lady Longhorns were ranked 20th at the season's onset. "The other thing that is obvious is I have no answers why."

Coaches reiterated their belief that the SWC contains a competitive and balanced group of teams.

"Everybody knew going into this season that it was going to be the strongest Southwest Conference race that it's ever been," said Texas A&M's Candi Harvey. "And that's being talked about nationally."

Tech (13-2) launched a 10-game winning streak after falling 79-75 to Washington and 79-60 to Stanford.

Senior forward Connie Robinson, the SWC's pre-season player of the year, leads the Lady Raiders with 17.9 points and almost 8 rebounds

Robinson

per game. Junior post Michi Atkins has chipped in an average 14.7 points.

A sellout is expected for the 1993 national champions' conference opener Wednesday against Texas A&M (8-3).

"We obviously have not fared well out there, but neither have 99.9 percent of the teams that go to Lubbock," Harvey said. "We've got everything to gain and nothing to lose. The key to it is enjoying that kind of atmosphere."

Tech finished first last season but lost the SWC tournament championship 71-69 to Texas.

Four teams — Tech, Texas, Texas A&M and Southern Methodist — advanced to the NCAA tournament.

First-year Baylor coach Sonja Hogg said she is pleased with the progress her players have made, especially on defense. Baylor (8-3) plays

Wednesday at Southern Methodist (9-3).

"We're seeing some fruits of our labor" on defense, Hogg said. "We still have a long way to go."

Southern Methodist, holding the league's second-best record, toughened mentally during some close pre-conference games, coach Rhonda Rompola said.

"I really feel like right now our team is starting to peak," Rompola said.

"Our girls are starting to play much better together. Everybody sort of knows their role."

The Lady Longhorns, mean-

while, get somewhat of a fresh start in their first conference game Tuesday at home against Texas Christian.

Sophomore guard Danielle Viglione of Texas leads the SWC in scoring — 19.8 points per outing — and in 3-point shots: 3.9.

Conradt pointed to junior forward Erica Routt and 6-foot-4 freshman center Angela Jackson as bright spots on her injury-riddled team.

"No one would consider us a factor now, and rightly so," Conradt said. "The only consistency has been our inconsistency."

Here's how the rest of the SWC shapes up:

HOUSTON — The Lady Cougars open the SWC season at home Tuesday against Rice.

Their 5-6 record includes getting edged 99-98 by No. 17 Kansas. Houston averages 80.8 points per game and — t h a n k s largely to junior guard

and junior guard Kim LaLonde together account for 27 3-pointers for the Lady Owls (3-7).

Guini shot 88.2 percent from the line last season, a school record. Rice's average of

four blocked shots per game leads the conference.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN — The young Lady Frogs, coached by Shell Robinson, sag at

or near the SWC's bottom in every statistical category. Opponents boast an average 29.3-point margin of victory over TCU (1-9) and have

taken 11.4 more rebounds in each game.

Ira JH game time changed

Tonight's Ira Junior High games at Westbrook have been rescheduled. The girl's game will start at 6 p.m., with the boy's game to follow.

NBA Glance

By The Associated Press All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	26	6	.813	-
New York	18	12	.600	7
Boston	12	19	.387	13½
New Jersey	13	22	.371	14½
Miami	10	21	.323	15½
Philadelphia	10	21	.323	15½
Washington	7	23	.233	18

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	21	10	.677	-
Indiana	19	11	.633	1½
Charlotte	19	12	.613	2
Chicago	16	15	.516	5
Atlanta	14	19	.424	8
Milwaukee	10	21	.323	11
Detroit	9	20	.310	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	21	10	.677	-
Houston	20	10	.667	½
San Antonio	18	10	.643	1½
Denver	16	15	.516	5
Dallas	14	14	.500	5½
Minnesota	6	24	.200	14½

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	24	7	.774	-
Seattle	21	9	.700	2½
L.A. Lakers	20	9	.690	3
Sacramento	17	13	.567	6½
Portland	16	14	.533	7½
Golden State	10	19	.345	13
L.A. Clippers	5	26	.161	19

Saturday's Games				
Portland 114, Washington 105				
Charlotte 106, Boston 98				
Atlanta 102, New Jersey 85				
Cleveland 92, Chicago 73				
Indiana 88, Houston 88				
Phoenix 109, Denver 100				
Utah 111, Philadelphia 95				
San Antonio 103, L.A. Clippers 88				
Sacramento 96, Miami 95				

Sunday's Games				
New York 102, Minnesota 87				
Orlando 108, Detroit 88				
Denver 102, Milwaukee 96, OT				
L.A. Lakers 122, Miami 105				

Monday's Games				
Washington at Boston, 7:30 p.m.				
Dallas at Utah, 9 p.m.				
Milwaukee at Phoenix, 9 p.m.				
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10 p.m.				

HJHS collects consolation

BLACKWELL — Bad weather may have cost the Hermleigh Junior High girls a chance at the championship trophy in the Blackwell tournament over the weekend.

Because of inclement weather school officials decided that instead of trying to make the drive to Blackwell it would be better to take a forfeit Thursday and try their luck in the consolation bracket Friday.

So, try their luck they did.

The Lady Cardinals plowed over Roscoe in their first round contest 30-21 and shellacked Winters 46-6 in the consolation finals.

"I'm disappointed that we weren't able to play Thursday," Hermleigh head coach June Watkins said. "I think we could of won the whole thing."

Jennifer Roemisch was the leading scorer in both of the Lady Cardinals' games, posting 20 and 21 points, respectively.

Hermleigh (3-4) is scheduled to host district foe Loraine tonight at 6.

DID YOU KNOW? Minnesota Vikings quarterback Fran Tarkenton threw four touchdowns in his first NFL game, a 1961 victory over the Chicago Bears.



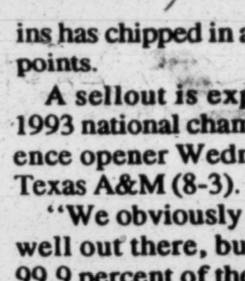
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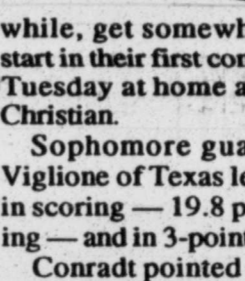
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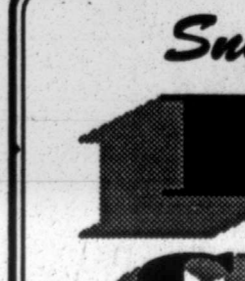
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Census: 54 (Med.-16, Long-Term Care-30, CCU-2, OB-3, Nursery-3).

Births

Robert and Tammy Fenoglio of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter born at 11:40 p.m. on Jan. 7 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds, six ounces.

Misty Hall of Colorado City announces the birth of her seven pound, 2.5-ounce daughter born at 5:25 p.m. on Jan. 8 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

U.S. sees Yeltsin as retaining control

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration expects President Boris Yeltsin to retain command of Russia's military, even as his orders go unheeded and a key Republican lawmaker casts doubt on Yeltsin's future. "We believe that he is in control," Vice President Al Gore said Sunday.

But Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole wanted to know why Grozny, capital of the breakaway Russian republic of Chechnya, was being shelled Sunday — two days after Yeltsin ordered a halt.

"I think in Chechnya it's pretty obvious either somebody's lying or somebody's not in charge," Dole said. "If he (Yeltsin) tells people the bombing has stopped and the bombing is still continuing ... he's not in charge."

President Clinton, a staunch supporter of Yeltsin's moves toward democracy, has urged Moscow to settle the Chechnya uprising through negotiation. But Russia has dispatched tens of thousands of troops to the mostly Muslim region to reassert Moscow's control.

"I told (Yeltsin) personally before the fighting ever started that the bombing would be a terrible mistake," Gore told CBS.

Dole said U.S. support for Yeltsin is eroding "almost on a daily basis" because of the bombing.

By ISAAC A. LEVI
Associated Press Writer
MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's latest economic crisis is nothing new. Financial turmoil and a swooning peso have been recurring every six years for decades, every time there is a change of presidents.

When that happens, Mexico's millions of poor get poorer as their money is worth less. Today, they're increasingly fed up.

"The last two times were the worst. The economy is now in the dumps, our money is worthless. We barely have enough to eat," said Gerardo Meza, 24, a day laborer.

"I still don't understand what's going on," added Javier Garcia, 36, a chauffeur who is among millions of Mexicans worrying about how an abrupt devaluation of the peso will affect their livelihoods.

The "Christmas Nightmare" crisis exploded Dec. 20, barely three weeks after President Ernesto Zedillo took office.

As on previous occasions, Mexico's Treasury kept juggling the country's financial books to keep the sad truth from the public. It spent millions of dollars a day to prop up the peso until it was finally scraping the bottom of the reserves barrel.

As with past administrations, Zedillo tried to blame "outside forces" for the debacle — this time it was political violence and rising interest rates in the United States. But few believed the official version.

Finally, the government had to admit the economy had been mismanaged and that the country had been living beyond its means, im-

called in and the peso was devalued.

Troubles continued into the administration of President Miguel de la Madrid, which ended in 1988, during which inflation ran as high as 160 percent and the peso sank several times.

The upshot of Mexico's cycles of turmoil has been an overall decline in the purchasing power of

AP news analysis

porting more goods and services than it exported.

To stop the bleeding, the peso was devalued by about one-third against the dollar.

In addition, Zedillo announced "severe" austerity measures — putting the brunt of the recovery on the poor. Salaries will be capped at 7 percent this year despite expected 16 percent annual inflation, a devastating blow to those with little financial cushion.

To Lorenzo Meyer, "it is no coincidence that an administration invariably ends with a crisis." He and other political analysts are blaming it on the Institutional Revolutionary Party's autocratic, secretive manner of ruling for the past 65 years.

The virtual one-party system brought Mexico decades of relative stability after the 1910-20 revolution. But the system is now threadbare, having failed to keep up with people's needs and aspirations.

"The reason for these disasters is the lack of democracy," novelist and commentator Carlos Fuentes said in an interview. "There is growing exasperation among millions of Mexicans who live in poverty, who feel they are carrying the pain of the crisis on their backs." Mexicans have seen it all before.

President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz had to contend with an economic slump that began in 1968, when the army opened fire on a huge student democracy rally and killed several hundred.

The next debacle came during President Luis Echeverria's term, which ran through 1976. His government went in for easy credit and bashed the wealthy, but bankers and rich Mexicans deplored his "populist" policies and started turning pesos into dollars.

Banco de Mexico reserves dropped sharply and the peso was devalued twice toward the end of his administration.

President Jose Lopez Portillo, who served until 1982, inherited a relatively stable economy, but when the bottom fell out of the oil market Mexico's loans were

ordinary Mexicans. Since just 1982, wages have lost nearly 60 percent of their purchasing power. About half of Mexico's 90 million people now live below or just above the poverty line.

What Mexico needs more than anything else is a good dose of genuine democracy, with "a system of checks and balances ... an authentic separation of power," the novelist Fuentes said.

Mexico's presidents enjoy huge power, and in practice are not held accountable for anything short of flagrant mayhem.

Carlos Salinas de Gortari, who preceded Zedillo, inherited his economic mess in 1988. He overcame it by radically opening up Mexico's economy with free market reforms, balancing the budget, sharply lowering inflation and selling off money-losing state enterprises.

But the dark underside was a growing foreign trade and services deficit totaling \$101.7 billion since 1982.

Salinas covered the shortfall by keeping interest rates high when rates in the United States were low, attracting an estimated \$71 billion in foreign investments. But when interest rates began rising in the United States in 1993, those investors started pulling their money out.

An Indian rebellion in early 1994, the murder of the presidential candidate who preceded Zedillo and other events brought it all to a head.

Salinas continued propping up the peso, but it was a losing battle. The drain on reserves that began as a trickle quickly became a torrent. By late 1994, the year's deficit was estimated at \$28 billion, or a whopping 8 percent of gross domestic product. Foreign reserves fell to \$6.1 billion.

The economic pressures became overwhelming and it fell to Zedillo to take drastic action. The rest, as they say, is history.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Isaac A. Levi has been covering Mexico for The Associated Press for the past 20 years.

Texas cities plotting to defend threat of closing more bases

DALLAS (AP) — An estimate by Defense Secretary William Perry that 30 major military bases and dozens of smaller ones will be ordered shut down or scaled back carries ominous overtones for Texas.

The threatened cutback appears similar to that implemented two years ago, and Texas has 19 military installations, behind only California and Virginia.

By 1997, about 1.4 million servicemen will be in uniform, a drop from 2.2 million in 1985, the Defense Department says. The reduction means fewer military installations.

Gov.-elect George W. Bush has named two aides to devise a statewide strategy for protecting Texas' investment in the military, and a city-by-city mobilization has begun in Texas to argue for the preservation of Texas' bases.

"This is kind of a dangerous time," said Paul Roberson, executive director of San Antonio's community task force on base closure.

Communities across Texas are preparing for the third and final downsizing review by the Base Closure and Realignment Commission, established by federal law in 1990.

In 1991 and 1993, Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, Chase Field Naval Air Station in Beeville, Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth and Dallas Naval Air Station were phased back.

On March 1, the secretary of defense will release his recommendations for bases to be shut down

or realigned — setting off four months of intensive site visits and public hearings by the base closure commission.

"They've picked all the low-hanging fruit, and the decisions are now tougher and tougher," Roberson said. "The installations left are all doing quality work and are integral to their communities."

Texas' four Army installations, 11 Air Force bases and four Navy stations employ about 143,000 military and civilian workers and bring in more than \$10 billion in military spending. That amount is about 2.3 percent of the gross state product, according to data from the state comptroller's office.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, expressed confidence that Texas will be able to persuade the Defense Department to spare its bases.

"Texas has a part of many important defense systems that the Defense Department wants. It's cheaper to train in Texas. There's no state income taxes, and there is incredible community support. It's easy to defend bases in Texas," she said.

In Lubbock, a Washington-based consultant has been hired to help develop a strategy to save Reese Air Force Base.

"There are indications the Air Force is over capacity for pilot training centers, and the Department of Defense and the commissioners will closely scrutinize Reese and three other bases ... since they escaped hits during the past two rounds," city manager

Bob Cass said. Reese, which has about 1,300 military and civilian workers, contributes about \$130 million to the Lubbock economy.

San Antonio leaders feel that Kelly and Brooks Air Force bases are the likeliest to make the commission's hit list.

"Kelly is a depot maintenance center for C-5 and C-17 transports, one of five in the Air Force Air Logistics Command," Roberson said. "The Air Force has indicated that they now have excess capability and may close two."

Brooks, headquarters for Air Force aerospace medical research, also is vulnerable because of consolidation of all biomedical research from all military branches, Roberson said.

In 1990, San Antonio created a task force of 60 civic, political and business leaders to lobby Congress, the White House and the Pentagon.

"We argue for military usefulness, that the installations in San Antonio provide a well-run and vital part of the nation's defense structure," Roberson said.

Brooks is ideally situated to become the center for consolidated Air Force biomedical research, and Kelly already is the largest maintenance depot in the Defense Department and has the capacity to absorb more work, he said.

Though the soft mass of the adult human brain consumes about 25 percent of the oxygen supply in blood, it remains motionless; it does not divide, contract or grow.

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Steps undertaken to prevent frivolous lawsuits by inmates

ODESSA (AP) — Attorney General Dan Morales has begun steps to reduce frivolous lawsuits by inmates that he says have been wasting the time of judges and clerks in Texas' state district courts.

How frivolous? — One inmate filed a lawsuit complaining because jail officials gave him only one serving of dessert, refusing his request for a second after-dinner treat.

— Another inmate filed a lawsuit claiming his 1st Amendment rights were violated because his newspaper was delivered without the Sunday magazine.

— Another inmate sued because jailers served him chunky, instead of smooth, peanut butter.

— And another inmate sued hoping to retrieve confiscated fireworks and pornographic magazines.

Most of the lawsuits are promptly dismissed, but Morales says the cases are clogging the courts, have cost taxpayers hundreds of dollars and have forced judges and their clerks to spend time on the cases that could have been better spent.

While Morales' changes would

only apply only to state courts — and officials say most cases are filed in the federal system — an attorney general's spokesman said it's hoped the proposals will give inmates alternative means for airing their grievances.

Morales has said he would like to form some type of administrative procedure within the prison system to resolve inmate complaints before they become lawsuits.

Several of Morales' proposed changes already are in effect in federal courts. One proposal would allow state judges to dismiss automatically any frivolous or malicious lawsuit. Another would force inmates to pay filing fees and court costs unless they prove themselves to be indigent.

Morales also has suggested that hearings on prisoner complaints take place in jail or prison.

That particular proposal, says U.S. Magistrate Judge Louis Guirola, might deter some inmates from filing lawsuits.

"There is a school of thought that some (inmates who file complaints) think it's a good way to get out of jail for a day," Guirola said.

Although inmates can file lawsuits in both state and federal courts, most opt for the latter.

"Ninety-nine times out of 100, they're filed in the federal court system," Guirola said.

Senior U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton of Midland says lawsuits by disgruntled inmates make up more than one-third of the cases filed in the nation's federal courts.

"Maybe 5 percent have merit," he said. "As a general rule, there's not a lot of meat or substance to them."

Still, Bunton concedes he has presided over cases in which the inmates had a legal basis for complaints. One El Paso inmate, who had been beaten so badly he had to undergo a tracheotomy, filed a lawsuit and was awarded several hundred thousand dollars in damages, Bunton said.

Another woman sued when she was strip-searched after being picked up on a hot check-writing charge. The woman, who already had paid for the check, sued and collected damages, he said.

Bunton said he believes most lawsuits stem from inmate boredom.

Several Vidor black tenants want out of housing project

VIDOR (AP) — Tired of racial slurs and threats, Denise Jackson wants out of the housing project she helped integrate nearly a year ago after two previous efforts failed.

She and two other black residents want to move from the complex and Vidor, a small southeast Texas town that has been considered a Ku Klux Klan stronghold.

Ms. Jackson and her five children agreed to move into the complex last Jan. 13 as part of court-ordered desegregation plans. Now, 20 black families live in the 74-unit complex.

"What's so big about this town that blacks have to live here?" Ms. Jackson told the Beaumont Enterprise in Sunday's editions.

"If the federal government said this had to be done, it's been done. I say enough. Vidor is never going to change. I wouldn't ever advise any blacks to move here," she said.

Ms. Jackson said she decided she wanted to move in September after a man threatened her and her children in a grocery store parking lot. Reggie Allred, 18, of Vidor, is awaiting trial on a misdemeanor charge of making a terroristic threat.

"He had a knife and he said he wanted to kill me and my nigger babies," she said.

"Anytime we go out of (the complex) gates people yell for us to go back home or shoot the finger at us. My children can't play in the (complex) park because grownups here have tried to fight with them and say they don't want their children playing with niggers. I just can't take it any more and they've got me trapped here."

Mike Segal, a spokesman for the U.S. Housing and Urban Development, said he was unaware

of Ms. Jackson's complaints. He said department policy has been to move anyone experiencing problems.

Under federal takeover plans in September 1993, Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros ordered more than \$3 million of security and other improvements to the complex to encourage black families

to move there.

But Ms. Jackson said housing officials also promised to give her a private housing voucher if she wanted to leave.

Ms. Jackson said she needs the voucher, but Soila Nethery, a HUD official directing the Orange County Housing Authority, said none are available.

Democrats demand hard facts on balancing budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats trying to slow the rush toward passage of a balanced budget amendment are demanding that Republicans first provide real numbers on how they are going to cut federal spending.

Passing a balanced budget amendment without showing who gets hurt is a "very irresponsible act," Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said Sunday. "We are once again doing what Washington loves to do and that is to duck the decisions," he said on ABC.

Vice President Al Gore, appearing on CBS, said Republicans pushing the constitutional amendment are "the same group that quadrupled the national debt the last time they had the reins of government all the while talking the same game."

Republicans have promised a House vote as early as Jan. 19 on an amendment to balance the budget by 2002. The Clinton administration, which opposes the amendment, is urging Democrats to pressure the GOP to explain what programs — particularly social, educational and health programs — they will have to cut to achieve that goal.

Republicans, however, argue that Democrats are merely trying to scuttle a constitutional change favored by 80 percent of Americans. "It's an attempt by a party that wants to preserve big government to stop the balanced budget amendment," House Majority Whip Tom Delay, R-Texas, said on ABC.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., supports the amendment but said Americans must be told how it will be

achieved.

"They're flipping around like fish on a deck right now, not willing to be specific with regard to how they're going to do it," Daschle said on NBC, referring to the Republicans.

County

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money for the county through user fees.

He said the county receives a 25 percent commission on all calls made by inmates at the jail, which has provided up to \$1,000 monthly.

The court took no action on the appointment of a manager for Towle Park Barn. County Judge Ricky Fritz said his office does not seem to be the appropriate place to handle booking for the facility but added that he did not have a recommendation as to who should conduct those duties.

He added that the facility was booked 121 times in 1994.

The court approved two requests for line-item transfers including \$2,756 from general liability insurance in the sheriff's office to law enforcement liability insurance.

And in order to make the county's first payment to Snyder Chamber of Commerce to manage Scurry County Coliseum, commissioners transferred \$140,798 from several coliseum-related line-items to the line-item for the management contract.

County Judge Fritz presided at the meeting. In attendance were commissioners C. D. Gray Jr., Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway.

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AT&T Corp	485/8	48	7-16+3-16
Alitouch	295/8	29	295/8 +1/2
Albertsons	291/4	287/8	29 -1/8
Aldisignal s	345/8	34	341/4 -1/8
Alltel	303/4	301/4	303/8 -1/4
AmStores	261/2	263/8	263/8
Ameritech	301/4	40	401/8
Amoco	593/4	595/8	595/8 -1/4
AndarkPir	377/8	371/2	375/8 +1/4
Armolac	63/8	61/4	63/8 +1/8
AtlRichfld	103	1021/8	1021/8 -1/8
ATMOS Egy s	165/8	163/8	161/2 -1/8
Aviall	77/8	77/8	77/8
BakerHughes	181/4	181/8	181/4
BancTexas	13-16	13-16	13-16
BellTel	491/4	483/4	49
BellSouth	543/4	543/8	541/2 -1/8
BethSteel	185/8	181/4	181/2 +1/8
Borden	131/8	13	13 -1/8
BritPet	791/2	791/4	793/8 -3/8
Caterpillar s	57	561/4	567/8 +1/4
CentSoWst	227/8	221/2	227/8 +1/8
Chevron s	441/4	44	441/4
Chrysler	531/8	521/2	531/8 +1/2
Coastal	261/2	263/8	263/8 +1/8
CocaCola	501/4	50M	501/4 -1/8
ColgatePalm	603/4	601/8	605/8 +5/8
ComclMetals	261/4	253/4	257/8
Cooperla	353/4	343/4	353/4+1/8
CyprusAmaz	261/8	257/8	26
DallSemin	153/4	155/8	153/4
DeltaAirl	511/2	51	511/2 +1/2
DigitalEq	341/2	34	341/4 +1/8
Dillard	27	261/2	27 +1/2
DowChem	693/4	693/8	691/2 -3/8
DresserInd	195/8	191/8	195/8 +3/8
DuPont	551/2	547/8	551/2 +3/8
EastmanChem	523/8	513/8	523/8 +1/4
EstKodak	481/4	477/8	481/8 +1/8
EljerInd	61/4	61/4	61/4
Enserch	133/8	131/8	131/4 +1/8
Entergy	223/4	221/2	225/8 +1/8
Exxon	607/8	601/2	603/4 -1/4
FordMotor s	283/4	283/8	285/8 +1/4
GTE Cp	301/2	301/8	303/8 +1/8
GenDynam s	437/8	431/4	433/4 +1/2
GenElec s	507/8	501/2	505/8 -1/4
GenMills	563/8	56	563/8 +3/8
GenMotors	431/2	43	431/4
GenMotors E	39	387/8	387/8 -1/8
GaPacif	76	753/8	757/8 +3/8
GlobalMar	35/8	31/2	35/8
Goodrich	441/8	44	44 +1/8
Goodyear s	363/8	351/4	361/4 +7/8
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Hanson ADS	183/4	185/8	185/8 -5-64
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IBM	757/8	747/8	757/8 +3/4
IntlPaper	781/8	765/8	78 +1
JohnsJns	541/2	541/8	543/8
K mart	133/4	131/2	133/4 +1/8
Kroger	247/8	245/8	247/8
Litton	38	377/8	38 +1/4
Lubys	331/2	331/4	333/8
Makus	225/8	221/2	225/8 -1/8
MayDeptStrs	31/4	31/8	31/8 -1/8
Medronic s	34	331/4	337/8 -1/8
Mobil	537/8	533/4	537/8 +1/8
Monosanto	857/8	853/8	851/2 -3/8
Motorola s	687/8	685/8	687/8 -1/8
Nationsbk	591/8	585/8	587/8 +7/8
Navistar	463/8	461/8	463/8
NoramEngy	161/2	16	161/2 +1/2
Nyex	51/2	53/8	51/2
OryxEng	373/8	371/8	371/4 -1/8
PacTeles	117/8	113/4	113/4 -1/8
PanElec	287/8	283/4	283/4 -1/4
Penney JC	201/8	197/8	201/8 +1/4
Penzoil	431/8	423/4	431/8 +1/8
PepBoys	441/2	441/8	441/4 -1/8
PepsiCo	29	285/8	287/8 +1/8
PhilDodge	351/8	343/4	351/8 +3/8
PhillipPet	61	601/2	61 +3/8
PilgrimPrd	317/8	315/8	315/8 -1/2
Polaroid	93/8	91/8	91/8 -1/4
Praxair	331/8	321/2	327/8 +1/2
ProGamble	213/8	21	211/4 +1/4
PubSNwMx	615/8	611/8	611/2 +3/8
RoyalDutch	127/8	127/8	127/8 -1/8
SfePacCp s	1073/4	1073/8	1073/4 +1/4
SaraLee	173/4	171/2	175/8 -1/8
SearsRoeb	253/8	251/4	251/4 +1/8
SherwinW	473/4	473/8	471/2 -1/4
SmithADS	323/4	321/2	321/2 -1/4
Smith eqt	361/2	361/4	361/2 +1/2
SouthCo s	35	343/8	347/8 -1/2
SouthAirlines	203/8	201/8	201/4 +1/8
SwBell	185/8	183/8	183/8 -1/8
SwPrint	411/8	401/2	407/8 +1/4
SterlingChm	273/8	27	271/4 +1/8
SunCo	13	13	13
TNP Ent	297/8	295/8	293/4 +1/8
Tand	143/4	143/4	143/4
Templini	50	491/2	493/4 -1/4
Tenneco	481/2	483/8	481/2 +1/8
Texas	43	425/8	427/8 +1/8
TexasInd	605/8	603/8	605/8 -1/8
TexasInst	321/2	321/4	321/4 -3/8
TexUtil	723/8	713/8	717/8 +5/8
Tetryon	331/8	327/8	33
Travellers	497/8	493/8	493/8 -3/4
TritonEngy	345/8	343/8	341/2
Tyler	321/4	321/8	321/4 +1/8
US West	337/8	335/8	335/8 -1/8
USX Delhi	31/4	31/4	31/4 +1/8
USX-Maratho	361/8	357/8	36
USX-USS	101/8	10	10
UnCarbde	163/4	165/8	163/4 +1/8
UnPac	371/4	37	371/8
UnitedTech	293/4	293/8	295/8 5/8
Unocal	481/4	477/8	48 -3/8
WalMart	637/8	631/4	633/4 +1/4
WstaGasRsr	265/8	261/4	261/4 -3/8
WestHil	22	213/4	217/8 -1/8
WinnDixie	191/4	191/8	191/4
Woolworth	123/4	121/2	123/4 +1/8
Xerox Cp	521/4	52	52 -1/2
ZenithE	163/4	161/4	161/2 -1/8
	983/4	981/8	981/2 -1/8
	111/8	107/8	11

Flood threat recedes

FORESTVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Rivers surged past flood stages today in northern California, forcing several hundred people from their homes, as storms rolling in from the Pacific deluged the region.

Rainfall eased today, canceling widespread flood warnings, but more storms were on the way later this week, the National Weather Service said.

"For Wednesday through Friday ... there will be periods of rain, heavy at times, mild and windy. That means rain every day," said meteorologist John Burkhardt.

Marin County, across the bay from San Francisco, had received 4.2 inches in 24 hours as of this morning.

Obituaries

Kevin Burkett

1967-1995
Service is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Snyder First Baptist Church for Kevin Burkett, 27, of Midland who died Saturday in Providence Health Center in Waco after a lengthy illness. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

The Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will officiate. Services are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 15, 1967 in Odessa, Mr. Burkett was a 1986 graduate of Snyder High School and attended Western Texas College. He had also worked at the Hilton Inn in Midland and the Hilton and Wyndham hotels in San Antonio.

Survivors include his parents, David and Karen Burkett of Midland and formerly of Snyder; a sister, Kami Scheller of Waco; his maternal grandparents, Kenneth and Sarah McCraw of Midland.

Warren Costin

1912-1995
COLORADO CITY — Service was set for 2 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church for Warren Costin, 82, who died Saturday in Abilene's Hendrick Medical Center.

Officiating will be the Rev. Howard Quiett with burial to follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born in Howard County, he married Margaret Sweat on Sept. 12, 1936 in Colorado City.

Mr. Costin was a life-long resident of Colorado City where he owned and operated Costin Implement for 37 years. He was a former Colorado Independent School District trustee and served as board president for a number of years.

Mr. Costin was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Costin of Colorado City; two daughters, Sue Degentary of Shreveport, La., and Jean Seay of Leander; a sister, Iris Ann Winchester of Rising Star; and three grandchildren.

Deposits

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Woman of Experience Lacks Partner to Help Build a Life

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 38-year-old, college-educated woman with a successful career. I have traveled all over the world and enjoyed a variety of life experiences. You are not going to believe this, but I have never been asked out on a date!

I have gone out socially — I asked the son of a family friend to the junior prom — and have gone out with groups of friends for years. I have even used escort services for business functions. But I have never had a boyfriend, or the chance to turn down someone I didn't like.

Mother and Father told me there is a lid for every pot. Lately, they haven't mentioned the subject.

I have a good sense of humor and have been told I'm interesting to talk to, but no man has ever shown a romantic interest in me. I dress well, and some people have told me I am pretty. (I have seen some extremely unattractive people who are part of a couple.)

Two years ago, I adopted a child. I live a full life and don't sit at home or get depressed. However, what I really want in life is to meet a man who shares my interests and wants to build a life with me and my daughter. I can be alone, but I would rather not. Do you have a solution?

SINGLE IN SEATTLE

DEAR SINGLE: I disagree with your parents. I have seen many pots without lids, and lids without pots. However, life is not a housewares department.

You have already taken the first step in resolving your problem by acknowledging that a problem exists. Step Two is a series of "truth sessions" with your most trusted male and female friends to find out why you are unapproachable, and if an image makeover or a personality adjustment is in order. (Try not to be defensive.)

And last, I see nothing wrong with a woman asking a man out, or letting friends know that she

is interested in meeting a gentleman who shares her interests.

DEAR ABBY: I am an infantry soldier in the U.S. Army, presently assigned to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Macedonia.

Our job is tiring, and at times we don't see civilization for weeks on end. Many of the men and women here feel that they are serving our country proudly by being a part of this mission; yet we don't receive much praise or acknowledgment for doing our job.

I would like to thank you and all those who participated in Operation Dear Abby for making us feel important and our jobs worthwhile.

Public support of our troops is a major morale booster. I'm proud to be an American and to have friends like you.

PFC JAMES F. WOODLEY

DEAR JAMES: I acknowledge with gratitude your efforts and the efforts of all who participated in Operation Dear Abby X — they number in the millions.

DEAR ABBY: You are not going to believe this, but my dentist has had breath. For obvious reasons, I cannot sign my name.

GUTLESS

DEAR GUTLESS: It would be a kindness to tell him. If you lack the courage, mail this to him — before his patients lose their patience!

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Family destroyed by rape of young girl

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — The 911 caller speaks in a rush, the way children do when they're rattling, jamming every detail into one long, breathless sentence.

"My, um, we were going downstairs and my sister, she was, this one guy was drunk, and he, he tried to have sex with my sister, and she's got blood all over ... and she's all crying and ..."

Operator: "How old is your sister?"

Caller: "My sister is um, she's 6."

Operator: "How old are you?"

Caller: "I'm 10."

In the background, a woman screams, "Don't! Don't! Don't!"

The phone line goes dead.

It was January 15, 1994, and a child had just been raped by her brand-new stepfather, a crack addict with full-blown AIDS.

No one knew it at that moment, but the assault that stained the girl's polka-dot dress, her cotton underwear and her dress-up white tights with her blood had also infected her with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

The attacker was Frank Cisco Bridges, 44, who'd married her mother barely three hours before. So stoned during the ceremony that he picked his teeth with the minister's sermon cards, Bridges urinated in a potted plant at the reception.

The woman who screamed and hung up the phone was the girl's mother. Just that morning, she'd bailed Bridges out of jail on a petty theft charge so they could be married at her home in an upper middle class, suburban neighborhood.

Last month, she was convicted of child endangerment and being an accessory after the fact to her daughter's rape. The woman is to be sentenced Jan. 10 and faces a maximum sentence of six years and eight months in prison. To protect the child's identity and privacy, The Associated Press is not identifying the girl or her mother.

"I know of no other case like this anywhere," said Riverside County prosecutor Tim Schaff. "If she wanted to marry this monster and try to save him, that's fine. But she's not allowed to take her children into this. She is responsible for their safety."

Bridges made a partial confession after the attack. On the first

day of jury selection, he pleaded guilty to five felony counts of child molestation and rape. He was sentenced in July to 38 years' imprisonment.

Child welfare authorities sent the girl and her two brothers to live with an aunt in Michigan. Contrary to her brother's 911 call, the girl was actually 7 the night she was raped. Now 8, the girl is displaying diminished motor skills, an early sign of the fatal illness, but has not developed AIDS.

The mother is free on bail and remains in Riverside.

She is an educated woman, with a master's degree in special education, but says herself that she makes stupid choices in men. Her first husband, the father of her children, is an abusive alcoholic currently incarcerated on drunken driving charges, her attorney says.

"I obviously have made poor decisions about the men that I've gotten involved with," she said in an interview with the AP. "But I'm not a criminal."

She was visiting with wedding guests when Bridges lured her daughter upstairs with the promise of a dollar. He locked the master bedroom door, held the girl down by her throat and raped her.

She screamed. Her brothers, in another upstairs room, ran for their mother. All three banged on the door until the girl unlocked it, covered in blood, clutching her tights in one hand.

The boys told police Bridges ran naked from the room. Officers found him later, walking along a nearby road dressed in slacks, children's shoes and his wife's shirt.

In a tape-recorded statement, Bridges first blamed a non-existent twin brother. He chuckles at one point, telling police he became sexually aroused watching his "brother" rape the girl. Eventually, he broke down and admitted some of the committed offenses. He offered no reason.

"I think he's an incredibly selfish man," said Schaff, who prosecuted both newlyweds. "You add to that the drugs. You add to it the knowledge that he's going to die. Here's this little girl. She's young.

She's innocent."

The couple met about two years ago. Both were group counselors for a county probation department. It took six months for the woman to discover Bridges' fondness for crack cocaine.

"I should have said goodbye. I should have never got involved with a person who used drugs," she said. "I wanted to help him. We had appointments for rehab, but he would never go."

Instead, Bridges stole from her. Once it was her car. Twice he forged checks on her account. Last September, diagnosed with AIDS, homeless and sick, he moved in. She decided to marry him.

"I felt like I could help him have a peaceful life before he died, and all that kind of crap," she said.

Instead, he flopped between her house and another woman's. A diabetic, he injected insulin daily, leaving disposable needles at her home.

By way of explaining her relationship with Bridges, she asked, "Are you familiar with codependency?" That's psychological jargon

describing people addicted to saving others at their own expense.

"I've made a lot of judgment mistakes," says the mother, who says she tested negative for HIV. "But I was just trying to help somebody. ... I can't believe that they thought I was trying to help him escape."

Since her arrest last winter, the mother has lost both her jobs, as a schoolteacher and a counselor at the probation department, and seen her children just twice. Her daughter doesn't know she is dying.

"She knows she has an infection in her blood," the mother said. "And that she's sick."

Why did she hang up on her son when he called for help?

"I wanted to figure out what had happened first. I didn't know what to do with my kids," she said.

"My daughter was crying. She kept saying, 'Tell me it's a dream, Mommy. Tell me it's a dream.'"

Escaped fugitive captured

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A martial arts expert who escaped from a Wisconsin jail while awaiting sentencing on a drug trafficking conviction has been captured in Mexico, the federal attorney general's office announced Sunday.

The agency described John Benjamin Warda as "one of the 10 most wanted fugitives" in the United States. It gave no details of his arrest in the state of Colima, on the Pacific Coast some 300 miles west of Mexico City.

Warda escaped from the Ozaukee County Jail in Port Washington, Wis., on Aug. 31 while awaiting sentencing for involvement in a major cocaine sales operation in the upper Midwest during the late 1980s and early 1990s.

The brief Mexican release said Warda faced 18 years in prison.

Law enforcement agencies claimed he had ties to organized crime in Chicago and accused him of threatening witnesses cooperat-

ing with federal authorities.

Deputy U.S. Marshal Scott Albrecht said Warda also was rumored to have paid \$100,000 to a hit man to have four people killed.

Jailer Thomas E. Campion was accused of providing a hacksaw blade to Warda and another inmate who escaped, Amedeo Landa, then 29, who was awaiting sentencing for sexual assault in Kenosha County.

Campion pleaded guilty in December to aiding the escape. He said Warda had threatened him and his family.

Warda also was a fugitive from June 1992 to July 1993, when he was found in Tampa, Fla. He was shot in the leg during an escape attempt in Florida as U.S. marshals were taking him to jail on the federal drug charges.

The Mexican agency described Warda as "a martial arts champion and an expert in handling weapons."

Scientists run mission dress rehearsal on simulated planet

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Graceful red dunes and volcanic rocks spread carefully over a courtyard on the campus of the University of Arizona are the practice grounds for a \$150 million robot mission to Mars, America's third visit to the red planet.

The 1,600 square foot plot has turned scientists into gardeners, groundskeepers and bird chasers. But if their little bit of Mars works as planned, it will help develop the equipment for NASA's Mars Pathfinder mission set for launch next year.

Staff and students at Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory shoveled 79 tons of orange-red soil into a courtyard of a class room building and then sculptured it into a gently rippled plain resembling a river valley on Mars. Volcanic rocks from nearby mountains completed the barren scene.

"I doubt you'll find a place just like this on Mars," said Daniel T. Britt, manager of Arizona's part in the mission, "but we tried to duplicate some of the terrain our craft will find when it gets there."

Keeping the plain pristine has been the biggest chore.

Britt said he's had to spend time out of his lab and working as a gardener.

"I've been picking out weeds," he said. "This isn't Mars. It rains here and plants grow."

The scientists also have had to pick up debris and shoo away birds who apparently think the loose soil is an ideal comfort station.

They also fenced the Martian yard to keep animals away from the kitty litter-like surface.

"If a cat got in there it would be a disaster," said one Arizona staffer.

The scientists also have to spend time removing white paint chips that flake off from nearby buildings and speckle the red soil.

In March, more than 40 international space scientists will gather at the Marscape to test, for the sec-

ond time, the Pathfinder mission equipment.

Mars Pathfinder is due for launch next December and is scheduled to touchdown in a place called the Ares Tiu Outflow Valley on July 4, 1997.

The mission is a showcase of NASA's concept of smaller, quicker and cheaper voyages of exploration. The cost was limited to \$150 million, which is small as space missions go, and the project

was formally started just over a year ago.

Not much bigger than a steamer trunk, the whole spacecraft will fly directly to Mars and then fall to its surface. A parachute and braking rockets will slow the 582-pound craft, but the final jolt will be cushioned by 12 airbags, rather like those in modern cars.

"It's going to hit and then bounce and bounce and bounce," said Britt.

O.J. Simpson's book due out next month

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson is about to tell his side of the story in the double-murder case, but jurors may never hear a word of it.

Simpson's book, which reportedly proclaims the agonies of a man wrongfully accused, hits stores next month — long after the 24 jurors and alternates will have been locked away in a hotel or college dorm.

The panelists chosen to judge Simpson's fate receive the official word today. They're going to be sequestered as early as Wednesday depending, perhaps, on how prosecutors react to news of the book, titled "I Want to Tell You."

Prosecutors may seek to delay the event that is forcing early sequestration — Wednesday's hearing on evidence of domestic violence in Simpson's marriage — so they can pore over the manuscript. It reportedly includes Simpson's response to abuse allegations.

They can subpoena the book since it amounts to a public statement and not a private, privileged conversation such as talk between a lawyer and a client, legal analysts said.

The book could be used against Simpson if he decides to testify and it contradicts his statements in court, but otherwise it should have little impact, said former District

Attorney Ira Reiner.

Delay or not, the analysts said the jury may learn little or nothing about the book until after reaching a verdict — indeed, they may never hear from Simpson at all.

"Maybe it's another indication he may not testify," said Loyola University law professor Stanley Goldman. It's much easier for Simpson to tell his story in a book than face cross-examination as a witness, he said.

The book probably won't contain startling revelations and may be just an attempt to gain good publicity and much-needed cash, legal analysts said.

The book reportedly is Simpson's response to the more than 300,000 pieces of mail he has received since his arrest in connection with the June 12 killings of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Written with Lawrence Schiller, the book is to be published next month, The New York Times reported Sunday.

Schiller, a former neighbor of Simpson's, is a producer, director and journalist. He collaborated with Norman Mailer on his Pulitzer Prize-winning "Executioner's Song" and Mailer's forthcoming "Oswald's Tale: An American Mystery."

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Barton, governors eye emission rules with skepticism

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Republicans now calling the shots on Capitol Hill and in 30 state capitols, the Clinton administration's implementation of the Clean Air Act is coming under renewed scrutiny.

One facet of the Clean Air Act amendments — automobile tailpipe emissions inspections — is drawing much of the current heat in Texas and other states angered by the new air pollution controls.

The automobile emissions testing went into effect earlier this month for areas nationwide with high levels of certain pollutants. In Texas, the regions affected are Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso and Beaumont-Port Arthur.

The program has been criticized as too costly and burdensome for Texas drivers in the affected cities, who must have their cars tested every two years at specific inspection facilities at a cost of up to \$23.

Even though the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission made last-minute revisions to lessen the brunt of the testing, some state leaders still are demanding that the program be put on hold.

They will have a friendly reception in Washington, where GOP congressional leaders have trained their sights on trimming the size of government and reducing its burden on citizens.

Texas Rep. Joe Barton, chairman of the House Commerce Committee's powerful oversight and investigations subcommittee, will hold hearings on the emissions testing later this month or

early February.

The Ennis Republican is a longstanding critic of the Environmental Protection Agency's implementation of the Clean Air Act amendments and has suggested that congressional remedy may be needed.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich also has said that the emissions testing program ought to be rethought, even if it means that Congress has to change the Clean Air Act.

With the new pro-business, anti-red tape tilt in vogue on Capitol Hill, the EPA's overall way of operating will be scrutinized by lawmakers who contend that the cost of regulations isn't adequately measured against the benefits.

If the EPA is not closed, "at least put a snaffle bit on them and ride that pony down," House Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas said recently. "They're out of control."

EPA Administrator Carol Browner last month met with several governors and agreed to ease some of the vehicle testing requirements in bid to quell a budding revolt centered largely in Northeastern states.

But it appears some GOP governors weren't appeased by Browner's actions.

On Friday, Barton met with 15 GOP governors in Washington to discuss the much-criticized emissions inspection program.

"There was a litany of complaints or concerns against the way the EPA has chosen to attempt to implement the Clean Air Act," he said after the meeting.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Antibiotics cure skin infection

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please provide information on cellulitis.

DEAR READER: Cellulitis is a diffuse infection, usually with streptococcal bacteria, of the tissues under the skin. This causes characteristic large, painful swellings with taut, red skin overlying them. Treatment with antibiotics is almost always successful.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband recently stopped smoking and had an attack of shortness of breath. He was prescribed Lasix twice daily. How does fluid affect the breathing process? Tests reveal he has 50 percent lung capacity. Would this alone cause the breathing difficulties?

DEAR READER: Heavy smokers often develop a lung disorder called chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, a condition marked by inflammation of the bronchial tubes, excess mucus in the lungs and trapped stale air in the pulmonary system.

His 50 percent lung capacity suggests that he is suffering from this disorder, even though he has stopped

smoking. He should see a lung specialist who will test him further and may prescribe antibiotics and other drugs to assist breathing.

On the other hand, the presence of fluid in the lungs indicates the possibility that a weak heart action may contribute to his breathlessness.

Therefore, he needs heart testing, too. A Doppler ultrasound exam will show if his heart is contracting properly. The pulmonologist should be able to coordinate the various necessary tests.

Although chronic lung disease and heart failure can each, independently, cause shortness of breath, they can also co-exist, leading to particularly troublesome breathing problems. Your husband needs a specialist to sort out which factor — or factors — is the cause of the breathlessness.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Living With Chronic Lung Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why are the brown spots on elderly people called liver spots? Does this mean there is something wrong with the liver?

DEAR READER: The brown pigmented spots that appear on the hands and face as we age were once thought to be caused by liver disease, hence they were named "liver spots." This is now known to be inaccurate.

Such blemishes, which are worsened by chronic exposure to sunlight, are merely age-related phenomena, like graying of the hair, that are not related to the liver. They are harmless and appear on everyone, sooner or later.

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Singing marks birthday

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Jill Bugg came to Graceland from England for a piece of Elvis Presley's birthday cake and a little bit of rock.

"It's such an emotional thing to come over for his birthday," she said Sunday. "So we pick up stones. We pick up sticks. We pick up anything we can to take back home. They're treasured possessions."

Ms. Bugg scooped up a handful of small stones from beside a walkway at Elvis' former residence as she waited for the cake-cutting to mark what would have been Presley's 60th birthday.

She was among 300 faithful from The Official Elvis Presley Fan Club of Great Britain who joined about 1,500 fans in a sing-along.

"The 60th birthday to me is really, really special," said Ms. Bugg of Colchester Essex, England. "It's a special birthday for anyone, but for Elvis it means everything."

Packed around a temporary stage set up on Graceland's front lawn, the fans sang "Happy Birthday" along with some of Presley's former backup singers, J.D. Sumner and the Stamps and the Sweet Inspirations.

Sculptor Felix de Weldon of Los Angeles unveiled a bronze bust of Presley he made as a gift for Graceland. De Weldon also sculpted the Iwo Jima memorial in Arlington, Va.

The mayors of Memphis and Shelby County cut Presley's six-tier, vanilla and chocolate-sponge birthday cake, decorated with replicas of a pink Cadillac, teddy bear, piano and guitar.

Autopsies reveal few clues

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police say autopsies have provided few clues into the mysterious deaths of a 2-year-old girl and her 4-month-old brother in a San Antonio apartment.

About 5 p.m. Friday, Renee Alicia Gutierrez was found dead in a bedroom and Timothy Manuel Gutierrez was found dead on a living room couch of the apartment, where they had been living with four adults and six other children.

Police said Friday night that there was no sign of foul play or trauma. At the time, two siblings were in the apartment along with two adults and four other children. The autopsies were performed Sa-

turday morning. "The cause of their deaths is undetermined, pending further investigation," homicide Sgt. Jerry Villarreal said.

Lucy Gutierrez, 20, and Rene Gutierrez, 24, and their four child-

ren had been living with her brother, his fiancée and his fiancée's four children. The couple had gone downtown with the children's grandfather to pay rent on a nearby apartment of their own and planned to move out that evening.

Pump prices drop slightly

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Retail gas prices should start rising again after dipping slightly over the holidays, an industry analyst said.

The average price for all grades of gas, including taxes, was 119.56 cents a gallon on Friday, according to the Lundberg Survey

of 10,000 stations across the country. That was down four-tenths of a cent from Dec. 16.

"The overall national average has dropped probably for the last time," said Trilby Lundberg, publisher of the Lundberg Survey.

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Doctors delivers twins seven days apart

DALLAS (AP) — Doctors recommended that twins Nicole Rae and Daniel Ray be separated at birth. Their mother reluctantly agreed, but didn't know that she would have to wait until the fol-

lowing year to see her second baby.

After delivering Daniel about 14 weeks early, Donna Dudley heeded the advice of her doctors at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, and her own body, and put off Nicole's delivery for a week.

Although it's not rare to have twins delivered at different times, Mrs. Dudley's doctors say her case — in which the twins were born seven days apart and in different years — is extremely unusual.

Dr. Kenneth Trimmer and his partner, Dr. Michael Cavence, delivered Daniel Dec. 27, 1994. Twin Nicole arrived Jan. 3. "It was very strange," Mrs. Dudley said. "I was scared when

it happened but I knew I had to keep my cool — for seven days."

No signs of complications arose after the first birth. So Mrs. Dudley and her husband, Jubal, decided that she would stay in the hospital and allow nature to take its course with the second birth.

"When she stopped contracting, there was an obvious benefit to let the other one stay in there," Trimmer said.

Besides, doctors said, Nicole's chances of being born healthy improved as long as she waited.

"That's what kept me from going completely ballistic," said Mrs. Dudley. "That's what kept me from going completely out of my mind."

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