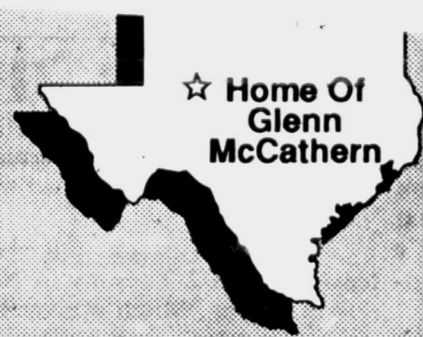


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Ask Us

Q—Are the public school systems in Scurry County having a holiday on President's Day, Monday, Feb. 20?

A—Only Snyder ISD students and faculty will have a holiday. Ira and Hermleigh, as well as Western Texas College, will hold classes as usual.

Local

Stanfield

Stanfield Night Out will be held Thursday at Taco John's. All parents, students and staff are invited to participate.

Video series

"Genesis: A World In Turmoil" will be shown on Snyder Cablevision Channel 2 at 7 p.m. Monday.

Healthcare

Snyder Healthcare Center will hold a family supper at 6 p.m. Thursday. Families should bring a Mexican caserole, salad or dessert.

Health clinic

Scurry County Health Unit will not hold immunization clinic on Thursday.

Book Fair

Snyder High School Drama Patrons' Book Fair will be held from 4-8 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the foyer of Worsham Auditorium.

Graduation

Parents of Snyder High School seniors are encouraged to attend a graduation activities planning meeting, set for 7 p.m. Thursday in the SHS student center.

8th grade

Parents of 8th grade students will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Savings & Loan to plan an end-of-school party.

Black History

Black History Month will be observed on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Towle Park Barn.

Local talent will be involved. The public is invited.

Revival

The First Assembly of God will be in revival with evangelist Reed Gipson Feb. 19 through 24. Sunday service will be 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., weekday services will be at 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend. The church is located at 1809 College Avenue.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 73 degrees; low, 40 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday; trace precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, 1.38 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 60 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low in the lower 40s. Light northeast wind. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. High in the upper 40s. North wind 5-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:29. Sunrise Thursday, 7:25. Of 45 days in 1994, the sun has shone 42 days in Snyder.



WEST WINNERS — Ryan Gibson, left, won West Elementary's campus spelling bee this morning. Ashley Long is the alternate. Both will advance to the county spelling bee slated March 10 at Western Texas College. Gibson is the son of Pam and Billie Smith and Long is the daughter of Mrs. Cinda Long. (SDN Staff Photo)

Gibson, Long win West spelling bee

Winners have been determined in the first Scurry County campus spelling bee, held this morning at West Elementary. Sixth graders Ryan Gibson and Ashley Long finished first and second, respectively.

Gibson is the son of Pam and Billie Smith. Long is the daughter of Mrs. Cinda Long.

Marie Gloyd served as West's pronouncer. Judges included Steve Taylor and Elaine Byrd.

Both 11-year-olds will advance to the county bee on March 10.

Hermleigh fourth through sixth graders were to have their spell off today at 12:20 p.m. Hermleigh's seventh and eighth grade bee is slated Thursday, also at 12:20

p.m. Three campus bees — all slated Friday — will round off this week's competitions. East fifth graders start spelling at 8:30 a.m. Fifth graders at Northeast will begin at 1 p.m. and the junior high contestants vie for top honors at 2 p.m.

Ira School's campus spelling bees will be scheduled next week.

Each campus will name a winner and alternate. Both will advance to the county bee slated at 9 a.m. March 10 in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College.

The county winner will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee in Lubbock on April 1 at Cavazos Junior High School.

HISD accepts resignation; cans call for outside audit

Hermleigh school board on Tuesday accepted a resignation, hired a replacement, and by a 4-3 vote, put aside consideration of an outside audit.

Trustees accepted the immediate resignation of special education instructor Lavon Herrington, who has accepted a position at the Wallace prison unit Windham School at Colorado City. Rexanne Reynolds was hired as an inclusion teacher to fill out the school year.

The board, in a 4-3 vote, decided not to hire an outside auditor to go over financials from 1986. The vote puts an end — at least for now — to an on-going controversy involving salary figures. Voting to put the matter to rest

were trustees Chip Roemisich, John Williamson, Carole Hayes and Andres Rodriguez. Casting nay votes were Milton Adams, Neil Beeks and James Rinehart.

In other business, the board set the annual trustees' election for May 6 and selected Donald Tate as election judge. Tate will select election clerks. Places up for election May 6 on the board will be those held by Haynes and Beeks. All HISD trustee places are at-large.

The board also extended the principal's contract to June, 1997, paid bills, reviewed the school report card and approved participation in the USDA commodities program.

All trustees were present.

Reservations open for spring musical

Ritz season ticket holders may make reservations today, Thursday or Friday for the spring musical "Broadway Review."

Non-season ticket holders can begin making reservations on Monday, Feb. 20.

The show will run Feb. 24-26 and March 10-12 at Martha Ann Woman's Club. The two Saturday shows, Feb. 26 and March 11, will be dinner theatre performances.

To make reservations, call the Senior Center between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. The number is 573-4035.

Dinner theatre reservations should be made in person and tickets picked up at the chamber of commerce during regular business hours.

Dinner tickets for season ticket

holders are \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children under age 10.

Prices for non-season ticket holders are \$7 for Friday evening and Sunday afternoon performances. Dinner theatre tickets for non-season ticket holders are \$15.50 for adults and \$11 for children under age 10.

"Broadway Review" will showcase a variety of local talent performing selections from contemporary Broadway shows. The music will include numbers from "Les Miserables," "Chorus Line," "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "West Side Story," "Cats" and "Sweeney Todd," plus others.

Melanie Smith is the musical director; Judy Haines is the choreographer.

U.S. proposes easing trade curbs to end war in Bosnia

WASHINGTON (AP)—Shifting gears, the United States and four partners are proposing to ease curbs on trade and fuel shipments to Serbia in a new effort to end the war in Bosnia and prevent its spillover into Croatia.

In return for a temporary reprieve from devastating U.N. sanctions, Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic would have to recognize Bosnia, Croatia and two other former Yugoslav republics as sovereign countries.

The proposal was disclosed Tuesday by a senior U.S. official after Secretary of State Warren Christopher told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of his concerns that an ethnic conflict in Croatia may be imminent.

Christopher said it would be a mistake for Croatian President Franco Tudjman to implement a threat to expel U.N. peacekeepers at the end of March.

Serbs in Bosnia and Croatia harbor hope of establishing independent states that would be joined with Belgrade to form a Greater Serbia. Milosevic's acceptance of the proposal approved by President Clinton and the governments of Britain, France, Germany and Russia could undercut those aspirations.

"I don't have any indication he will accept this, I don't have any indication he won't," said a senior U.S. official in divulging the proposal Tuesday.

Fighting in Bosnia has subsided, except in the Bihac enclave, under a four-month cease-fire that began Jan. 1. The proposal is designed to make the cease-fire permanent and to prevent "an all-out war," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The plan will be presented to Milosevic in the next few days, the official said.

Christopher, meanwhile, said Tudjman may have "unrealistic expectations" of the Croatian army's capabilities against independence-minded Serbs.

In Bosnia, an estimated 200,000 people have died or are missing in the war. Serb forces, supplied with artillery and other weapons by Belgrade, are in control of about two-thirds of Bosnia.

A plan proposed by the five countries to establish two zones — one controlled by the Serbs and the other by a Muslim-Croat federation — has been rejected repeatedly by the Serbs.

Even an offer in December that they would be free to negotiate new terms after accepting the map did not persuade the Serbs to agree to hold 49 percent of the country.

The main lure of the new offer for Milosevic would be at least temporary renewal of trade and fuel supplies.

Report shows ethnic shift, fewer Snyder ISD students

In the last 10 years, enrollment in the Snyder Independent School District has dropped some 245 students and the ethnic breakdown has shifted.

The figures come from a recent report released by the school district.

There were 3,709 students attending class in the district in October of 1984-85 as compared to 3,464 in the same period this year.

Anglo students accounted for 64.76 percent of the students 10 years ago as compared to 30.39 percent Hispanic.

This year, Hispanic students comprise 36.03 percent of the student population and Anglo students comprise 58.92 percent.

There were 167 black students attending class 10 years ago — comprising 4.5 percent of the student body — as compared to 154, or 4.54 percent this year.

Asian/Indian students totaled 13 (.35 percent) 10 years ago and enrollment in this ethnic group has increased to .60 percent, or 21 students.

When the survey was taken last October, there were 250 students in the first grade with 55.20 percent Anglo, 39.60 percent Hispanic and 4.40 percent black. Numerically, SISD's first grade classes consisted of 138 Anglo, 99 Hispanic and 11 black.

This year, Anglo students comprise 66.90 percent of the eighth

grade population while Hispanics total 28.62 percent. The black student population in the eighth grade totals 4.48 percent. There were 194 Anglo students enrolled in the eighth grade in October and 83 Hispanic students. Black student enrollment totaled 13.

There were 200 senior students enrolled in October with 65 percent being Anglo, 30.50 percent Hispanic and 3.50 percent black. Numerically, 130 Anglo students were enrolled as compared to 61 Hispanic students. The twelfth grade class had seven black students enrolled.

Total enrollment in the five elementary schools in Snyder is 4,500. (See SISD, Page 8)



TRAINING SESSION — Scurry County United Way members met Tuesday in a training session with state United Way officers from Austin. Shown are, from left, Marilyn Morris, president of United Way of Texas; Rod Waller, president of the local effort; Mary Ellen Burns, state vice

president for field services; Ronnie Shields, local treasurer; Jeffrey Martin, local first vice president; and Mary Mathey, internal operations officer with the state organization. (SDN Staff Photo)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Life is like basketball, you miss all of the shots you don't take."

Anybody in business has made their share of blunders, and just being big doesn't keep a business from making bad decisions.

The announced closing of Kmart in Snyder could fit under the title of "Dumb and Dumber."

For 14 years, Kmart has been a successful part of the Snyder business community. Local managers, who have been good citizens and participants in civic affairs, have consistently told us that the Snyder store made money.

But somebody in Troy, Mich., who can't even find Snyder on the map, has made a decision that the local store doesn't fit into the corporate plan.

Now in the midst of its final days in Snyder, Kmart has spent more promotional money going out of business than it did trying to stay in business.

No wonder stockholders are calling for the resignation of CEO Joseph Antonini who was recently ousted as Kmart board chairman.

While the chain lost money, the local store was profitable and still has 11 years to pay lease on its 40,000 square-foot commercial building. We never did understand economics!

Sears pulled out of small markets in mid 1993, and the national retailer has recently announced it is looking at returning to towns the size of Snyder.

Sears doesn't call it a mistake, but rather a "re-evaluated position."

Sears is seeking applicants to open dealer stores that would occupy approximately 6,000 square feet and employ from six to 10 people.

Whether it admits it as a mistake, at least Sears has seen the light, and value, of doing business in smaller markets.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Back surgery linked to disability

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In my work as a clinical psychologist, I've recently been made aware of a disability resulting from back surgery known as cauda equina. Do you have any information on this, or know where I can obtain information? Are there support groups available?

DEAR READER: At the bottom of the spine, the nerves splay out in a pattern similar to a horse's tail (cauda equina). Damage to one or more of these nerves (from injury, surgery or ruptured discs) causes the cauda equina syndrome: leg pain, sexual dysfunction and loss of sphincter control. This situation can be serious unless the pressure on the nerves can be surgically released.

You can obtain more information about this uncommon disorder from a medical library, a medical textbook, a neurosurgeon, or an orthopedic surgeon.

I am not aware of any support groups for this affliction, but would welcome any information that readers

might supply.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from reflux and hiatal hernia, causing burning and pressure in my stomach. Further, there's pain in my back under my shoulder blades that circles my entire rib cage. Along with the pain, there's shortness of breath, my hands and feet tingle and sometimes go numb. I don't know if any of my problems are related, but I sure could use more relief than I'm currently getting. Pepcid has helped reduce the acid in my stomach, but the rib pain continues.

DEAR READER: Reflux (with or without hiatal hernia) is a common gastrointestinal condition caused by backwash of irritating stomach acid into the delicate and sensitive lower esophagus, leading to gas, heartburn and indigestion. Sometimes the pain radiates to the back and can cause other symptoms, such as cough, shortness of breath and similar consequences.

While Pepcid is appropriate therapy for reflux, it may not be strong enough in your case. Ask your doctor to pre-

scribe Prilosec; this may do the trick.

If, within a week or two, you're not better, you will have to undergo further testing, such as chest X-ray, stress test (to check your heart) and endoscopy (during which a gastroenterologist examines your upper digestive tract).

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

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Court rejection of settlement leaves both sides speechless

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department and computer software giant Microsoft Corp. are carefully calculating their next legal steps after a federal judge's stunning rejection of their proposed antitrust settlement.

Although U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin has grumbled for months that the settlement did not go far enough in restricting Microsoft, his decision Tuesday to reject the deal was so unusual that both sides — Microsoft and the Justice Department — were stunned into virtual silence.

Microsoft spokesman Mich Mathews said in Seattle, "We are disappointed."

Attorney General Janet Reno said, "I'm going to read the opinion." Both sides said they needed time to review Sporkin's 45-page ruling before deciding what to do next.

The Tunney Act requires that antitrust settlements be approved by a federal judge as being in the public interest. Approval is so common that it's assumed by all parties.

But in this case, Sporkin called the remedies in the proposed consent decree "too little, too late."

Sporkin's ruling leaves the government several options: It could appeal his ruling, it could go to trial on its allegations against Microsoft or it could try to negotiate a new agreement with the company that would satisfy Sporkin.

The company could join an appeal, decide it wants to go to trial or offer to open new negotiations. Going to trial would be a hassle, but not necessarily traumatic for Microsoft, said Bruce Lupton, analyst with Hambrecht & Quist in San Francisco. The case could be tied up in court for years, but "in the interim, I suspect Microsoft's dominance would continue unabated," he said.

While technically possible, dropping the case is not a realistic option because the government has publicly charged Microsoft, the world's largest software company, with antitrust violations that prosecutors said were provable in court. Dropping a case under those conditions could subject a prosecutor to disciplinary action.

Sporkin set a hearing for March 16 to learn what the government and company have decided to do next.

Microsoft's stock fell 12 1/2 cents 61.87 1/2 Tuesday in NASDAQ trading, which was over before the ruling was announced.

Sporkin said the proposed settlement, reached last July 15, would fail to break the software giant's monopoly or to remedy its past "anticompetitive practices."

"Microsoft has a monopoly on the market for personal computer operating systems," with a market share consistently above 70 percent, Sporkin declared.

Microsoft's MS-DOS — along with its Windows program, which allows the user to select visual images to issue MS-DOS commands — is the operating software that runs an overwhelming majority of the world's 150 million computers.

The proposed settlement would have prohibited Microsoft from requiring provisions in its licenses that the government argued gave it an unfair advantage in selling its computer operating systems to companies that make computer terminals.

"The court finds the decree on its face to be too narrow," Sporkin ruled.

First, the proposed decree applies only to future licensing practices by Microsoft, Sporkin wrote.

"Simply telling a defendant to go forth and sin no more does little or nothing to address the unfair advantage it has already gained," Sporkin wrote. "The decree is too little, too late."

Second, Sporkin said the decree would apply to licensing of existing Microsoft operating systems including "MS-DOS and Windows and its predecessor and successor products."

But, he added, neither side addressed his concern "that the decree be expanded to cover all of Microsoft's commercially marketed operating systems."

"The decree must anticipate covering operating systems developed for new microprocessors," because computers and software will undergo "wholesale changes" in the next few years,

Sporkin said.

Third, Sporkin was particularly upset the decree did not address the practice of "vaporware" — a public announcement of a computer product well before it is ready for market in order to discourage customers from buying a competing product already on sale or about to go on sale.

Other computer companies told Sporkin that Microsoft uses vaporware. Microsoft denied it.

At a hearing earlier this year, Assistant Attorney General Anne Bingaman, head of Justice's antitrust division, told Sporkin the settlement covers the violations the government could prove in court and that he had no legal power to force her to bring charges she did not believe she could prove.

Microsoft is known for being among the most aggressively competitive software companies, a fact Sporkin noted, and one he suggested the Justice Department note, too.

"The government itself is so anxious to close this deal that it has interpreted certain anticompetitive practices so narrowly that it possibly has given the green light for persons to engage in anticompetitive practices with impunity," he wrote.

Researchers: ADD getting too much attention today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some days, teacher Carol Hincker says, she actually gets dizzy staring out at her class of sixth-graders. The kids are wiggling so much, their desks sway back and forth.

"I tease them (that) I feel like I'm on the ocean," says Hincker, a special education teacher at Golf Middle School in Morton Grove, Ill.

It's certainly nothing new for teachers — children who can't stop fidgeting, who seem constantly distracted, or have trouble concentrating. Most children act that way — sometimes.

But in recent years, more and more youngsters in the United States with severe attention problems have been diagnosed with a

condition called attention deficit disorder.

And to the dismay of many, in 60 percent to 90 percent of such cases they're being prescribed medicine to curb the problem.

In its first report on the disorder today, the Education Department advises schools and parents that medicines like Ritalin, although often highly effective, simply aren't enough.

"Parents and teachers should not use medication as the sole method of helping the child," the report says.

Many researchers are going even further — warning that attention deficit disorder is diagnosed too often, or that medicines like Ritalin have become a "silver

bullet."

"We shouldn't be prescribing medicine simply because that's the easiest way to go," says Dr. Mark Stein, who runs a University of Chicago clinic for children and adults with the disorder.

Stein and other researchers say the problem is the lack of money to pay for good evaluations of students to determine who actually has attention deficit disorder.

The Education Department and some Republican members of Congress say they will look at whether too many children are diagnosed as needing special education when the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act is re-examined later this year.

In its report, the Education Department stresses that parents, teachers and psychologists should work together to evaluate children. They must ensure that poor hearing, learning disabilities or even stress at home aren't causing attention problems.

But Stein says comprehensive evaluations are rarely done. He recalls the case of one child diagnosed after a five-minute meeting with a psychologist. Later, the child was found to have borderline mental retardation.

Many teachers and parents contend it's good that children are now diagnosed with a disorder and given a medication that can immediately help them, rather than just being labeled as bad or underachieving.

"Before, when kids had behavior problems, parents were ashamed," says teacher Hincker. "Now people are saying, 'It's OK for my kid to have this, there's a treatment for this. Let's get to it.'"

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By Bernice Bede Osol


Thursday, Feb. 16, 1995

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Manage your resources as prudently as possible. Be doubly cautious if you're handling someone else's financial affairs. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.50 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might think that you'll need strong allies for a major undertaking today. In reality, however, you'll have more success as an independent agent.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Letting associates burden you with their problems today could impede your work. Take care of your own responsibilities before doing someone else's job.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A companion might try to manipulate you today by making you feel guilty. Hopefully, since you've been warned you'll recognize this for what it is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your personal desires might have to be set aside if duty calls today. Although this might annoy you initially, you'll ultimately find the challenge stimulating.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might have to supervise someone who resents authority. You will need to be especially sensitive and diplomatic to get along with this individual.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Payment of an old debt might come due today. It could be negotiated, however, in a way that makes the terms rather painless.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Things could go awry today if you delegate too much responsibility. There are certain things you are better equipped to handle yourself, so don't look for lazy outs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Seek strong, energetic helpers to perform a difficult physical task today. Make sure that nobody takes on more than they can safely handle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You have more influence over your friends today than you realize, so be careful how you treat them. Avoid displays of favoritism.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Failure is inevitable if your goals are disproportionate to your abilities. Always think realistically when matching your talents to your objectives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today your critical faculties may be particularly acute. Although it will be easy for you to spot faults in others, you'd be wise to hold your tongue.

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Voters not swayed by commercial ads

By BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Oscar nominations of 1994 reflect an unusual trend: The voters seemed to aim toward putting the Art back in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. They passed up heavily promoted, big-ticket items like "True Lies," "Interview with the Vampire," "Legends of the Fall" and "Speed," giving those films only nine minor nominations total. Instead, the members searched

ditorium in a ceremony hosted by David Letterman. Other observations: — The Documentary Committee stunned observers by failing to nominate "Hoop Dreams," the five-year project that followed two inner-city basketball players through high school and into college. Some critics chose "Hoop Dreams" in their lists of the 10 best films of 1994. "The sad thing is this has been going on for a long time and it

never changes," said director Peter Gilbert, citing other acclaimed documentaries that have been denied a nomination: "Roger & Me," "The Thin Blue Line" and "Brother's Keeper."

— Disney had hoped that its biggest hit, "The Lion King," would repeat the feat of "Beauty and the Beast" and win a nomination as best picture. But the voters decided to stick to live actors. "The Lion King" did collect three

nominations for best song and one for original score. — The distinction between lead and supporting performers remains muddy. John Travolta was named as best actor for "Pulp Fiction" and Samuel L. Jackson as supporting actor, yet their parts seemed equal. Jackson had decided to be considered in the supporting category. Actually, Bruce Willis had the best role in the movie, but he was overlooked.

— A movie industry in Macedonia? Maybe so. "Before the Rain" won the small country's first nomination as foreign language picture. Also, a first for Cuba: "Strawberry and Chocolate," a surprising frank depiction of life under Fidel Castro, with homosexuality as a theme.

— The Foreign Language Committee aroused a small controversy by disqualifying the Swiss entry "Red," claiming it wasn't Swiss enough in origin. But voters were not dissuaded from honoring the last of Krzysztof Kieslowski's trilogy that included "Blue" and "White." They nominated him as director and co-writer, and nominated Piotr Sobocinski for cinematography.

"I am all the more glad for the fact that it is extremely difficult for a non-American film to get a nomination, not to mention the award," said Kieslowski.

— Will Tom Hanks be penalized because he won as best actor last year for "Philadelphia"? If not, he will join a small club of back-to-back acting winners: Luise Rainer, "The Great Ziegfeld," 1936-37; Spencer Tracy, "Captains Courageous," "Boys Town," 1937-38; Katharine Hepburn, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," "The Lion in Winter," 1967-68; and Jason Robards, "All the President's Men," "Julia," (1976-67).

Associated Press Writer Bob Thomas has been covering the Academy Awards for more than half a century.

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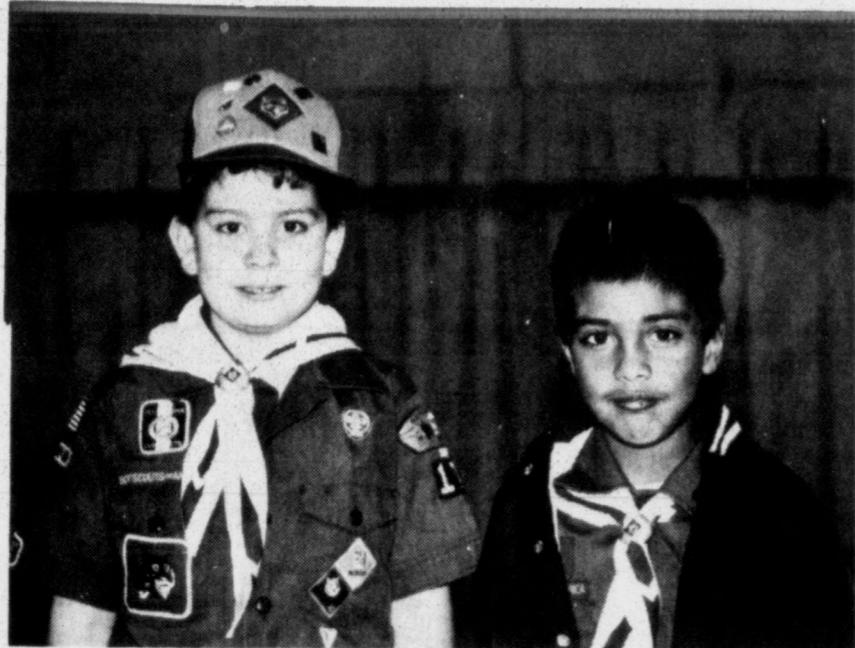
AP analysis

out films that received minimal exposure: "The Madness of King George," "Red," "Tom and Viv" and "Blue Sky." The first three were restricted to art houses; "Blue Sky" was in and out of theaters fast.

The big winner was no surprise, though: "Forrest Gump" dominated the nominations for the 67th Academy Awards, collecting 13 — the most since 1968's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

"Quiz Show," "The Shawshank Redemption" and "Pulp Fiction" also were nominated for best picture. And the electorate seems to have discovered a sense of humor after years of slighting comedy makers: The delightful "Four Weddings and a Funeral" was nominated for both best picture and screenplay.

Oscar statuettes will be presented March 27 at the Shrine Au-



RECRUITER'S PIN — Josh Kemp, left, received his Recruiter's Pin for recruiting Josh Muniz. (Contributed Photo)



BEST DESIGN — Scouts of Pack 177 participated in the Pushmobile Races held in Colorado City, winning first place for Best Design. Front row, Barrett Munson and Chad Martin. Back row, Justin Hill, Christopher Burchfield, Garick Clayton and Josh Kemp. (Contributed Photo)



WOLF BADGES — Cub Scouts from Den 6 Pack 177 earning their Wolf badges are shown with their parents. First row, Christopher Smauley, Adrian Brooks and Jarrod Fletcher. Back row, Rob and Chris Smauley, Sherry and Jimmy Brooks and Rhonda Fletcher. (Contributed Photo)

Senate panel to probe allegations

DALLAS (AP) — A new Senate panel will probe the state's alcohol and drug treatment program and "two or three areas" where questions have been raised about how taxpayers' money has been spent, an official says. Lubbock, chairman of the new General Investigating Committee, said the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse is only one of the panel's targets.

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♣ K J 9 3			
WEST			
▲ 10 9 8			
♥ Q 8 3			
♦ J 9 3			
♣ 10 6 5 4			
EAST			
▲ J 7 6 2			
♥ J 10 9 4			
♦ 10 8 6			
♣ Q 2			
SOUTH			
▲ A Q 5			
♥ 6 5 2			
♦ A Q 5 2			
♣ A 8 7			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: South			
South 1 NT	West Pass	North 6 NT	East All pass
Opening lead: ♠ 10			

One way or another

By Phillip Alder

Today's "mystery" guest is Belle Silverman. Under what name is she better known?

If someone has two names, do you think that person reacts equally to each? Or do you think the "nom de publicity" takes center stage?

Having two names made me think of having two chances to make a contract — as in today's deal, of course.

After a simple quantitative auction, South was in six no-trump. West led a safe spade 10. How should South have continued?

He has 10 top tricks: three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs. There are two obvious places to find the extra two tricks that are needed. The diamonds might be 3-3, which would provide trick number 11. And the clubs might supply at least one more trick.

However, it is important to try these suits in the right order. You should begin with the diamonds. With the squeeze chances obscure at best, if the diamonds don't divide 3-3, you know you need four club tricks. This requires cashing the ace and finessing dummy's jack on the second round.

South did try the diamonds first. And when they split evenly, South took the safety-play in clubs for three tricks. He played a club to dummy's king followed by a club back to his ace. He was preparing to lead back toward dummy's jack, except that when East's queen popped up, South could pick up the whole suit and claim an overtrick.

We know Belle Silverman as Beverly Sills, the operatic star who has also played bridge in several charity events.

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YOU DON'T APPROVE.

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I THOUGHT YOU LIKED NOT HAVING A MIDDLE NAME!

I USED TO! BUT NOT ANYMORE!

I'VE REALIZED THAT NOT HAVING A MIDDLE NAME HAS WOUNDED MY SELF-IMAGE! IT'S ROBBED ME OF MY IDENTITY! IT'S CAUSED ME TO UNDERACHIEVE!

I THOUGHT UNDERACHIEVING WAS YOUR IDENTITY!

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MISS PRUNELLY GAVE ME A DEE PLUS IN SCHOOL TODAY

DEE PLUS??

A DEE PLUS A PADDLIN' FER TRIPPIN' MARY BETH

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NOOO... IT'LL BE FUN... SORT OF LIKE OLD-FASHIONED TIMES!

YEAH... WE'LL PLAY CARDS!... AND TELL STORIES... AND...

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THIS I'VE GOTTA HEAR!

GO AHEAD, PETEY... SHOW HIM!

SQUACK! I'LL BE COMIN' ROUND THE SQUACK! SQUACK!

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HE IS A BIRD

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PLEASE, COME IN!

DON'T MIND IF I DO!

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Ronald Reagan and Ann Sheridan - not Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman - were originally slated to play the roles of Rick and Ilsa in the 1942 classic "Casablanca." Producer Hal Wallis also toyed with the idea of casting Ella Fitzgerald as the piano player!

In the movie, who played:
 a) Blue Parrot owner
 b) resistance leader
 c) Vichy police captain
 d) black marketer
 e) black marketeer
 f) black marketeer
 g) black marketeer
 h) black marketeer
 i) black marketeer
 j) black marketeer
 k) black marketeer
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 m) black marketeer
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 v) black marketeer
 w) black marketeer
 x) black marketeer
 y) black marketeer
 z) black marketeer

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Actor Johnny —
- Astronaut — Slayton
- Radiation measure
- Lucy's hubby
- Slangy affirmative
- Yes
- Region
- Grape farm
- Can't Hurry Love
- Poetic contraction
- Years: Sp.
- Scottish river
- Steal
- Furor
- Charlton —
- Atlanta arena
- Loved one
- Sumac
- Spring month
- Noises
- Trickle
- Valuable fur

DOWN

- 1944 invasion date
- Architect Saarinen
- Assumed name
- Actress Zadora
- Bird of peace
- out (making jo with)
- South of Neb.
- Hurricane center
- Actor O'Neal
- Danish island
- Fathers
- Sweet potatoes
- Lamprey
- Slender finial
- Capital of Tibet
- Above (poet.)
- Residence
- Khayyam
- Word of farewell
- Dictatorships
- Leave out
- Back of the neck
- Printer's measure
- Genetic material (abbr.)
- Unclaimed mail dept.
- Matinee —
- Sibling of sis
- Buffalo
- Give out the cards
- Comfort
- TV horse (2 wds.)
- Let it stand
- Snare
- Lamarr
- Greek island
- Parisian season
- White House initials

Answer to Previous Puzzle

U	G	L	I	T	H	Y	U	G	L	I
S	W	I	M	O	U	I	P	R	E	S
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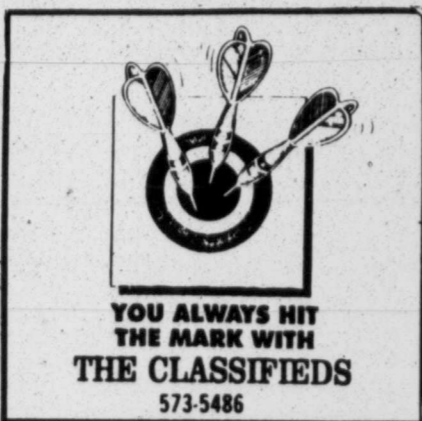
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GOP challenge to foreign, defense policies face veto

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Republican challenge to administration conduct of foreign and defense policy is reaching the House floor under threat of a presidential veto and a flurry of heated claims from both sides in the debate.

"We are attempting to satisfy the desires of the American people," was the way Rep. Floyd Spence, R-S.C., chairman of the House National Security Committee, described the House bill on Tuesday.

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., called it an "isolationist, extremist package of foreign policy slogans (that) would ravage our national security."

Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Defense Secretary William Perry at a joint news conference outlined their objections to the bill and reiterated their view that unless it was considerably watered down, they would urge President Clinton to veto it.

Spence brushed aside much of the Democratic criticism, saying "it would be another world, sure enough, if they came out in support of our 'Contract With America.'"

The bill, one of the 10 measures promised in the House GOP's "Contract," would put a Republican stamp on foreign and defense policy by cutting U.S. spending for U.N. peacekeeping, pressing for more rapid expansion of NATO, placing new emphasis on missile defenses and making it more difficult to place U.S. troops under foreign command.

If it became law, the bill would require the administration to report to Congress within 60 days on its plans for deployment of a national missile defense system.

Perry said the Pentagon already is developing "a vigorous program for a national missile defense system" that would cost \$5 billion

to \$10 billion and be capable of defending against an attack by a "dozen or so warheads."

He said that as he reads the bill he would not see a "clear conflict, ... provided there is no intent in here to accelerate the program beyond what I think is an orderly development program going on right now."

"We are sitting here today naked to missile attacks from other places," Spence said at a briefing in the Capitol. The congressman said there were "unconfirmed reports" that Libya has obtained a Soviet SS-25 intercontinental ballistic missile.

"I do not believe Libya has an SS-25 missile," Perry said. "If they have such a missile, they're not in a position to use it."

Perry also said U.S. troops often have fought under foreign commanders, but that the president always retains ultimate authority.

"In the last 50 years there have been hundreds of thousands of U.S. troops under the operational control of foreign commanders, and millions of foreign troops under the operational control of U.S. commanders," he said. "Without this flexibility, the U.S. would be forced to go it alone."

Christopher made a similar point about the bill's mandate to drastically cut back U.S. contributions for peacekeeping operations.

He said the bill "would deal a lethal blow to international peacekeeping through the United Nations, and that certainly is not in the American interest."

Christopher refused to comment on whether he thought the bill would survive a test of its constitutionality.

"I think the powers of the president are extremely important; he needs to be able to exercise them in dire emergencies with great swiftness, and anything that impairs or calls into question those authorities is not in the national in-

terest, he said.

Meanwhile, a private meeting on separate defense budget legislation in House Speaker Newt Gingrich's office Tuesday exposed the battle line in an increasingly tense internal debate over whether the Republicans can increase military spending while also cutting taxes and the deficit.

Gingrich, R-Ga., and House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, were not prepared to accept the recommendation by key defense committee leaders to add billions to Clinton's \$261.4 billion defense budget proposal.

Gingrich and Kasich, with their eyes on other GOP priorities such as deficit reduction and tax cuts, are pushing leaders of the defense committees to slash "non-defense" spending from the Pentagon budget and use those savings to buy new weapons and upgrade the forces in the field.

Kasich declined to comment following the meeting and Gingrich would say only, "it was a tremendous presentation by Mr. Young."

Case to DA

A case alleging the aggravated sexual assault of a young girl has been sent to the district attorney's office for consideration.

Snyder police began the investigation last weekend, assisted by Children's Protective Services. Findings of the investigation allege that the girl, 11 years old, had been sexually assaulted over a three-month period.

Police said a 31-year-old male has been identified as the suspect in the case. No arrest has been made.

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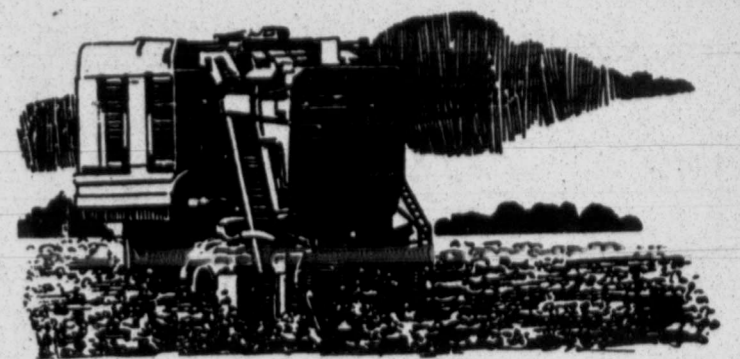
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Holistic program set for Feb. 24-25

LUBBOCK — Allen Nation, well known speaker and editor of the Stockman Grass Farmer will be the featured speaker at Holistic Resource Management of Texas' annual meeting slated for Feb. 24 and 25 in Lubbock. The meeting is open to anyone with a curiosity about a successful approach to agriculture and to managing all types of resources. This yearly coming together of holistic managers across the state and those curious about the practice is always an enjoyable time of fellowship and learning.

Newcomers to Holistic Resource Management are encouraged to attend a Friday afternoon short course scheduled for 1-5 pm, Feb. 24. This "Introduction to HRM" is a brief explanation of the principles of holistic management, especially geared for those without prior training. The course will provide a base for better understanding Saturday's programs.

The member business meeting is the annual social get-together. Workshops in goal setting and in soil maintenance are offered on Saturday morning. Peggy (Prather) Sechrist will present the use of goal setting as an integral part of the holistic management process. Malcolm Beck, founder of Gardenville horticultural centers and one of the pioneers of organic farming in Texas, a leader in developing commercial composting, and one of the state's most popular experts on organic farming, will present a program on how nature builds and maintains soil.

A great buffet lunch will be provided free for all registered participants.

Charles Griffith, a scientist with the Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Okla., will begin the afternoon panel with transect data on successful advances the foundation has recorded as a result of planned grazing and using tools of high animal impact grazing. A panel of three ranchers and a farmer practicing holistic management in Texas will then share their experiences and answer questions. Panelists include Bob Birkenfeld

Lubbock cattle auction

The market was steady to higher on a run of 807 head of cattle for the Feb. 9 sale. Cows were steady calves and yearlings steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows, (high dressing - cutters - utility) were 40-48; canners and low cutters, 35 to 39.50 and slaughter bulls 50 to 58.
Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 90 to 110; 400 to 500, 82 to 109; 500 to 600, 75 to 82.50; 600 to 700, 70 to 75.50; 700 to 800, 68.50 to 74.
Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 75 to 85; 400 to 500, 72.50 to 82.50; 500 to 600, 70.50 to 76.50; 600 to 700, 65 to 75.50; 700 to 800, 65 to 72.50.
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 70 to 80.50; 700 to 800, 65 to 72.
Cow and calf pairs: good and choice 600 to 775, grade 400 to 575.
Springers 350 to 625; baby calves 50 to 175; doodlers 125 to 225.

Sweetwater cattle auction

The market was steady on a run of 892 head of cattle for the Wed. Feb. 8 sale. Feeder cattle 1 cwt lower with stockers steady. Packer cows and bulls 2 cwt lower with pairs and bred cows steady.

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—300-400: 90-105.
—400-500: 85-96.
—500-600: 78-87.
—600-700: 72-78.
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—300-400: 82-94.
—400-500: 74-84.
—500-600: 72-78.
—600-700: 68-74.
—BRED COWS
—Good: 550-680.
—Older and plainer: 400-550.
PAIRS
—Good: 700-880.
—Older and plainer: 550-650.
PACKER COWS
—Good: 42-48.
—Low yielding: 35-41.
PACKER BULLS
—Good: 54-58.
—Low yielding: 48-54.

who, with two of his brothers, runs a 3,500 acre organic farm growing cotton, corn, milo and wheat, as well as grazing a small herd of cattle and operating a large commercial composting business. Guy Glosson manages the Mesquite Grove Ranch. Roger Bowe operates a ranch near San Jon N.M., practicing HRM more than eight years. Doak Elledge has been operating a ranch near Pampa using the principles of HRM for about 10 years.

Registration fees are \$35 per person if pre-registered (pre-register by calling Peggy Sechrist at 210-997-5932 before Feb. 23) or \$45 at the door. To encourage new participants, Friday's Intro to HRM short course is priced at \$50 per person or \$75 per couple. Short course students will earn a special discounted price of only \$20 each on the annual meeting registration.

Meeting headquarters is the Best Western Lubbock Regency.

CAT coverage needed before loan application

Any producer who anticipates applying for a farm loan from USDA must obtain at least Catastrophic (CAT) crop insurance coverage on all crops of economic significance. This coverage must be obtained before sales closing date for the producer's particular crops. The requirement applies to both direct and guaranteed farm ownership, operating, or emergency loans administered by the former Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) offices, now using the working name Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD).

This change is required by the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994. The Act also authorized the reorganization of USDA, which combined the programs of the former ASCS and FCIC with the farm loan programs of MFA, under the newly created Consolidated Farm Services Agency (CFSA).

The sales closing dates are approaching quickly. It is crucial for applicants to contact their local CFSA office because once the deadline has passed and the loan applicant has crops without CAT coverage, they will likely have to wait until the following crop year to be eligible for loan assistance.

Further information about the coverage can be obtained from any local crop insurance agent or the CFSA (formerly ASCS) office. Questions regarding the loan requirement can be answered by the local RECD (formerly FmHA) office.

Outlook good for soybean crush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Department economists have raised their forecast for this year's domestic soybean crush by an additional 5 million bushels, to 1.365 billion bushels.

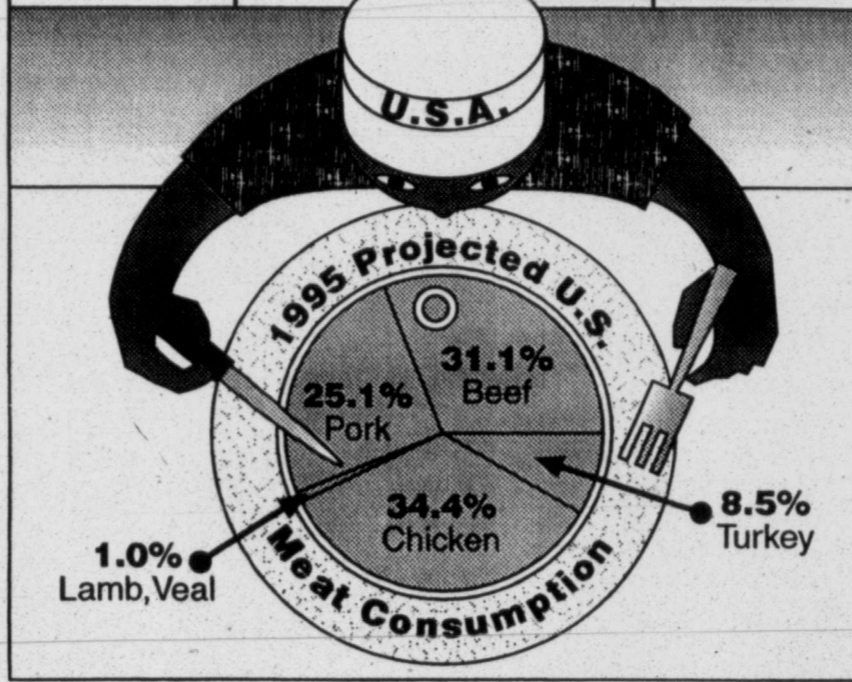
December's 127.9 million bushel crush set a monthly record, and experts expect intense activity at U.S. crush plants for at least the next several months.

U.S. soybean exports this marketing year are expected to remain strong at 785 million bushels, but competition from Brazil — forecast to have a record harvest — may lower that volume somewhat, USDA said.

"With nearly every major exporter brimming with soybeans, world imports and crush are also projected to reach historic highs in 1994-95," USDA's Economic Research Service said.

"Most importing countries will likely take advantage of the lower prices and healthy crush margins by using a record volume of soybeans this year," the service said.

Meat	1994 (estimated)	1995 (projected)	% change
Chicken	71.8	75.3	4.9
Beef	67.3	68.0	1.0
Pork	53.0	55.0	3.8
Turkey	18.0	18.6	3.3
Lamb, Veal	2.1	2.1	0.0



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Drinking raw milk or eating hot dogs without thoroughly cooking can be hazardous to your health. There are an estimated 1,700 cases of listeriosis foodborne illness annually in the United States, responsible for 450 deaths. While not as life threatening to the normal healthy adult, this illness can be devastating to pregnant women, being a possible cause of prenatal infections and fetal death.

Listeriosis, caused by *Listeria monocytogenes* bacteria, begins with the normal symptoms of foodborne illness such as nausea, headache, fever and vomiting. Death is not usual in healthy adults, but the mortality rate is about 30 percent in the unborn, newborn or immune compromised. Other possible complications of listeriosis include meningitis or septicemia — blood poisoning.

Listeria bacteria is widespread in nature and animals. Like most bacteria, it grows in waste. A unique characteristic of the bacterium is that it can grow slowly even under refrigeration. This emphasizes the importance of routine and thorough cleaning of the refrigerator.

This bacterium is easily destroyed by thorough cooking, so the best way to prevent listeriosis is to avoid raw foods like unpasteurized milk or cheese made from this milk, and to cook foods thoroughly.

But back to the hot dogs. Because ready-to-eat processed meats have been implicated in outbreaks, it's recommended that these dogs be heated thoroughly until steaming hot before eating. Children are also considered among the population at risk, so they should never eat unheated hot dogs straight out of the package.

Farm & Ranch Show to begin

ABILENE — Burnsville, Minn., KTAB TV, KEAN Radio, the Abilene Reporter News and Champion Farm Shows are pleased to announce the Third Annual Big Country Farm and Ranch Show will be held Thursday and Friday at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Abilene.

Agri-business companies from throughout the United States will be displaying their products and services to farmers and ranchers from the entire Big Country region.

For the third consecutive year the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers will hold their annual meeting at the show.

There is ample parking for attendees and admission is free!

For further information, contact Carl Weinmann at 612-894-8007.

Listeria bacteria have been found present in packages of these products. Cook those dogs for the family and don't let the dog eat them unheated either. Animals can contract the illness and transmit it to their masters.

As we begin the new fiscal year

The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate, Pato Emu Farm

Just to look at this big, loveable bird that lays large green eggs, which hatch stripped chicks, you would never dream what a true miracle it is. The oil obtained from the fat is evidence of that.

The products market is developing, especially the products made from the oil of the emu. Emu Ranchers Inc. (ERI) is continuing research on the different possible uses of the oil. Mark Potter, research chemist, has been working with ERI since 1990. Speaking at the January meeting of ERI he reminded us that we have just touched the surface in determining the value of the oil and he encouraged everyone to send in their results from using our various products. He relayed the experience of a plastic surgeon who does not want to carry emu oil products because he feels that it will put him out of business. It's that good!

ERI has experienced a 500% increase in membership with twenty-seven nationwide grow-out facilities growing over 600 contributed chicks. This has not happened without concentrated effort by ERI. Many hours, dollars, and energy has been spent increasing education for our membership, communication to our members, involvement of our members promotion of ERI through literature, the ERI video, speaking engagements of ERI representatives and the organization at fairs, seminars and state-wide to local meetings to sell our products.

As we begin the new fiscal year

a challenge was issued for each member to get involved through the committees and not to wait for someone else to do it!

Taking a quote from a board member of another co-op, Farmland Industries, Joe Royster says, "for the future viability of the Co-op System, more producers will have to become involved — actively involved — in both the political process and their co-ops. The system must grow and expand its influence on issues relating to agriculture and to new marketing ventures." Farmland industries has been in operation for a long time and has been quite successful.

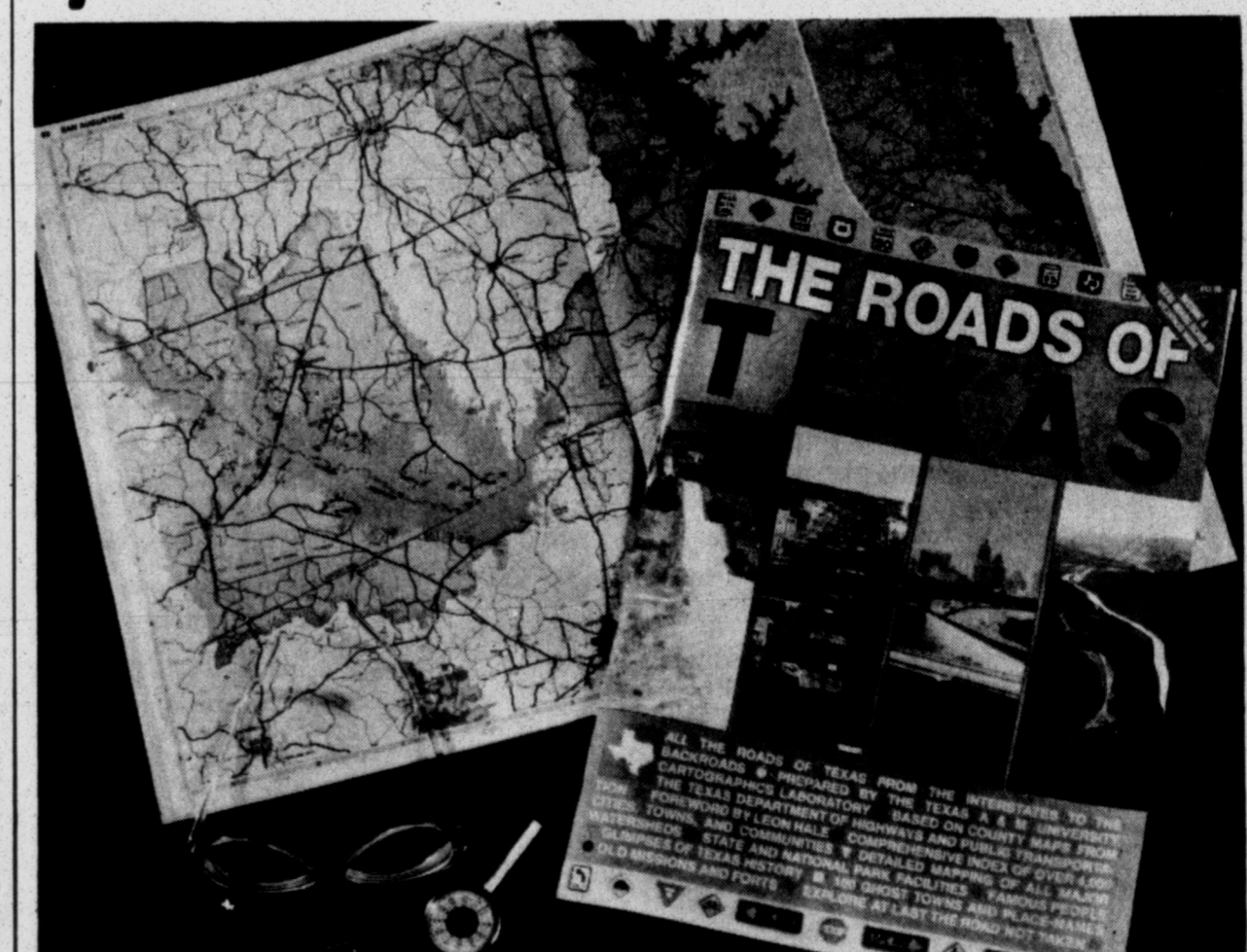
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For further information contact, Pate Emu Farm 573-5340.

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Senator unveils education overhaul



Clergy Who 'Hoist a Few' Have a Friend in Jesus

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I've been reading your column for years and never thought I'd write, but when I read the letter from J.V.P. of Canada, concerning the men of the cloth who had "hoisted a few," I had to write.

The Sunday that particular column ran, my pastor had presented his sermon "Turn to the Lord." The Gospel lesson was John 2:1-11, the wedding in Cana where the wine ran low and Jesus turned the water into wine — no less than 120 gallons of it! (Reference to this miracle was made in your column by Stu of Coos Bay, Ore.)

Abby, I could hardly wait to call my pastor. It was ironic that the two messages were aired on the same day. My pastor and his wife really had a super chuckle when they read it. I, too, am of the opinion that "men of the cloth" are human, just as Jesus was also a man, and that all things, in moderation, were created for good.

I am of the Lutheran faith, and for the record, my pastor is not a teetotaler — he is loved and admired by all. You may use my name.

KATIE S. STEEN, PASCAGOULA, MISS.

DEAR KATIE STEEN: You will never know how much your letter meant to me. I've had some rather ugly letters taking me to task for approving of men of the cloth "hoisting a few" in public.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Carl," and I have lived on the West Coast for six years. We are very happy in jobs that pay well; we live in a great neighborhood and have wonderful friends.

We recently had our first child, and suddenly Carl wants to move back to the East Coast so our child can grow up around her grandparents! (His parents and mine, too.)

Carl wants to move to a town about a four-hour drive from them. He says our parents won't be alive forever, and we owe it to them. (I suspect his folks may be putting some pressure on him.)

Opponents step-up anti-casino efforts

AUSTIN (AP) — An anti-gambling leader says he is keeping a close eye on efforts to legalize casino gambling because "we have seen a lot of bad bills resurrected in the Legislature."

"We're in this for the long run. We're going to stay here. These (casino) folks who are spending the money to come here, we would like to tire them out," said Weston Ware of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Ware joined other casino opponents Tuesday in urging lawmakers to defeat any casino bill.

An economist who's studied gambling said casinos wouldn't create many jobs for Texans and could siphon money out of the state. A state senator said he would block Senate action — by filibuster if necessary.

Gov. George W. Bush renewed his pledge to campaign against casinos if lawmakers put the question before voters.

"If the vote is to put it to the people of Texas, I will campaign against it," Bush said. "I believe casino gambling is false economy for Texas."

That judgment was shared by Earl Grinols, a University of Illinois economist, who spoke to a breakfast meeting of legislators sponsored by the Christian Life Commission.

"Gambling will not create jobs for Texas," Grinols said, adding that casinos will hire some people away from other businesses.

"Existing businesses will not be able to compete in the dimension of gambling. So you're going to have casinos offering food and liquor and entertainment, but you're not going to have restaurants with the ability to compete by offering gambling in return," Grinols said.

"The net (economic) effect on Texas is likely to be zero, possibly even a net loss, because if you have out-of-state enterprises taking the kinds of profits that gambling earns from the state, you

Abby, both sets of grandparents live in the same town. They are retired and can afford to visit us at least twice a year. Also, we can afford to fly back there once a year.

I say, Why disrupt our lives to move to a new place where we may or may not be happy, accept jobs with lower pay, and start all over again? What do you say?

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DEAR TROUBLE: Since your parents and his are in good health and financially able to visit you several times a year, in addition to your visiting them, there is no reason to disrupt your present lifestyle to move east.

Perhaps your husband is not as happily settled on the West Coast as you are. Or his parents could be putting more than "a little pressure" on him to move east. Whatever is motivating him, this is an issue only you and he can decide.

DEAR ABBY: Hooray for the mother of the tethered toddler! My active 15-month-old son loves the freedom to walk and explore the five-foot circumference his leash allows. Strollers aren't easily maneuvered in many situations — and who can carry 30 pounds continuously?

On our recent trip, many travelers in airports and appreciative shopkeepers commended us for our responsible use of a leash. The terror of losing a child is much worse than occasional disapproving glances cast by ignorant people.

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AUSTIN (AP) — The way Sen. Bill Ratliff describes it, you've got to break a few eggs to cook up a new Texas Education Code.

His proposed rewrite of the state's education laws would loosen state control of public schools, give parents more choices for their children's education and give college-bound students a different diploma than those who are going straight to work.

"Any time you're going to try to totally rewrite something like the public education code, you have to step on a lot of toes or you're not ever going to get anything done," Ratliff, who heads the Senate Education Committee, said of his 1,088-page overhaul.

That sentiment was echoed by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who said senators should be willing to try new ideas because they "hold the fate of education in Texas in their hands now. If they want the status quo, then vote no."

Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said he expects criticism over a proposal to create three types of diplomas, depending on what a student plans to do after graduation.

Coursework for an "academic diploma" would be designed for college-bound students, while that for an "advanced diploma" would include advanced placement and international baccalaureate classes.

A "vocational diploma" plan would be designed to prepare a student to enter the workforce or to take further technical courses.

Ratliff said the provision is aimed at students who can't meet increasingly high academic standards, don't intend to go to college and might otherwise drop out of high school.

"They label themselves ... as failures early in high school. What I would like to adopt is a system where those students have something to strive for," he said.

Gov. George W. Bush, who campaigned for giving local schools more control, applauded Ratliff's work on the bill. But he said he hopes "efforts to free local districts to innovate will be expanded even further during legi-

slative discussions."

To ease state control, Ratliff's measure would do away with State Board of Education approval of school textbooks. Instead, local districts could buy any books they choose with state money.

The bill would replace Texas Education Agency accreditation of school districts with a system in which the State Board of Education would issue different types of school district charters.

Districts with "general law charters" would be subject to all state regulations.

Those with "home-rule charters" — which would need approval of voters in the district — would have more freedom in many areas, including structuring programs and length of the school day.

However, home-rule districts still would be subject to many basic regulations, including class size limits and the no-pass, no-play rule that bars failing students

from extracurricular activities.

To allow parents more educational choices for their children, the bill would create a pilot program where some disadvantaged students could use tax money to pay private school tuition. Private schools accepting public money would have to abide by some state requirements, such as skills testing.

The bill also would allow the State Board of Education to approve a limited number of "open enrollment" schools on the request of parents or other groups.

Open enrollment schools would be exempt from many state requirements, such as class-size limits. However, they still would remain under some regulations, including the no-pass, no-play rule.

Ratliff also proposes numerous other changes, such as replacing the single exit-level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, which students must pass to get a diploma, with end-of-course tests in

core subjects; and a "zero tolerance" stand on violence that provides for dangerous, substance-abusing or lewd students to be removed from the classroom to alternative settings.

The measure would reduce the minimum instructional year from 180 days to 175 days to allow for more teacher training and development. The teacher's contract year would be expanded from 183 to 185 days.

The bill would increase the minimum state salary level for teachers, tying it to state education spending on students, and move teacher certification from the TEA to a new State Board for Educator Certification.

Some concerns were raised by education groups about the bill, which will be the subject of Senate committee hearings over five weeks. The House Public Education Committee also is working on a rewrite of education laws.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1965, the Red Maple Leaf replaced the Union Jack as the official flag of Canada.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Galileo Galilei (1564-1642), astronomer; John Augustus Sutter (1803-1880), U.S. pioneer; Charles L. Tiffany (1812-1902), jeweler; Cyrus McCormick (1809-1884), inventor; Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906), social reformer; John Barrymore (1882-1942), actor; Harold Arlen (1905-1986), composer; Art Spiegelman (1948-), artist-author, is 47; Jane Seymour (1951-), actress, is 44; Matt Groening (1954-), cartoonist, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1991, Detroit Pistons coach Chuck Daly was named coach of the U.S. Olympic basketball team that became known as the Dream Team.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "This is the flag of the future, but it does not dishonor the past." — Lester B. Pearson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1982, after being battered by five-story high waves and winds to 104 mph, the giant oil drilling rig "Ocean Ranger" capsized on the Grand Banks, 185 miles east of St. John's, Newfoundland. The entire crew of 84 people died.

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TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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