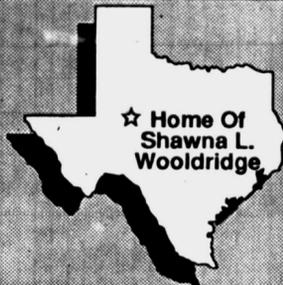


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THURSDAY

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Ask Us

Q—When will Deanie Mills have a new book out?
A—Her latest book, "Love Me Not," should be in stores in mid to late April.

Local

Video series

"I Can't Possibly Obey That," the next video tape in the Key to the Kingdom series, will be shown on Snyder Cablevision Channel 2 at 7 p.m. Monday.

Tax help

Free tax help to low or moderate-income taxpayers age 60 and older is available Thursdays from 9-12 and 1-2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M., through April 15.

Those interested should bring their current tax records and a copy of last year's income tax return.

Class of '75

Snyder High School Class of 1975 will hold a meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday at Pizza Inn. For more information, call 573-7559.

Skate Night

Snyder Noon Kiwanis Club is sponsoring another Skate Night from 6-9 p.m. Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. Admission is \$2 for skaters and \$1 for spectators. Skates will not be furnished. Concessions will be available.

Play day

Scurry County Sheriff's Posse will host an open play day Saturday at the rodeo grounds on Gary Brewer Road. Registration begins at noon. Events start at 1 p.m. Call 573-8647, 573-6031 or 573-0718.

Game day

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have a luncheon and game day on Wednesday, March 22, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon is \$7. Reservations must be made by March 21.

WTC boosters

Western Texas College Booster Club will meet at noon Monday at Golden Corral. The public is invited. The luncheon is dutch treat.

Catfish

Snyder Golden K Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a fresh catfish dinner from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Citizens Center. Price is \$6 per meal, free for children under age 6.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 62 degrees; low, 46 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 47 degrees; .07 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, 2.14 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 40s. Southeast wind 5-10 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. High in the lower 70s. Southeast wind 10-15 mph. Almanac: Sunset today, 6:52a. Sunrise Friday, 6:52. Of 74 days in 1995, the sun has shone 67 days in Snyder.



CONCESSION CLEAN-UP — Following the discovery of a break-in of the concession stand at Moffett Field Wednesday, clean-up of the area was necessary in order to get the stand ready for the Snyder High School baseball tournament which got underway at 9 a.m. today. Shown in the effort, from left, are Adrian Brooks, Sherry Brooks and Melissa Alexander. (SDN Staff Photo)

Chief Lee fires no blanks over 'license to carry' bill

Snyder Police Chief Lannie Lee isn't firing any blanks when it comes to legislation which would allow Texans to carry concealed handguns.

"I'm dead set against it," he said.

Wednesday, the Senate voted 23-7 to allow Texans to be licensed to carry handguns. Another vote is needed before the measure can go to the House for consideration. If it passes through the legislature, Gov. George W. Bush has said he will sign the bill.

Most officials are predicting that it will become law, and presumably go into effect on Jan. 1, 1996. Lee is expecting the legislation to pass, but is not looking forward to it.

He has several reasons he opposes the bill, but number one on the list is that he feels it does not



CHIEF LEE

require enough training.

"My major reservation is insufficient requirements to carry a handgun. I think a person should have to comply with the same (firearms) training as police officers," said Chief Lee.

Police officers must have 40 hours in firearms training and are required to qualify on the firing range annually. The proposed license to carry legislation calls for 10 to 15 hours of training.

The bill also requires that license holders be legal Texas residents; at least 21 years old; never have been convicted of a felony; have not been delinquent in making a child support payment; and not be chemically dependent or of unsound mind.

A four-year permit would cost \$140.

Lee is also concerned that the concealed handgun bill increases the potential for accidental discharge by children and adults who may not be familiar enough with the weapon.

That's not all.

"Thirdly, I'm concerned for the safety of police officers who confront individuals in a tense situation," said Lee. "Once tempers begin to flare, there is potential for a weapon to come into play with this law," he said. "Situations which currently flare into a punching match could escalate into a gun fight."

In the Senate on Wednesday, opponents argued that putting more guns on the streets is a bad idea. Backers said citizens want to be able to protect themselves.

"We're making Texas safer, not less safe," said Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, sponsor of the bill.

"It is going to be a much more dangerous society that we have imposed on ourselves in Texas," Sen. Gregory Luna, D-San Antonio, predicted during a three-hour debate, which sometimes grew emotional.

Backers said allowing citizens to arm themselves would give them another defense against violent criminals, and they said states which have taken similar action haven't seen shootings rise.

"It's people who have illegal guns and use them illegally that we ought to go after, not law-abiding citizens," said Sen. Drew Nixon, R-Carthage.

Texas is one of 12 states that prohibit carrying handguns in most circumstances. Current law restricts citizens to keeping handguns at home or on other premises under their control and while hunting, fishing or traveling. A handgun may be in an automobile only in the trunk.

Scurry County Sheriff's Deputy Joe Cheyne, who is also a member of the Canyon Reef Gun Club, was non-committal on the issue of concealed guns.

"If they pass it, it is the law and we'll uphold the law however they tell us to," he said. "It's like the Brady Bill. It didn't matter whether I liked it or not. It's law, and that's that."

Local residents hit the big time

A local man and some area folks hit the big time this morning.

"This is it," said Snyder High School drama instructor Jerry Worsham. "We've finally arrived. We're on 'Oprah.'"

Worsham, Louise Williams and Dorothy Martin were interviewed for the Oprah Winfrey show this morning at an unlikely place — Camp Springs.

The show's format is loosely described as "small town guys who go on to do well," and centers around Brad Maule, the Camp Springs native, who portrays Dr. Tony Jones on ABC's "General Hospital."

Worsham was Maule's high school drama instructor. Williams, who resides near Rotan, was his babysitter, and Martin is a

longtime Camp Springs resident and Brad Maule fan.

The trio spoke fondly of Maule during an interview this morning with Oprah Winfrey. The well-known talk show host conducted the interview via satellite from Chicago.

The sequence was taped and will be aired at a later date.

Maule received the Soap Opera Digest award for best supporting actor in a daytime drama last month. He has starred on "General Hospital" for 10 years.

Maule is also pursuing a singing career. His latest release, "Chameleon," is his second country and western album and features songs he wrote. He will headline this year's Los Angeles County Fair.

Committee mulls budget cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans marched on two fronts today to chop \$117 billion out of government programs as they seek savings to pay for tax cuts and shrink the federal deficit.

Amid Democratic protests that the GOP majority was robbing the poor to help the rich, the House Budget Committee debated a plan today to force \$100 billion in broad budget cuts over the next five years.

The reductions were aimed at offsetting some of the revenue lost by the tax-cut legislation moving through the House, which is now expected to cost \$190 billion over five years.

On the House floor, Republicans edged toward final passage of a bill canceling \$17 billion in

spending already enacted into law for programs ranging from summer jobs for youths to public broadcasting. These cuts were originally intended to pay for the tax relief, too, but GOP leaders backed off under Democratic attacks and instead assigned the savings to deficit reduction.

The House Budget Committee planned to achieve its cuts by chopping overall discretionary spending by \$100 billion over the next five years. That category of spending, which covers one-third of the \$1.5 trillion budget, includes defense, foreign aid and domestic programs, except for benefit programs like Medicare.

House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio,

recommended cuts in more than 140 programs to achieve the savings. His proposals included in reductions in job training programs, subsidies paid to some corporations and foreign aid, but the final decision on which specific programs will be cut will be made in coming months.

"We think there is everything right by letting people have a little bit of their money back," Kasich told his committee. "It's their money, after all."

Rep. Martin Sabo, D-Minn., accused Republicans of financing tax breaks for the well-to-do and corporations "by asking the most

vulnerable in our society to pay the bill."

To pay for the rest of the revenues lost by the \$190 billion tax cut bill, Kasich said savings would come from cuts approved by other House committees. These include reductions of \$65 billion in welfare, food stamps and school lunches, and reductions in civil service retirement payments and other programs.

Kasich said that overall his committee's package would give Americans three times the tax cuts President Clinton has proposed and reduce the deficit by \$60 billion more.

DCOS board meets tonight

The Development Corporation of Snyder board convenes tonight to welcome a new board member and consider a request for the executive director to attend a seminar.

The meeting is set for 7 o'clock in the DCOS board room.

New board member Roy McQueen will receive the oath of office. McQueen replaces David Holt, who resigned last month in order to file as a candidate for

mayor.

In other business, the board will consider a request to allow executive director Doug Hutchinson to attend a one-day seminar. Approval of previous minutes and payment of bills are the only other action items.

Following those, the board will convene in executive session to consider land acquisition and personnel.

Snyder hosting golf, baseball tournaments

It's a big weekend for local high school sports teams.

The three-day Snyder Baseball Tournament opened this morning at Moffett Field. On Friday, boys and girls golf tournaments tee off at the country club and college courses.

The boys golf field features nine teams, including the SHS Tigers, and gets underway at Snyder Country Club at 9 a.m. Schools represented include Midland Lee, Big Spring, Sweetwater, Lamesa, Levelland, Monahans, Andrews and Frenship.

The girls tee off Friday at Western Texas College. The field will include students from Midland High, Abilene High, Andrews, Frenship, Big Spring, Lamesa, McCamey, Petersburg and Sonora, as well as Snyder High School.

Sweetwater and Abilene Wylie tangled in the baseball tournament opener this morning at Moffett Field. Other first-round action was to include Big Spring against Merkel and Lubbock Roosevelt against Fort Stockton at 11:30 and Snyder versus Muleshoe at 2

o'clock.

Baseball action continues at 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday, with the championship game of the double-elimination tournament set for Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

BCD approves grant application

Scurry Board of County Development on Wednesday gave the go-ahead to submit a grant application and approved bills and previous minutes.

Board members directed Development Corporation of Snyder Executive Director Doug Hutchinson to apply for a Texas Economic Excellence Program grant in the amount of approximately \$5,000. The grant, if received, would be used to purchase real estate.

No other items of business were on Wednesday's agenda. Board members present were Max von Roeder, Tim Riggan, Mark McCormick and Pete Hester. Terry Hefner was absent.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Opera is a production where the guy stabbed, instead of bleeding, bursts out in song."

Yesterday we mentioned some of the new gadgets on luxury cars. Our first car was a 1955 Chevrolet. When we first slid behind the wheel, it was already almost 10 years old.

The four-door sedan was considered fancy, not because of the fender skirts, but because it came with power windows. That car only had one problem, everybody wanted to play with the automatic windows, thus frequently dragging down the battery.

Power windows are almost standard today, and some drivers like their windows to roll down at one touch while other drivers want them to go down only as long as you hold the button down. One company had tried to satisfy all by coming up with an "express window on and off button."

A lot of cars now have power seats, and some of

them have memory that adjusts itself by knowing which driver, by weight, is behind the wheel.

There are all kinds of fancy features. There are side-mounted mirrors that automatically tilt down when the car is shifted into reverse, allowing a driver to see a tricycle on the driveway.

One manufacturer is offering automatic reverse-tilt mirrors with memory. Some rear-view mirrors have a built-in automatic compass. There are dimmers on vanity mirrors and seat warmers.

One automotive writer has suggested some features that soon may show up.

--Special antenna that screens cellular calls from in-laws or creditors.

--Large trunk with power lift.

--Car that knows when you've locked your keys inside, and unlocks it automatically.

--Moon roof with refractor for viewing eclipse.

--Genuine wood-grain hologram paneling.

--Color of car that changes according to your moods.



TO SING TONIGHT — The University of the Ozarks Chorale will perform at 7:30 tonight at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Their appearance is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church. The chorale will sing selections by Heinrich Schutz and Francisco Durante among others. (Contributed Photo)



BUSINESS HONORED BY THE CHAMBER — Jack's Road-boring & Pipeline Construction is being honored as the business of the month by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. The

Snyder Goldcoaters attended the event in which Melvin Smith, representing last month's honoree Lawrence IGA, presented the travelling trophy. (SDN Staff Photo)

Texans want chance to vote on casinos, results a tossup

DALLAS (AP) — While Texans overwhelmingly want the chance to vote on whether to legalize casinos, the results of such balloting would be a tossup, a new poll shows.

The poll by the state's largest police organization, the 16,000-member Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, was made public on Wednesday, a day before a Senate committee was scheduled to begin hearings on a proposed constitutional amendment to legalize casinos.

The amendment, proposed by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, would require two-thirds support in the Senate and House and would have to be approved in a statewide vote.

The new poll also indicates that more Texans would support casinos if part of the gambling proceeds were earmarked for public education or law enforcement.

Eighty-eight percent of respondents said they wanted the chance to vote on legalizing casinos, while 9 percent of those surveyed said they didn't. The rest didn't know.

Questioned about how they would vote if given the chance, 52 said yes and 48 percent said no. The telephone survey of 800 registered Texas voters, conducted March 3-6 by a New York group, has a margin of error of 3.5 percentage points.

DATE BOOK

March 16, 1995

Today is the 75th day of 1995 and the 86th day of winter.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1827, Freedom's Journal, America's first black newspaper, was founded.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Madison (1751-1836), U.S. president; Georg Simon Ohm (1789-1854), physicist; Jerry Lewis (1926-), comedian, is 69; Daniel Patrick Moynihan (1927-), U.S. senator, is 68; Kate Nelligan (1951-), actress, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1991, figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi took the gold medal at the World Championships in Munich, Germany. The United States swept the event, with future rivals Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan taking the silver and gold, respectively.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The capacity of the female mind for studies of the highest order cannot be doubted, having been sufficiently illustrated by its works of genius, of erudition and of science." — James Madison

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1889, a hurricane sank three U.S. and three German warships in the Apia, Samoa, harbor. The disaster likely averted a war between the two nations and rescue cooperation between the United States, Germany and Samoa eased the tension, leading to the Treaty of Berlin.

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TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.



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Formula manufacturers could make billion dollar windfall

WASHINGTON (AP) — Critics of a GOP plan to turn a federal nutrition program over to the states say major beneficiaries will be four manufacturers that control the infant formula market.

The companies could boost their profits by as much as \$1 billion, the critics contend.

The legislation permits states to set their own nutritional standards and repeals a 1989 law requiring competitive bidding for infant formula purchased under WIC — The Women, Infants and Children supplemental feeding program.

The bill, approved by the House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee as part of a sweeping welfare reform plan, also sends WIC to the states as a block grant.

Today, WIC is a \$3.5 billion program that serves almost 7 million pregnant and nursing women, infants and children at nutritional risk. Families are given vouchers to buy infant formula, milk, cheese, eggs, breakfast cereals, juices and dried beans.

Before 1989, only about half the states were using competitive bidding for their infant formula purchases. The switch to the cost-containment program has saved millions of dollars and allowed WIC to expand, according to the Agriculture Department.

Last year, USDA said, competitive bidding saved \$1.1 billion and allowed states to provide food and formula to an estimated 1.6 million women and children who otherwise would not have been served.

Although states could continue to use competitive bidding under the pending bill, a USDA official and other critics say some states may bow to pressure from the

powerful pharmaceutical industry and decide not to follow federal cost-containment procedures.

But Republican Rep. Tim Hutchinson of Arkansas said the intent of the bill is to give states maximum flexibility, and they could still use competitive bidding if they choose.

He also notes that states would have an incentive to hold down formula costs because federal spending on the block grant is fixed for each of the next five years. It grows from \$4.6 billion in 1996 to \$5.3 billion in 2000.

House votes to expand evidence

AUSTIN (AP) — Concealing or attempting to conceal unpaid for goods while inside a store could be used as proof of intent to shoplift under a bill tentatively approved in the Texas House.

Supporters say many prosecutors will not pursue a case on an accused shoplifter unless the suspect has left a store's premises.

The reason is, some shoplifters caught concealing goods in a store claim they intended to pay for the merchandise. The bill filed by Rep. Mike Jackson, R-La Porte, would end that practice, supporters say.

The bill would also protect store employees, who will no longer have to wait until shoplifters are out of the store to pursue them.

Opponents, however, contend the bill would lead to the prosecution of innocent people who had no intentions of stealing and the harassment of people merchants may consider undesirable.

Four companies control the market: Ross Products Division, a unit of Abbott Laboratories; Mead Johnson, a unit of Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.; Wyeth-Ayerst, a unit of American Home Products Corp.; and Carnation Co., a subsidiary of Nestle SA.

Ross Products, in a statement, said the company "will continue to support the (WIC) program whether operated by the federal government or state governments."

Ellen Haas, USDA undersecretary for food and consumer services, said some states will be efficient managers of WIC under a block grant, but others will have different priorities and "industry has the opportunity to influence decisions much more."

"There is a real opportunity that it would be industry's gains and the WIC recipients' loss, if we were to move into a block grant program that does not have the cost-containment policies that we have at the national level," Haas said.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Two tickets bought in Central Texas correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$40 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 5, 11, 17, 23, 41 and 46.

One winning ticket was bought in Waco and one in the Waco area, said spokesman Steve Levine.

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

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, March 17, 1995

A situation might develop in the year ahead that enables you to take advantage of two opportunities not apparent to others. Do not broadcast your discoveries prematurely.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone with whom you're involved might try to change something today so that it benefits him/her more than it does you. Ironically, you could receive its greatest advantages. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you are reluctant to make a critical decision today, someone might step in and call the shots for you. Either way, this could become a no-win situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Dedicate your time and efforts to truly meaningful tasks today. With some hard work, you could catch up now and even put yourself ahead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take time out today to enjoy pleasurable pursuits. If they are added to your agenda wisely, they shouldn't interfere with anything vital.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not undertake assignments today if you don't think you can follow them through to a successful conclusion. They could become obstacles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Some information you possess could be enormously beneficial to someone you recently met. If you don't pass it on, you may later regret it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Continue to keep your financial affairs balanced. Prudent habits now may enable you to enjoy life's finer things a bit further down the line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) After you make an important decision today, have the courage of your convictions and stand by your decisions, even if it's picked apart by others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This can be a productive day for you, provided you work in an environment free from outside interference. Shut the door and unplug the phone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Reflect on the future today and think of things you'd like to see happen. Your farsightedness could help you visualize the right game plan.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your ability to sense the mood of the moment could be your best attribute today. It can help you focus the necessary forces to achieve a desired goal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Have confidence today in your concepts. If you feel you have a good idea, don't let others discourage you before you've had a chance to test it.

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Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

0-4-4
(zero, four, four)

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| Bartlett High School | Canyon High School | Fort Davis High School | Hale Center High School | High Frontier High School | Lampasas High School | Lockney High School | Pampa High School | Slaton High School | Taylor High School | White Deer High School |
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By Phillip Alder

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♦ Q 10 7 3			
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WEST	EAST		
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SOUTH			
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♦ A J			
♠ K 9 3			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ J			

More useful instruction

By Phillip Alder

Terence Reese is arguably the best-ever bridge player-writer. David Bird is well-known for his articles about the monks of St. Titus. In tandem, they have written, by my count, 10 books. Their latest excellent offering is "That Elusive Extra Trick." Published by Gollancz, it is available for \$15.50 from The Bridge World, 39 West 94th Street, New York, NY 10025-7124.

The Foreword sums it up well: "In this book we assume, for the most part, that the reader is familiar with the basic principles of play. We describe a variety of more advanced moves, the type that mark the difference between competent and expert play."

This deal is typical of those in the book.

North's three hearts is a limit raise, showing at least four-card support and some 11 support points.

West leads the spade jack against four hearts. Which spade should you play from the dummy?

Suppose you rise with dummy's ace, draw trumps and take the diamond finesse. With this layout, you fail. West plays a spade to his partner's king, and a switch to the club queen gives the defenders four tricks.

If you finesse dummy's spade queen at trick one, you also die. East wins and switches to the club queen.

Now consider playing dummy's spade five. If East overtakes with the king, you have a discard for your diamond jack. If East ducks, you can win the second spade lead with dummy's ace, draw trumps and finesse the diamond jack. You cannot lose more than three tricks: one spade and either two clubs or — as here — one trick in each minor.

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PALETTE CLUB MEETS — Nena Mitchell, right, presented the program at Thursday's Palette Club meeting held in the Boys and Girls Club. Standing at left is Karen Rinker. On March 22-23 Myrtle Joiner will give a two-day workshop in watercolor and oils. For more information, call Mrs. Joiner at 573-0066 or Lila Guinn at 573-0905. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Racist statement recalled in dream

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Max Cordoba had told two newspapers and three television shows that Detective Mark Fuhrman never seemed like a racist.

Now he says a dream helped him recover memories he had repressed — memories of Fuhrman telling him: "The only boy here is you, nigger."

Cordoba's reversal Wednesday came as O.J. Simpson's lawyers sought to show that Fuhrman so hated interracial couples that he framed Simpson by planting a bloody glove on his estate.

In an interview on NBC's "Dateline," Cordoba said he heard no racist remarks during his first meeting with Fuhrman in the mid-1980s.

But on a second occasion a short time later, Cordoba — a former Marine sergeant and now a part-time actor — said he was with Fuhrman at a Marine recruiting office and offered to help the detective with something.

"He said to me ... 'No, I don't need your help, boy,'" Cordoba said. And he said Fuhrman added

moments later: "The only boy here is you, nigger."

When he started to approach Fuhrman, Cordoba said, the officer pushed back his jacket and showed his pistol, and Cordoba backed off.

"I went inside, really upset, perplexed about it. In my estimation, it looked like he was brandishing his weapon without actually physically touching it," Cordoba said. "It gave me an indication I better just stop what I was doing."

The interview — the first time Cordoba offered public details of Fuhrman's alleged racist remarks — contradicted what he has told other reporters.

He said he had repressed all memory of the Fuhrman encounter, and it came back to him around mid-January.

"I dreamt about it a couple days before that, and in dreaming about it I started getting flashbacks about what occurred," Cordoba said.

He was asked if this latest memory might be a dream.

"I don't think so. No, this is no dream," he said. "Throughout my active duty career and being stationed in different places in the United States, I've always run into a very harsh reaction to a black-and-white situation, and the only way I could, say, maintain a level of calmness is put things out of my mind."

Cordoba admitted he had told the Los Angeles Times, USA Today and the television show "American Journal" that Fuhrman never made such comments to him. He also has made similar statements to "Entertainment Tonight" and "A Current Affair" — as well as to prosecutors.

Asked whether his change of story would harm his credibility, Cordoba replied that the only way that would occur "would be if I was lying in the beginning. I wasn't lying then, and I'm not lying now."

Also Wednesday, Cordoba retracted his claim that he hadn't spoken to defense attorney F. Lee Bailey.

Bailey had told Judge Lance Ito that he had spoken to Cordoba "Marine to Marine," and then Cordoba denied in a Tuesday interview with "Dateline NBC" that the conversation took place.

Garden Clubs to meet in Big Lake

Texas Garden Clubs of District VIII will meet in Big Lake on March 24-25 for the annual Spring Convention. Host clubs will be Reagan and Yucca Dew of Big Lake, Ozona, Iraan and Menard Garden Clubs.

Mrs. Betty Turner of Reagan Garden Club is chairman of the "Spring Into Action," event and Mrs. Christie Christian of Yucca Dew Garden Club is co-chairman.

Pre-convention activities will begin March 24 at 5 p.m. with a tour of the Hickman Library and Museum. Following, the Big Lake Garden Clubs will treat guests to a light meal at the home of Mrs. Vicki Fisher.

Registration, with coffee, will be held March 25 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Reagan County Community Building. A short business meeting of the district officers will begin at 8:30, followed by the general assembly and business session at 9:30.

After the noon luncheon, Mrs. Rachael Fillmore of Kingsland, a Master Judge and member of the Greater Austin Judging Council, will present the design program, "New Concepts in Home Arranging," using flowers grown in the home garden.

State president, Mrs. Pauline Brown of Houston, will also attend this meeting.

Mills guest speaker

Author Deanie Mills spoke to the Cosmorama Study Club members at the Martha Ann Woman's Club March 8. She told of her desire to become an author and the ups and downs of writing. Her latest books, "Losers Weepers" and "Jigsaw" are available in hard back now in Great Britain.

Presiding was Jane Crenwelge and Jo Ashley and Marge Smith were hostesses.

Senator backs off new diploma plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Senate Education Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff is backing off a proposal to give college-bound students a different diploma than those going straight into jobs after high school.

"It is a very complex and very emotional issue with some folks, and it really hasn't had enough scrutiny," Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said Wednesday.

The proposal was part of a 1,088-page bill filed by Ratliff to overhaul state education laws. The Education Committee is expected to vote out a bill Thursday, sending it to the full Senate for consideration possibly next week.

Under the diploma provision there would be three types of diplomas handed out, 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.

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- Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members urged to attend; 10 a.m.
- Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; country 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.
- Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.
- Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 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.
- Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.
- 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

- 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, 573-0900 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.

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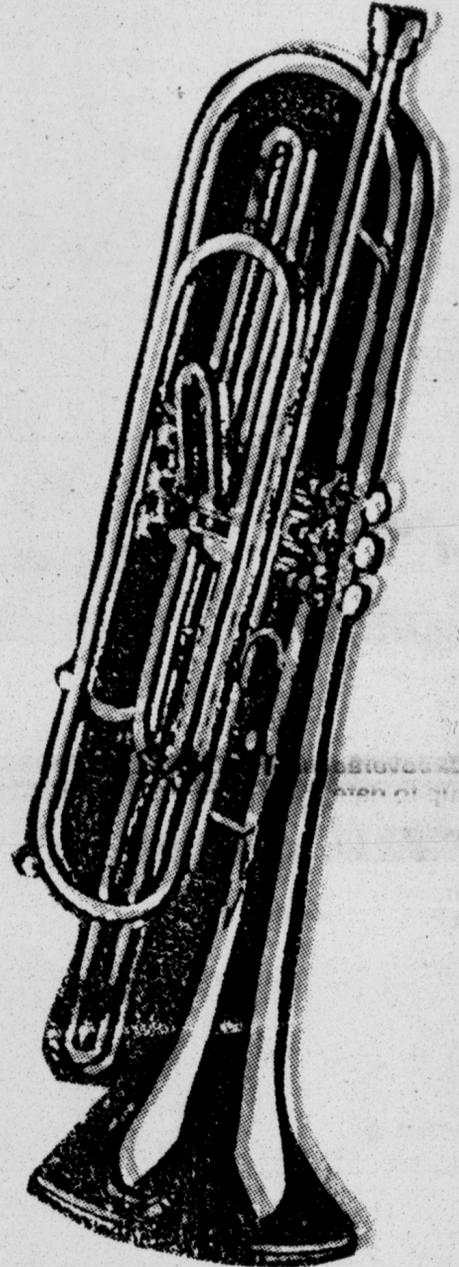
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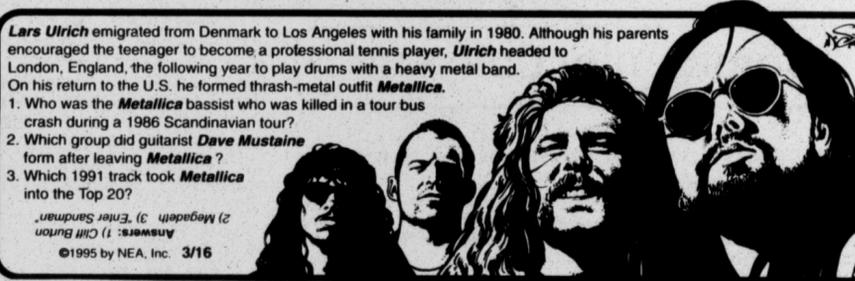
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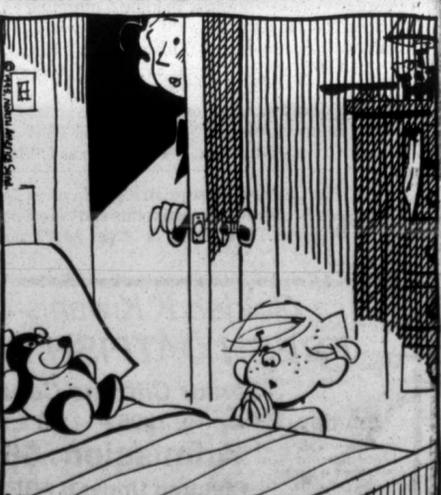
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Cisneros doesn't want fed housing programs nixed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros says Congress would be heaping "the most massive of unfunded mandates" on cities if it dismantles the federal housing programs he runs.

"It would be a mistake. All it means is this set of national problems will be sent to another level of government with no funding," Cisneros said. "I don't know of one single state government that is pleading to take on the housing responsibilities without money, without resources."

The comments were aimed at Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., who have said they will try to eliminate the Department of Housing and Urban Development when Congress takes up the federal budget.

That, Cisneros said, "would be the most massive of unfunded mandates that one could imagine. This is the same congressional leadership that says they are against unfunded mandates."

Unfunded mandates are requirements the federal government imposes on state and local governments without providing the funds to pay for them. Congress has almost completed action on legislation easing such burdens.

Cisneros made his statements the day after learning that an independent counsel will be named to investigate whether he lied to the FBI in a substantial way about payments he made to his former mistress, Linda Medlar.

In an interview with USA Today, Cisneros said: "I made a mistake, a big mistake. I feel some shame ... and I feel very saddened that I've disappointed people."

In the interview published in today's editions, Cisneros told the paper he was minutes from resigning Tuesday before deciding to stay.

"I thought I was probably going to resign," he told the paper. "Believe me, there was a great temptation to take the easy route, which is to step down."

Cisneros said his civic duty and his children, two college-age daughters and a 7-year-old boy with a heart defect, inspired him to stay in the Cabinet.

"I just have to fight through to clear my name so that they can have a better chance," he said. "Resigning now would be, in effect, conceding that I'm unfit for public service."

The appointment of a special counsel was requested by Attorney General Janet Reno after a Justice Department investigation determined that information Cisneros had provided during the confirmation process for his job was false. Reno also asked that the counsel investigate whether Cisneros and Medlar conspired to conceal information about the payments.

Describing her decision to request a counsel as "difficult," Reno said today, "I got many different advices from different people." Nevertheless, she said, "I have not seen any basis for changing" the independent counsel law that governs investigations of top officials.

"I think he has been an excellent secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development," Reno told her weekly news conference. "I think we've had a good working relationship in terms of cooperative efforts and community initiatives. He understands how important it is for the federal government to work in partnership with local communities."

She said she did not speak to Cisneros or the White House about the decision before she made it and hasn't spoken to Cisneros since. She said the White House was informed only after the special court that names counsels had been told. Justice spokesman Carl Stern said Cisneros was told at the same time as the public announcement.

Cisneros declined to comment on the investigation, citing its continuing nature and the advice of his attorneys. But he said he intends to fight off critics who would use his troubles as an impetus for erasing HUD.

"We believe what is at stake here is a philosophy of how the United States government relates to poor people in America," Cisneros said Wednesday. "I guarantee you the American people do not want the bushel basket of problems that would be the result of cutting out housing and community programs completely."

Cisneros has the support of President Clinton, who said Tuesday that the investigation into Cisneros' statements to the FBI "does not outweigh" his performance as HUD secretary.

Bill would halt drive to toughen standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tucked in a \$17 billion package of proposed spending cuts is a sentence that would bar the government from using what many experts considers the most cost-effective tool to reduce air pollution — make automobiles already on the road run cleaner.

The provision in a House bill expected to face a final floor vote today would prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from requiring states to adopt more stringent standards for automobile emission tests under the 1990 Clean Air Act.

EPA officials say the "enhanced" pollution testing program is one of the cheapest ways to reduce air pollution. But its critics, including some governors, say it hasn't worked and has prompted complaints from motorists.

The House bill, which rolls back government spending of money already appropriated for this year, also targets a variety of other environmental protection measures.

They include: —Opening the way for increased logging in federal forests by allowing timber companies to take "salvage" timber — dead or dying trees — without a formal environmental impact review.

—A loss of \$16.8 million at the National Biological Service, a science agency within the Interior Department that conducts a broad range of plant and animal studies. Interior officials say four research centers would be closed and needed biological studies threatened.

—Elimination of a \$1.3 billion revolving fund for states and municipalities to improve drinking water quality. The money already is on hold because Congress hasn't authorized the program. But EPA officials say the authorization would be unlikely to come if the money disappears.

—Cuts in Interior Department programs to protect endangered species. The program could lose anywhere from \$3 million to \$19 million, depending on House action on proposed amendments.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said Wednesday night that if the steeper cuts are approved "it will have devastating impact on wildlife in the U.S. and elsewhere" because the department will be unable to protect species and enforce laws on the illegal importation of rare birds or elephant and tiger parts.



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Clark and Bailey apologize, Fuhrman questioning ends

LOS ANGELES (AP) — At the judge's urging, prosecutor Marcia Clark and F. Lee Bailey apologized today for a burst of temper in the O.J. Simpson trial the previous day.

The lighthearted exchange came after a potential witness recanted his denial that he had spoken to Bailey by telephone as the defense attorney said in court.

Judge Lance Ito told the attorneys "it would thrill me if counsel would apologize to each other for the rather high level of vitriol."

After the apologies and a brief series of questions by Clark, Detective Mark Fuhrman completed his testimony, subject to recall later in the double-murder trial.

Clark and Bailey were subdued today when Ito asked them to apologize.

"Given the state of the record as we know it today, given the level of the comments yesterday, which was not appropriate, I think it would be appropriate to begin this session by both sides acknowledging going beyond the bounds of professional conduct and that we all agree to conduct ourselves professionally today," Ito said.

"And I do," Clark said. "I'm sorry, your honor, I'm not going to be facetious. ... I don't like to engage in that sort of exchange. I think it's unseemly," she continued. "I think it's bad for

the entire profession. I do extend to Mr. Bailey my apology for the extreme nature of the exchange yesterday."

Bailey's apology followed. Clark and Bailey clashed over whether the defense was fabricating its claims of racism against Fuhrman.

Clark called Bailey a liar on Wednesday and produced a videotape of a TV news interview in which potential defense witness Max Cordoba denied ever talking to Bailey. On Tuesday, Bailey had said he spoke to Cordoba, "Marine to Marine."

"Mr. Bailey has made a deliberate misrepresentation to the court," Clark said. "He has lied to the court."

That provoked a furious response by a red-faced Bailey, who explained the discrepancy was a misunderstanding. Bailey said Wednesday it was actually his investigator, Patrick McKenna, who interviewed Cordoba, a black ex-Marine sergeant. At one point, Bailey said, McKenna handed him the phone and let him say a few words.

Late Wednesday, Cordoba told NBC he had indeed spoken with Bailey and backed away from his statements of the day before.

Bailey apologized to Clark, but saved his kindest words for the judge.

"My most profound apology is directed at the court," he said.

Obituaries



GERTRUDE FISH
Gertrude Fish

1907-1995
Services for Gertrude Elizabeth Fish, 88, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in the Chapel of First Baptist Church with the Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Fish died at 8:22 p.m. Monday at Turner Care Center in Galveston.

She was born Feb. 14, 1907 in Snyder and married Joe Collie Fish on Jan. 1, 1929 in Snyder. He died June 20, 1978.

Mrs. Fish was a lifetime resident of Snyder. She and her husband owned and operated Fish and Newton Hardware and Sport- ing Goods in Snyder for many years. She is a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Mary Fish of Tuscaloosa, Ala. and Jay and Sally Fish of Galveston; a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Thom Falls of Los Angeles, Calif.; a sister, Farena Harris of Muleshoe; eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Allen

1909-1995
Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Mrs. Annie Mae Allen, 85, who died at 12:30 a.m. today in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Born in Woodson, Tex., she was married to Myrtle Franklin Allen who died in 1964.

Mrs. Allen moved to Snyder from Lewisville in 1949. She was a homemaker and had worked in the cafeteria for the Snyder Independent School District. She was a member of the Morningside Baptist Church.

Mrs. Allen was preceded in death by two sons, Paul Allen in 1952 and Ronald Allen in 1991.

Survivors include three sons, Jesse Allen of Snyder, Jimmy Allen of Midland and Jerry Allen of Waco; a sister, Juanita Cook of Dallas; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Jose Perez

1908-1995
Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Jose Martinez Perez, 86. Officiating will be the Rev. Pat Maher, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, with burial to follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Rosary for Mr. Perez is set for 7 p.m. today in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel.

Mr. Perez, a resident of Snyder since 1949, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday in St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock.

Born in San Antonio, Mr. Perez married Adela Trevino in 1933, and she died in 1945. He later married Beatrice Guadarrama who died in 1981.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Perez worked as a roofer, and he was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Joe Perez of Snyder and Ernest Perez of Big Spring; a daughter, Elvira Hernandez of San Antonio; a brother, Alvin Perez of Wisconsin; a sister, Candelaria Trevino of Poteet, Tex.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Time's up?

Provisional abridged life table for the U.S. population, 1993

Period of life between exact ages stated in years	Average number of years of life remaining at beginning of age interval
0-1	75.5
1-5	75.2
5-10	71.3
10-15	66.4
15-20	61.4
20-25	56.7
25-30	52.0
30-35	47.3
35-40	42.6
40-45	38.1
45-50	33.5
50-55	29.1
55-60	24.9
60-65	20.9
65-70	17.3
70-75	14.0
75-80	10.9
80-85	8.3
85+	6.0

Source: National Center for Health Statistics

NEA Graphic

At birth, U.S. average life expectancy is just over 75 years; if you make it to the ripe, old age of 85, you have an average of 6 years to live.

Two plead innocent

ROCKLEDGE, Fla. (AP) — A police officer and his wife are accused of keeping their four children in a darkened bedroom where they grew so hungry they chewed on wooden window sills and plaster walls.

Darrell Wilson and Quina Wilson pleaded innocent Tuesday to abusing their children, all younger than 5 years old. A lawyer for the couple said the children weren't starved.

Authorities were called after the family moved out of their apartment in December and the manager found damaged woodwork and walls. The children were put in state custody and Wilson remains in jail.

Wilson was suspended in January from the Rockledge force, where he had worked full time since May 1993.

Police said the couple kept the youngsters holed up in a bedroom and deprived them of sunlight and sufficient food for years. The walls of the room were smeared with feces.

House votes to opt out of federal banking proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas would opt out of a new federal law and continue to require national out-of-state banks to be chartered in the Lone Star State under a bill that has won preliminary approval in the House.

Without debate, the House voted 142-0 Wednesday in favor of the bill, which is considered good for local banks and bad for national banks interested in expanding in Texas.

Currently, national banks must have a state charter to open branches in Texas. The banks must be run by a Texas-based board of directors and face separate reporting requirements and taxes.

Under a new federal law, national banks would be allowed to open branches in states without having to meet state regulatory requirements. Branches would be considered offices of the parent bank and would be operated by the parent bank's board of directors and management.

Individual states, however, have the right to opt out of the federal law, which is the intent of the bill approved by the House.

"I think that the House is very close to the general population, and I think that their vote reflected the population's general mistrust of big interstate banking," said the bill's sponsor Rep. Ken Marchant, R-Carrollton.

Marchant said Texans were frustrated by "almost a decade"

of banking problems mishandled by federal officials.

"The big out-of-state banks ... came in and were the big beneficiaries of that bailout," he said. "Very few Texans' lives weren't touched by a bank closing or a loan being called or something negative over the last 10 years."

Marchant and other supporters say opting out of the federal plan will preserve local control and accountability in the state's banking industry.

They say the branching would give larger banks a competitive edge over community banks.

Opponents, however, contend the federal plan will increase accountability by requiring more reports for review. In addition, the federal law would require that a certain amount of loans be granted in a branch region. No such requirement exists under the current system.

John Heasley, general counsel of the Texas Bankers Association, which opposes Marchant's bill, said Texas has had a semblance of branch banking since the mid-1980s. That's when the state started allowing unlimited branching for banks chartered in the state.

North Carolina-based NationsBank, for instance, is chartered in Dallas and has numerous branches throughout Texas.

"The competitive presence has been here, and it's not been a threat to the community bankers," Heasley said.

Opponents of the bill also say the new federal law will boost state and local economic development by increasing the number of banks and regulating the amount of loans in a bank's community.

Heasley said he was not surprised with Wednesday's House vote.

"The outcome was pretty much as expected," he said. "The real test will be what the Senate will do on the issue."

Marchant agreed the fight in the Senate will be harder.

"I know we have the votes in the Senate committee to get it out of committee, but I just don't know where we are on the votes to get to the floor," he said. "But (the House vote is) a pretty solid signal to the Senate that we're at least serious about this whole idea of keeping Texas banking here."

GOP will examine hiring practices

Racial preferences will be eliminated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole gives President Clinton credit for re-examining the affirmative action issue but says Republicans will seize the initiative with legislation to end racial preferences in federal hiring.

"The American people sense all too clearly that the race-counting game has gone too far," Dole said on the Senate floor Wednesday.

Dole said he would introduce legislation later this year to prohibit the federal government from "granting preferential treatment to any individual simply because of his or her membership in a certain favored group."

In defense of affirmative action, Attorney General Janet Reno said today the White House review of it is designed to eliminate any instances where unqualified people might benefit.

"I think affirmative action has been an extraordinarily important tool in correcting discrimination in this country," Reno told her weekly news conference. "I've seen it work."

What the government should study, she said, is "what is working in terms of correcting discrimination while at the same time avoiding something that supersedes qualification and merit."

Liberal Democrats and women's advocates, meanwhile, pressed Clinton to resist political pressure to retreat.

"We will not be eliminated from this debate," Eleanor Smear, president of the Feminist Majority, said Wednesday.

In the Senate, tax writers on Wednesday voted to repeal a communications tax break designed to bolster minority ownership of cable and broadcast companies.

Woman receives life term in tot's death

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A woman who said she let her newborn drown in a portable toilet because she feared her parents' reaction to the birth has been convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Tina Brosius, 19, and her parents sobbed Wednesday as sheriff's deputies led her from the courtroom.

"Being scared is not an excuse for taking the life of another human being," prosecutor Edward M. Marsico Jr. told the jury in closing arguments earlier in the day.

The jury took about three hours to convict Brosius of first-degree murder in the May 7 death of the child. Her sentence carries no possibility of parole.

Brosius' lawyer, Elizabeth B. Stone, said she will appeal because the judge, Jeannine Turgeon, allowed prosecutors to show a color photo of the infant lying in sewage at the bottom of the toilet.

The jury rejected Stone's argument that Brosius went to Brightbill Park near Harrisburg in a panic because she feared her parents would evict her from their home if she had a third child.

Motorists leads to rescue of man from storm system

PHOENIX (AP) — Screams from under his car made Chris Luckett fear he had run someone over. What he found was a man who said he fell into a storm drain and spent up to four days wandering in darkness.

Charlie Urie, 31, was rescued Wednesday from the storm drainage system of tunnels 20 feet underground.

Urie, treated for cuts and bruises, told his rescuers he had been in the tunnels two to four days. Dehydrated, disoriented and confused, he said he was sitting on the edge of an open manhole trying to cool his feet when he fell.

Urie's rescuers pulled aside a manhole cover weighing several hundred pounds, then lowered water, a rope, a blanket and a flashlight. After they rappelled down

the rope, Urie directed them to him with the beam from the flashlight and he was hoisted out.

"He kept asking for food ... milk and Twinkies," said fire Capt. David Villalobos.

Urie, who could not be located after his release from a hospital, had last been seen March 10. He was found in 3 to 5 inches of water, and that made him lucky, Villalobos said.

Heavy rain often floods the tunnel system and the rushing water likely would have swept Urie to a central dumping area in the Salt River, where a pumping station that funnels water through heavy grates probably would have crushed him.

Luckett said he was backing out of his driveway when Urie's screams caught his attention.

Four arrested on PI charges

Local law enforcement agencies recorded one arrest Wednesday and took three individuals into custody this morning on public intoxication charges.

A 19-year-old male was arrested at 10:14 p.m. Wednesday in the 4100 block of Kerrville for public intoxication and possession of inhalant paraphernalia.

Three people were taken into custody at 1:32 this morning in the 2400 block of 26th Street and charged with public intoxication. Arrested were three males — 18, 19 and 23 years old.

A report of criminal mischief was made at 7:14 a.m. Wednesday in reference to someone breaking windows out of a mobile home at 2404 Merrill.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted in reference to a front window being broken and a trash can stolen from the Halliburton office. The incident was reported at 9:12 a.m. Wednesday.

The police department was notified of a bicycle being found near the Family Life Building of the First Baptist Church at 9:27 a.m.

Deputies assisted a stranded motorist at 11:35 a.m. near the Precinct 1 barn.

A break-in was reported at the concession stand at Moffett Field at 2:37 p.m. Wednesday. Entry was apparently gained through a front window and several hundred dollars worth of bar candy was taken.

A report of a stolen trailer was made at 7:39 p.m. Wednesday in reference to a flatbed car-hauling trailer being stolen from Nix Auto. Officers submitted a report of Class A theft.

Officers were called to the 2800 block of Avenue F in reference to juveniles throwing rocks at a residence in the area.

Officers were called to the 2900 block of 33rd Street at 11:53 p.m. in reference to possible prowlers.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Change
AMR Corp	62 1/8	61 5/8	62 1/8 +1/2
AT&T Corp	52 5/8	51 7/8	52 5/8 +1/2
AirTouch	27	26 1/4	26 7/8 +1/2
Albersons	31 3/4	31 3/8	31 3/4 +1/4
Allied	38 1/4	37 3/4	37 3/4 -1/4
Alltel	28 1/2	28 1/8	28 1/4 +1/8
AmStores	24 1/2	24 3/8	24 1/2 +1/8
Ameritech	43 1/2	43 1/8	43 1/8 -3/8
Amoco	61	60 1/2	61 +1/2
AndarPir	42 3/8	42 1/4	42 1/4 +1/8
ArmcoInc	7	6 7/8	7 +1/8
AirRchld	112	3-16	111 7/8 -1/8
ATMOS Egs	18	17 7/8	18 +1/8
Aviall	6	5 7/8	6 +1/8
BakerHughes	197 1/8	197 1/8	197 1/8 +1/8
BancTexas	1	1	1 +1/2
BellAtl	54	53 1/4	54 +1/2
BellSouth	59 1/4	58 3/4	59 1/8 +1/8
BethSteel	153 1/4	155 1/8	155 1/8 +1/8
BriPet	78 1/8	77 5/8	77 7/8 +3/8
Caterpillar	50 1/2	49 3/4	50 3/8 +5/8
CenSocWst	24 1/4	23 7/8	24 1/4 +1/8
Chevron	47 3/8	47	47 1/4 +1/4
Chrysler	40 7/8	40 1/2	40 5/8 -1/4
Coastal	28 1/2	28 1/4	28 3/8 +1/8
CocaCola	58 1/8	57	58 +7/8
ColgatePalm	66 1/4	65 1/8	66 1/8 +1/8
ComcMetals	24 3/4	24 3/4	24 3/4 +1/4
Cooper	38 3/4	38 1/2	38 5/8 +1/4
CyprusAmax	26 5/8	26 3/8	26 5/8 +1/8
DallSemicn	17 1/4	17	17 -1/4
DeltaAirl	57 3/8	56 5/8	57 3/8 +5/8
DigitalEq	32 1/2	31 3/4	32 3/8 +1/4
Dillard	25 1/8	24 3/4	24 7/8 +1/4
DowChem	68 1/4	67 3/4	68 +1/2
DresserInd	20 1/2	20 1/4	20 3/8 +1/8
DuPont	56 3/4	56 3/8	56 3/4 +1/8
EastmanChem	54 7/8	54 1/2	54 5/8 -1/4
EstiKodak	52 1/4	51 3/4	52 1/4 +1/8
EljerInd	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2 +1/8
Enersch	14 1/4	14	14 1/4 +1/4
Entergy	20 7/8	20 5/8	20 3/4 -1/8
Exxon	65 1/4	64 1/2	65 1/4 +3/4
FlowerInd	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2 +1/4
FordMotor	26 3/8	26 1/8	26 1/4 +1/8
GTE Cp	34 1/4	33 7/8	34 1/8 +1/8
GenDycom	46 7/8	46 1/2	46 7/8 +1/8
GenElec	62 3/4	62 1/2	62 3/4 +1/2
GenHills	62 3/4	62 1/2	62 3/4 +1/2
GenMotors	42 1/4	41 3/4	42 1/8 +1/8
GenMotors E	40 3/4	40 1/4	40 3/4 +3/4
Glaxo	72 3/8	71 1/2	71 3/4 -15/8
GlobalMar	4	3 7/8	4 +1/8
Godrich	44 1/2	43 7/8	43 7/8 -5/8
Goodyear	35 3/4	35 1/8	35 3/8 +3/8
GlAllPac	28 1/4	27 3/8	27 1/2 +7/8
Halliburton	37 3/4	36 7/8	37 +1/8
Hanson ADS	18 3/4	18 3/8	18 5/8 +1/8
HouInd	38 5/8	38 3/8	38 1/2 +1/8
IBM	82 1/8	81 5/8	81 7/8 +5/8
IntlPaper	72 3/8	71 1/4	71 7/8 +1/8
Johnson	61 7/8	61 3/8	61 3/4 +3/8
K mart	12 1/8	12	12 1/8 +1/8
Kroger	27 7/8	27 1/4	27 5/8 +3/8
Litton	33 5/8	33 5/8	33 5/8 +1/4

Lowes Cos	33	32 7/8	32 7/8 -1/8
Lubys	22	21 7/8	22
Maxus	53 1/8	51 1/4	53 1/8 -13/32
MayDeptSts	35 1/4	34 7/8	35 1/8 +1/4
Medtronic	65 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/2 +1
Mobil	88 3/8	88	88 1/8 +1/8
Monsanto	77 1/2	76 3/8	77 1/2 +11/8
Motorola	56 7/8	56	56 3/8 -1/2
Nationsbk	50	49 1/2	49 3/4 -1/4
Navistar	127 1/8	125 1/8	125 1/8 -1/4
Noramagy	51 1/2	51 1/8	51 1/8
Nyex	40 1/2	40 1/4	40 1/2
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PacTelesis	30 1/4	29 7/8	30 -3/8
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Dear Abby



Some 'Good Christians' Can't Condone Others' Bad Behavior

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: You overlooked two important points in your recent reply to the grandmother who was upset because none of her friends sent gifts to honor the baptism of her illegitimate great-grandchild.

Consider the possibility that this woman was not the one offended, but rather the friends she is upset with.

The questions whether they are "good Christians." She seems to overlook the fact that her granddaughter has done at least two things most "good Christians" would consider wrong: She bore an illegitimate child, then failed to put it up for adoption.

That she chose not to abort the child is commendable, but raising the child in a fatherless home is a selfish choice. Unfortunately, that is becoming more common in our increasingly permissive society, but that doesn't make it right in many people's eyes.

It seems to me that a more proper answer might have been to advise the woman to "keep a low profile" regarding her granddaughter's sexual misbehavior and go easy on her friends for not having sent any presents.

She might even call or write and apologize for putting them in an obviously awkward situation.

EARL REINKE, SEOUL, KOREA

DEAR EARL REINKE: "Raising a child in a fatherless home" is not always a selfish choice; in many instances, it is a wise and courageous decision when one considers the kind of childhood some children have when the father is an abusive alcoholic or drug addict.

As for labeling a child "illegitimate": There are no illegitimate children — all children are "legitimate" in God's eyes. "Judge not, that ye be not judged." (Matthew 7:1)

DEAR ABBY: My husband travels a lot because of his job. This is fine with me, but I wish he would realize how much work is involved to keep things going smoothly at

home while he is away. Almost invariably when he's out of town, one of the kids gets sick, the car needs a repair, or some other emergency needs attention. This means getting up earlier and staying up later to get everything done.

When he gets home, I am glad to see him, but I am totally exhausted. Now the problem: He thinks I should be ready to have sex with him the minute I come to bed the first night he's home — even though it's been another long day for me. I just want one night of peace and quiet the first night he's home — then I'll be happy to oblige him the following night. He can't understand this and makes me feel guilty if I don't want to have sex immediately — so I give in; otherwise, I know he will be mad at me the next day.

Abby, I hate myself for giving in to him, but I can't find the words to tell him. There's no lovemaking — it's just "sex" to please my husband.

I feel so ashamed of myself — and so hurt that he cares so little about my feelings, I'm considering divorce. Maybe I have a low sex drive and need therapy. At this point, I just want to crawl under a rock so no one will know what a wimp I am.

FEELING USED IN WILMINGTON, DEL.

DEAR FEELING USED: Your husband needs to know how you feel — and why. If you aren't able to tell him, hand him this column. There is obviously a large communication gap in your marriage. Before you give serious consideration to seeing a divorce lawyer, please consider some joint sessions with a marriage and family therapist.

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Odessa employs Gipson

Trustees lure FPC president

ODESSA (AP) — Odessa College has hired Vance Gipson, president of Frank Phillips College in Borger, to be its new president.

Trustees unanimously selected Gipson on Tuesday night.

Phil Speegle had served as Odessa College president part-time since announcing his retirement last July.

Gipson will assume his duties April 10 in the wake of an investment scandal at Odessa College.

The school's \$22 million, high-risk investment portfolio last year lost half its book value.

Cash-strapped officials were forced to issue \$10.75 million in bonds, impose a 7.2 percent tax increase and raise tuition.

House passes 2 rabies bills

AUSTIN (AP) — The House tentatively approved two bills aimed at fighting the rabies epidemic raging in South Texas.

One bill, filed by Rep. Eddie De La Garza, D-Edinburg, would create new penalties for failure to vaccinate a pet and for transportation or sale of animals at a high-risk for rabies.

The bill also would require veterinarians to quarantine animals suspected of having rabies. Both measures were approved by the House Wednesday.

Under current law, pet owners may be fined up to \$500 for failing to vaccinate their dog or cat.

Under the bill, if owners are caught a second time with an unvaccinated pet, they would be subject to a class B misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in jail and a fine up to \$2,000.

Similar penalties would exist under the bill for transporting an unvaccinated pet.

Anyone found transporting animals considered more at risk for rabies — such as coyotes, racoons or foxes — could be charged with a class A misdemeanor under the bill.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Keeping up with osteoarthritis

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Yesterday my doctor told me I had the start of osteoarthritis because I complained of shoulder and neck pain. He put me on Naprosyn and Flexeril. Should I see a specialist in this field or is my own physician on the right track?

DEAR READER: Osteoarthritis, the most common form of arthritis, is due to the age-related wearing down of joint surfaces, with resulting pain and stiffness. Sometimes patients with this disorder also experience painful muscle spasms.

Your doctor has chosen to prescribe an anti-inflammatory drug (Naprosyn) and a muscle relaxer (Flexeril). These seem appropriate to me.

However, if your arthritis is still mild, you might be better off trying acetaminophen for pain; this non-prescription drug will not cause stomach irritation and ulcers, as is sometimes the case with Naprosyn. Also, Flexeril may sedate you and should not be taken with alcohol.

My philosophy is to use the least dangerous and least expensive medicine that will do the trick. If the acetaminophen is effective, you can delay using the prescription drugs until you need them. At this point, I don't believe that you need a specialist.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Understanding Osteoarthritis." 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: Please discuss fusion of the knee or ankle.

DEAR READER: Due to serious injury or arthritis, the ankle or knee joints sometimes become so painful that patients are unable to bear weight. The situation may be worsened by infection.

In order to return such patients to something resembling a normal life, orthopedic specialists may choose to fuse a joint by immobilizing it surgically. Although a fused joint no longer flexes, patients can at least remain

relatively independent, albeit with a limp.

Modern orthopedic specialists usually prefer to replace a joint with a prosthetic device. However, in certain instances — especially when resistant bone infection is present — they are unable to do so.

Furthermore, unlike knee joints (which are easily replaced), there are no satisfactory ankle prostheses. Consequently, while fusion is less desirable than replacement, it is an improvement over a malfunctioning, painful joint.

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Senate committee considers parental notification proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — The emotions raised by a bill to require parental notification before minors obtain abortions are typified by the reaction of two senators who are parents.

"Thank you for carrying this legislation. As the mother of four minor daughters, I'm most appreciative," Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, told Sen. Florence Shapiro, sponsor of the legislation.

But Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Galena Park, said, "I'd be afraid that my daughter would do something terrible and be afraid to tell me. I'd have to live with that the rest of my life."

Both serve on the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, which on Wednesday heard testimony on Ms. Shapiro's bill.

Ms. Shapiro, R-Plano, said she had enough votes to win commit-

tee approval of the bill. She said approval of the full Senate and House is a more difficult prospect, but the measure has a "strong possibility" of passing.

Among those the committee heard from Wednesday was Barbara Esquivel, who said her 15-year-old daughter received an abortion without first telling her.

"I am a very mad mother," said Ms. Esquivel, whose voice broke at times. She looked at Sen. Mike Moncrief, who had voiced concerns that the bill could lead to dangerous illegal abortions.

"I cannot believe that you would oppose this bill. My daughter could have died," said Ms. Esquivel, of Whitney, Texas.

She said her daughter began hemorrhaging the week after receiving the abortion, and she took her to the hospital.

"I had to sign the consent form for her to be treated," she noted. But Ms. Esquivel said she couldn't be there when her daughter wanted to change her mind about the abortion.

"She was laying on that table, crying her eyes out... She was intimidated, and she did not know what to do," she said. "I don't know if you have a daughter, but please, do not oppose this."

Her testimony was in stark contrast to the story of Karen Bell of Indianapolis, who last week called Ms. Shapiro's bill "a killer."

Ms. Bell blames her daughter's 1988 death on an Indiana law requiring parental consent before a minor can have an abortion. She said her daughter instead obtained an illegal abortion and died from complications a week later.

East Texan considers bill change

AUSTIN (AP) — An outpouring of opposition from small rural schools across the state has influenced Sen. Bill Ratliff to accept an amendment to his bill to overhaul the Texas Education Agency, the head of the Texas Rural Schools Association says.

Bill Grusendorf, executive director of the association, said Wednesday that Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, agreed to changes that would provide more money for small schools.

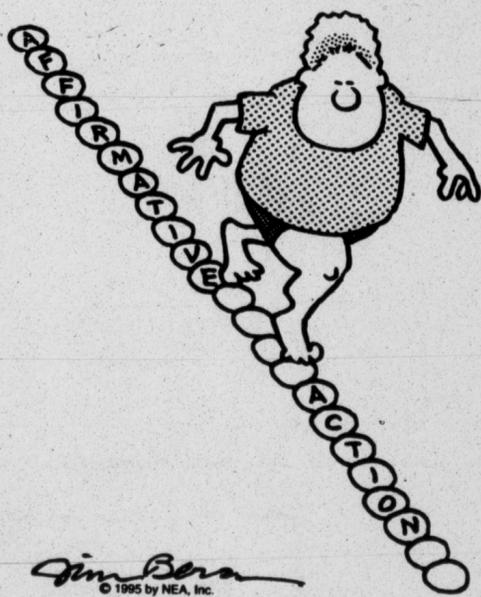
Grusendorf, former superintendent of San Saba ISD, said his compromise restores most of the small schools adjustments that had been removed in original versions of Senate Bill 1.

Ratliff's bill to rewrite the Texas Education Code was scheduled to be discussed Thursday by the Senate Education Committee of which he is chairman.

"We restored the small schools formula, particularly for districts with areas under 300 square miles. They were the ones that were being affected," Grusendorf told the Marshall News-Messenger.

A new printout, using figures from the compromise amendment, shows a loss of only \$14 million statewide. Even at \$14 million, Grusendorf said, losses are exaggerated because of insufficient figures related to transfer students.

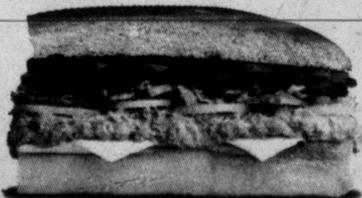
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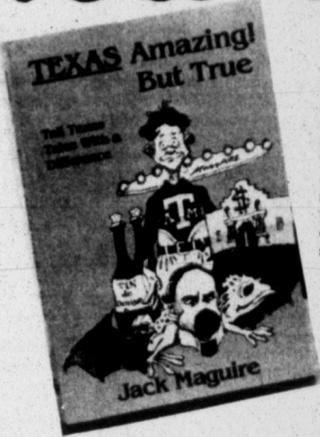
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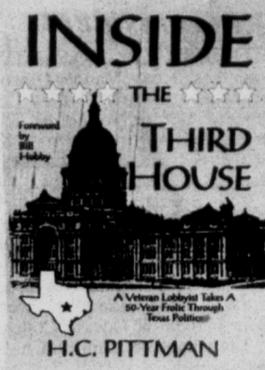
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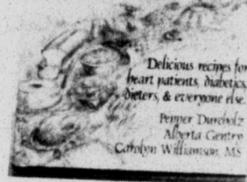
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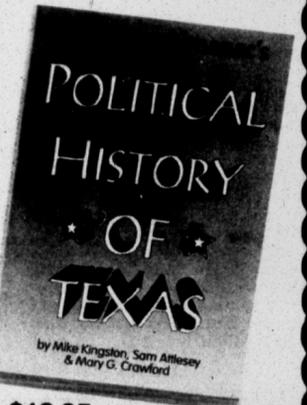


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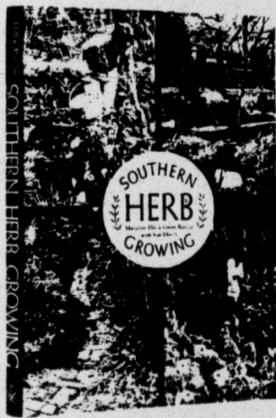
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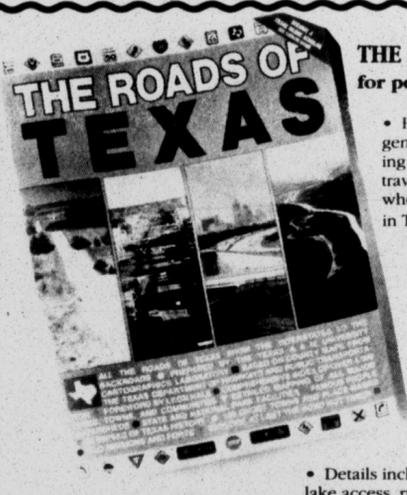
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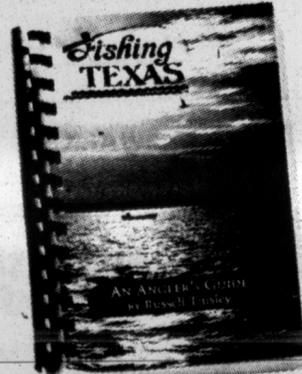
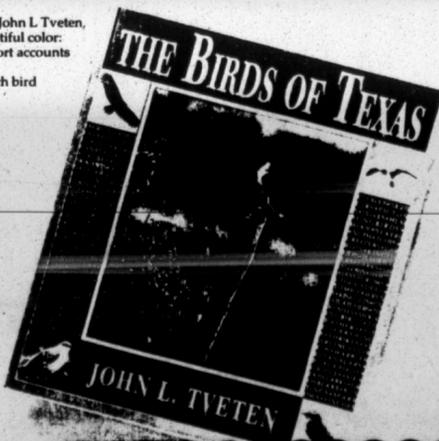
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