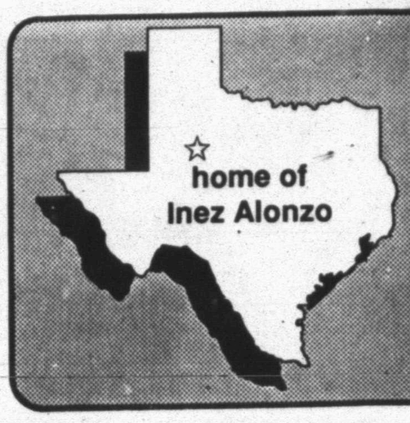
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Ask Us

Q—How many vehicles does the U.S. government operate that are made in Japan?

A—According to Sen. Phil Gramm's office, the federal government does not operate any foreign-made vehicles.

Local

Republican

The Republican County Convention will be held Saturday, March 28, at 10 a.m. in the West Elementary auditorium.

Orientation

Eighth grade parents are encouraged to attend an orientation on high school preregistration at 7 this evening in Worsham Auditorium.

SNS board

Snyder Neighbors Sharing board of directors will meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday at Sam Robertson's Insurance.

MDA event

The second annual IGA/Coca-Cola Lockup will be held all day Friday at Lawrence IGA.

Proceeds benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Reception

A breakfast reception to honor Price Daniel Unit Assistant Warden Charlie Streetman will be held 7 a.m. Thursday at Willow Park Inn.

Streetman has accepted transfer to another unit.

Banquet

Tickets are on sale for the March 31 chamber of commerce banquet.

Tickets, at $12.50 each, may be purchased at the chamber office, college, hospital, financial instuitutions and various businesses.

Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Lena Guerrero will be guest speaker for the 7 p.m. event.

Photography

Amateur photographers in Scurry County may enter a competition and exhibition sponsored by the county museum in conjunction with the April 12 wild flower observance.

Entries, matted or framed and ready for hanging, are to be taken to Scurry County Museum on or before April 7.

For additional information, call the museum at 573-6107.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 64 degrees; low, 36 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 44 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, 6.70 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low in the mid 40s. West or northwest wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, fair. High in the upper 70s. North wind 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:58 p.m. Sunrise Wednesday, 6:40 a.m. Of 83 days in 1992, the sun has shone 75 days in Snyder.

72 are accepted for guard class

Even good news sometimes causes problems. For awhile, Western Texas College's largest ever correctional officer class had elated officials wondering exactly where they were going to put 72 students.

"Most of our classes have run 20 to 30 students. The last class was 38, which we thought was pretty big — until now," said Linda Proctor, secretary for the criminal justice training division at Western Texas.

It was determined Monday that the 72-member class will meet at Scurry County Coliseum.

Students accepted for the college's latest Texas Department of Criminal Justice correctional officer academy will begin classes March 30. The 146-hour, three-week daytime academy ends with certification on April 22.

Fourteen of the students are from Snyder. Nine are from Lamesa; five each from Childress and Colorado City; and four are from from Abilene. In all, 28 towns are represented.

The group includes six Caucasian females, one Hispanic female; 53 Caucasion males and 12 Hispanic males.

Meanwhile, three other WTC-sponsored correctional officer classes are either underway or set to begin in area communities.

There are 22 students currently enrolled in a night-time academy in Abilene, set to graduate May 2. Applications for another Abilene course, to begin June 13, are due April 24.

Wednesday is the final day to apply for a daytime academy which begins May 11 in Lamesa.

And April 24 is the application deadline for a July 13 daytime academy in Anson.

The next Snyder daytime class will begin Aug. 3. Applications are due in by June 12.

Applications to any of the classes may be obtained through Western Texas College. Area Texas Employment Agency offices also have applications.

To date, 424 students have been certified through the WTC correctional officer program, which graduated its first class in December of 1988.

Students certified through the program are eligible for employment as correctional officers in the state prison system.

Theatre remodeling continues

Exterior renovation of the old Ritz Theatre, which is being transformed into a community theatre, is moving along well according to board president Mike Thornton.

"We are in the next sequence of remodeling the exterior of the theatre," said Thornton, who added that the outside renovation should be complete within the next two to three weeks.

Local contractors have been hired to complete stucco work, painting and tile replacement necessary to restore the theatre as close to its original appearance as possible. A neon company has taken patterns for the marquee signs, which should be ready for installation next week.

Roof repair on the building was completed in early March.

Graduate students from the Texas Tech University department of architecture have been working on interior designs for the theatre, presenting several proposals to members of the Puttin' on the Ritz theatre board.

Final plans for the theatre will be presented Saturday, April 4 at 7 p.m. in the Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre. The public is invited to attend the presentation and view the plans for the community theatre project.



RITZ PROJECT — Isabel Romero, left, and Tony Ybarra repair stucco on the front of the old Ritz Theatre Monday afternoon. Exterior renovation of the building, to be used as a community theatre, is expected to be complete in two to three weeks. (SDN Staff Photo)

To study environment...

Atlantis enters orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis blasted into orbit with seven astronauts today on a mission to study the environment of our planet.

Atlantis roared off its seaside pad at 8:14 a.m. EST. The spaceship rose on a 700-foot pillar of flame and headed out over the Atlantic Ocean and up along the East Coast.

Low clouds over the emergency landing site at Kennedy Space Center caused a 14-minute delay in the launch. Other weather problems, including a worrisome storm off the coast, had dissipated earlier.

Atlantis' twin solid rocket boosters dropped into the ocean two minutes into the flight as planned, resembling a falling star from the launch site. Atlantis reached its 184-mile-high orbit in the usual 81/2 minutes.

It was NASA's second attempt to send up Atlantis. The first, on Monday, was halted 51/2 hours before liftoff by fuel leaks that officials later said were temporary and minor.

"It doesn't look much better than it did to me this morning," said departing NASA Administrator Richard Truly, who was forced to resign under White House pressure. "It was a beautiful launch, and I was delighted to be down here for it."

The eight-day flight - shuttle mission No. 46 - is the first devoted to atmospheric research. The shuttle carries 13 scientific instruments. Among other things, scientists hope to learn more about damage to the ozone layer.

During the flight, about 200 research stations around the world will make observations as well. The combined effort is expected to yield the most comprehensive study of the atmosphere ever.

Investigators seeking cause of La Guardia plane crash

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal investigators are looking into why a USAir jet that crashed on a runway and slid into a frigid bay, killing 27 people, was not de-iced a third time after waiting a half-hour in a snowstorm to take off.

John Lauber, an investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board, said that in addition to looking into the plane's vulnerability to ice on the wings, officials are studying whether its flaps were lowered for takeoff.

Witnesses said Flight 405 to Cleveland had just climbed into the air at La Guardia Airport Sunday night when it crashed in flames and skidded into Flushing Bay. Besides the 27 killed, 24 others were injured.

Some people were burned, others were trapped underwater and upside down, belted into their seats.

"I was amazed so many people survived," said Fire Capt. John Kurtz. "There were bodies burnt to a crisp and bodies cut in half, and then there were people walking around."

Among the evidence the NTSB will examine are a 110-foot skid mark, debris on the runway, damage to the plane and the pattern of deaths, Lauber said.

The NTSB also asked Canadian officials for a recent report that concludes that the type of plane — the twin-engine Fokker F28 — is susceptible to ice forming on the wings, Lauber said.

A plane is de-iced by spraying it with a mixture of water and an alcohol-based liquid. Ice on a plane's wings can prevent it from getting the lift needed to take off.

A light snow was falling and the runway was slushy as the plane took off at 9:30 p.m. It was de-iced twice, at 8:26 p.m. and at 8:59 p.m., USAir President Seth Schofield said. Flight 405 left the gate a minute later but had to wait in line 30 minutes to take off, the airline said.

The flight was running two hours behind schedule when it was cleared for takeoff.

Asked why the captain didn't ask for a third de-icing, Lauber said, "I can't respond to that, we'll be looking at that."

The captain decides whether to order another de-icing, the investigator said. The pilot was killed; the co-pilot survived but was injured. Investigators said they will interview him as soon as possible.

The Canadian report, compiled after an Air Ontario Fokker F28 crashed in 1989 after takeoff in a snowstorm, killing 24 people, said the de-icing fluid used at most airports, including La Guardia, is not very effective in wet snow.

Ice can form in as little as three minutes after that fluid is used, the report said.

The half-hour between the second de-icing and takeoff is "a long time in 31 degrees," said Christopher Witkowski, director of the Aviation Consumer Action Project. "If it required de-icing in a 30-minute interval, you'd think if it sat out there another 30 minutes, it would need another de-icing."

The Airline Pilots Association has long pressed to have de-icing done near the runway, right before takeoff, rather than at the gate. The association also has demanded a different type of de-icing fluid that lasts longer than the type generally used in the United States.

A quick evaluation of the cockpit voice recorder yielded no clues to the cause of the crash, Lauber said.

Judging competition brings students here

Over 300 high school FFA and 4-H students will test their skills of scrutiny today in an annual livestock and land judging competition.

The event is sponsored by Western Texas College and the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

Registration is to begin at 4 p.m. in the Scurry County Coliseum Ag Annex. Judging competition will start at 5 p.m.

Approximately 62 three-member livestock teams and 22 four-member land judging teams expected. Forty-eight team alternates, who will judge individually but are not eligible for awards, are also entered.

The livestock judging, which consists of swine, sheep and cattle divisions, will be held in the annex building. Livestock for the competition will be provided by the college.

The location for land judging, hosted by UCSWCD, will be announced at competition time.

An awards presentation is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the WTC cafeteria.

Ordinance, treatment plant on city's agenda

Snyder City Council will hear recommendations regarding an animal ordinance and consider advertising for bids for construction of a new wastewater treatment plant at a special meeting tonight.

The meeting is set for 6:30 at City Hall.

David Rollins, owner of Tropical Paradise pet store, has asked the council to amend ordinance 744 by removing pythons, boa constrictors and ferrets from the list of animals prohibited inside the city.

In another request, David Haywood has asked the council's permission to raise emus on his property in the Evancrest Addition in north Snyder.

On March 3, council members tabled the requests, pending further study of the animals and their characteristics. Mayor Troy Williamson asked council members Jack Greene, Mike Post and city attorney Ernie Armstrong to meet with area veterinarians concerning the animals.

Their recommendations are expected to be presented tonight.

Council members will also consider advertising for bids for the planned wastewater treatment plant. According to a construction schedule presented by Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, the bidding process is to begin March 25 with bid opening scheduled May 13.

The SDN Column — By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Freedom of speech isn't so great if nobody is listening."

State and local governments are still arguing with their big brothers in Washington concerning last year's census count.

Just think, in nine more years all that can be done over and all the various entities will again attempt to redraw precincts and districts.

Experts make everything more difficult, and it reminds us of the story about a university professor who was doing research on the state's population figures. He noticed that one small town had an exceptionally high birth rate.

Like any good researcher, he applied for a federal grant to study the cause. When his grant was approved, he hired a couple of helpers and headed for the small East Texas town.

After renting an office, installing computers and planning their interview strategy, the professor decided to make a walk around the square. He stopped by the local drug store and introduced himself to the druggist.

The professor explained why his team was in town. "We've checked the population data, and your town consistently has a higher than average birth rate, and we're determined to see if we can find out the reason for it."

"All you had to do was ask," said the druggist. The professor wanted to know more.

"You probably noticed," the druggist continued. "The railroad tracks run right through the middle of town. For years, the train comes through at 5 a.m. and it blows for all the crossings.

"It wakes everybody up. Well, 5 o'clock is too late to go back to sleep and it's too early to get up..."

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Perot's possible presidential bid concerns both parties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas billionaire Ross Perot's flirtation with a third-party campaign for president is making political veterans in both parties nervous. Analysts say a well-financed Perot campaign could easily change the dynamics of a close general-election contest.

President Bush's re-election campaign is suggesting Perot's potential challenge would hurt the Democrats more than the president.

Campaign spokeswoman Torie Clarke said Perot "may be having some fun" in considering a challenge to his fellow Texan. But, she said, "it doesn't make any difference to us one way or the other" whether he gets in.

She predicted Perot would take votes away from Clinton, citing Perot's support for abortion rights and gun control.

Other Bush aides were more wary.

"You have to take seriously anybody who's got $2 billion who wants to run for president," said Bush senior campaign adviser Charles Black.

Democratic party Chairman Ronald Brown saw Perot doing damage to the GOP.

"My judgment is his candidacy will debilitate George Bush, will hurt him very badly and will therefore help us elect a Democrat president," Brown said.

Either way, Perot organizers received enough signatures on a petition to qualify the industrialist Monday to appear as an independent on the general election ballot in Tennessee, the first state he's qualified for so far.

Perot said last week that he would run for president if supporters put his name on the ballot in all 50 states. He said he would spend up to $100 million of his own money if he were to wage such a campaign.

Whether Perot would draw more votes from Bush or from Clinton is a hard question in this unpredictable presidential season, analysts suggest.

"It seems that at first blush, he would hurt the Republican side more than the Democratic side," said Bruce Buchanan, a political science professor at the University of Texas. "But if you look deeper into the situation, he's going to appeal to the same kind of disaffected voters that both Jerry Brown and Pat Buchanan are."

Still, Buchanan says, Perot "might hamper the Republicans slightly more than the Democrats because he attacks the Republicans' conservative base."

In any event, Perot could be a major factor in states where the vote between the two major candidates is close, Buchanan said.

Drives are under way in every state to have Perot's name placed on November ballots as an independent candidate.

Although an independent candidate has never come even close to winning the presidency, there has never been one backed with $100 million.

The last candidate to wage an independent candidacy was John Anderson in 1980. The former Republican congressman, whose campaign was severely short of cash, got just 6.6 percent of the vote.

With so many disenchanted voters, "There's room out there for a third-party candidate who could run stronger than Anderson did," said Democratic analyst Bob Beckel.

Beckel, who managed Democrat Walter Mondale's 1984 presidential campaign, said "analyzing whom Perot would take votes from is very difficult to do because nobody knows what he stands for — other than that he's a billionaire who's very successful."

Perot seems liberal on some social issues, but also is pro-business and for a strong defense. At the same time, he opposed the Persian Gulf War.

A self-financed campaign would not face the same federal spending restrictions imposed on the Democratic and Republican candidates, whose races are financed by tax dollars.

But getting on the ballot in all 50 states is a daunting prospect. For instance, in Texas, Perot must round up 54,000 signatures by May 11 from voters who didn't vote in Texas' Super Tuesday primary.

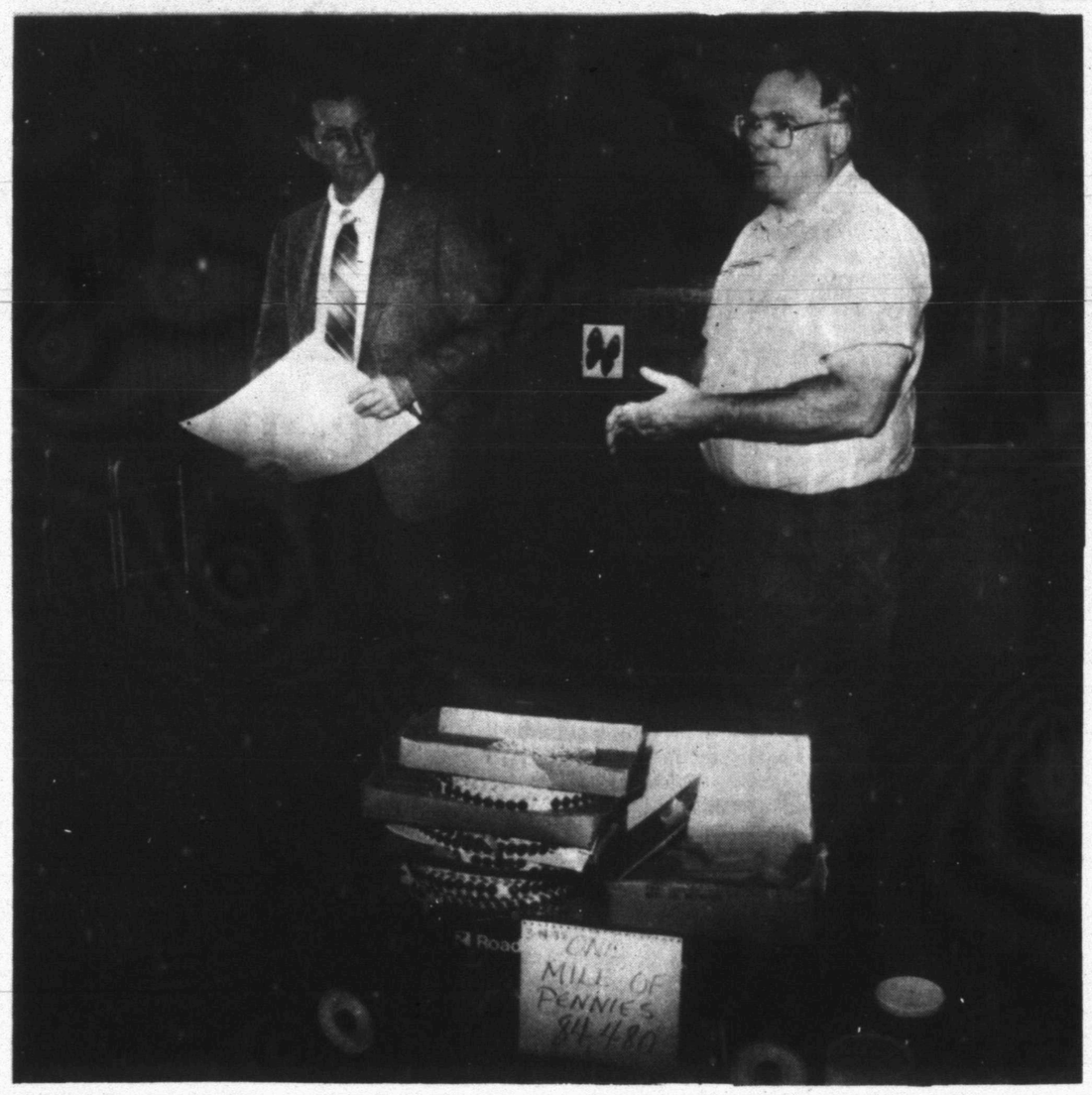
Perot's staff has set up a toll-free telephone number in Dallas that is being answered by volunteers with 100 phones to assist in the state-by-state petition drive. A spokeswoman said the phone banks have been getting 2,000 calls an hour.

George Wallace won 13.5 percent of the vote when he ran as a third-party candidate in 1968. Strom Thurmond got 2.4 percent in 1948.

The high-water mark for independent candidates came in 1912 when Theodore Roosevelt ran as Progressive Party candidate and lost with 27.4 percent of the vote.

Perot, 61, heads a computer services company in Dallas and is known for plans to help U.S. prisoners of war in Vietnam and for his successful scheme to rescue two employees from an Iranian jail in 1979.

"Perot in the race will clearly erode Bush's base, said Greg Mueller, an aide to GOP challenger Patrick Buchanan. "Him getting in on the third-party line is not good news for the Republican Party."



PENNIES GALORE — North Elementary School students collected more than a mile of pennies this semester which they have donated to Snyder Neighbors Sharing. Sam Robertson, right, who heads SNS, was presented 86,241 pennies during a recent assembly. Ray Courtney, principal, is pictured at left. The pennies had been arranged in special rolls which were so heavy that they had to be placed in a wagon. The pennies represented $862 which will be applied toward the cost of next month's SNS day in Snyder. Students had determined that 84,480 pennies would equal one mile. Third grade students in Judy Moss' class collected the most money and pennies and Gaylene Dobbs' kindergarten students brought in the most pennies. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dr., Gott

by Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from gout in my right hand that is treated with medication. My concern is learning to prevent it from happening again. Is there a special diet or regimen I can follow?

DEAR READER: Gout is a form of acute arthritis caused by the deposition of uric acid crystals in joints. Before the advent of effective anti-gout drugs, such as allopurinol and probenecid, diet was a mainstay of gout control. Patients were forbidden to eat purines, which contain uric acid and are present in liver and most organ meats.

Today, however, therapy for gout is so successful that strict diets are unnecessary. Nonetheless, I urge my gouty patients to avoid liver, kidneys, brains and sweetbreads.

To give you additional information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "About Gout." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the past three years I've experienced chest pain when walking rapidly or on an upgrade. An internist, cardiologist and gastroenterologist said this was a classic example of angina.

I sought a second opinion and underwent a thallium stress test that was normal and angina was ruled out. I was then diagnosed with a bleeding ulcer, hiatal hernia, chronic esophagitis and chronic hypertrophic gastritis.

After all that, I still experience chest pain and heaviness when walking. No one here can relieve my condition or give a diagnosis. What type of doctor should I see?

DEAR READER: Chest pain during exercise is, as you mentioned, the classic symptom of angina, when the heart muscle cramps because it is deprived of oxygen. However, the stress test appears to have shown no abnormality, indicating that your coronary circulation is OK.

As I have written before in this column, pain from ulcers or gastritis often mimics angina. This happens because many nerves from the heart travel with those from the stomach and the brain has difficulty differentiating one source from the other.

Evidently, in your case, peptic disease masqueraded as heart trouble. Treatment of your condition — with medicine such as Tagamet, Zantac or Axid — should lead to improvement. The gastroenterologist can advise you and supervise your recovery.

In the event your pain persists after your peptic problems have healed, I'd take a conservative view and encourage you to return to your cardiologist for further testing. In my view, this would include coronary angiography, a test to confirm adequate blood circulation to the heart.

Should all your doctors be at their wits' end, you can request a referral to a diagnostic clinic at a teaching hospital. Regardless of the cause, your chest pain should not be ignored or disregarded.

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8 Texas House members listed in free mailing privilege probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eight Texas congressmen were among the top 100 users of taxpayer-financed mailings to voters last year, according to a study by a watchdog group trying to curb House franking privileges.

One lawmaker in the 27-member Texas delegation exceeded his postage allowance for 1991, the National Taxpayers Union said.

Rep. Charlie Wilson, D-Lufkin, ranked 6th among the 11 House members who exceeded their postage allowances, the nonpartisan group said.

Four Texas Republicans and three Democrats also were in the top 100. They were Sam Johnson, R-Dallas, who used 86.7 percent of his allocation; Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, 82.8 percent; Martin Frost, D-Dallas, 82.5 percent; Jack Fields, R-Houston, 81.1 percent; Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio, 79.1 percent; Pete Geren, D-Fort Worth, 77.9 percent; and John Bryant, D-Dallas, 70.6 percent.

Postage allowances vary by congressional district, based on population, area and number of households. For that reason, NTU focused on how much of their 1991 allowance members used.

Wilson spent $208,597, or 104.4 percent, of the $199,868 allocated to him for the year, according to NTU, which is devoted to reducing government spending.

"A major portion of our franking budget is used just for constituent correspondence," Elaine Lang, Wilson's press secretary, said Monday.

"Our policy's been to always answer every piece of mail the constituents send us. That tends to boost your stamp budget."

Wilson used money from his office account to cover his additional franking costs, she said. House members are allowed to supplement their mailing allowances with up to $25,000 from their office accounts.

In addition to constituent mail, Wilson sent out three newsletters, town meeting notifications and some mailings to counties that will become part of the 2nd District in 1993, Ms. Lang said.

"We have to have a way to communicate with people in the district, especially the ones that are writing to us and expressing an interest in the things happening up here," she said. "You can argue it gives an incumbent more name recognition ... but what do you do? Cut out all franking privileges and sit up here and get out of touch?"

NTU spokesman David Keating criticized Wilson's spending.

"Sen. Phil Gramm, for the whole state of Texas, only spent $144,000 on mass mailings for the whole year. The idea (Wilson) has to spent more than a U.S. senator who represents the whole state is ridiculous."

Gramm, R-Texas, spent $144,720, while Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, spent $328,876. Gramm ranked 65th among senators in total pieces sent per address, while Bentsen ranked 52nd.

Keating said most of the 435-member House abuses the franking privileges.

"It's entirely legal what they are doing, but it's outrageous what they are spending," he said.

"Members who feel more endangered tend to use the privilege."

The House franking system operates on a use-it-or-lose-it basis. Money not spent one year cannot be used the following year.

Stage props get ballet dancer arrested in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — It must have been quite a sight to see, but an Austin policeman was not impressed.

Edward Moffat, a Ballet Austin dancer, was riding on a unicycle on the street, practicing his choreographed thrusts and parries with a stage prop sword and carrying a stage prop dagger on Sunday.

Moffat was rehearsing his role as a tough in the ballet troupe's upcoming production of "Romeo and Juliet" when he was pulled over by a bike-riding police officer.

"I can kind of understand what your first impression is when you see a person riding on a unicycle swinging a sword," Moffat said Monday. "I tried to explain they were props, but ..."

Police Lt. Gerald Raines was not impressed.

"Even if it was a stage prop, it was a weapon," said Raines. "A sword by any other name is still a sword."

Gary Bell, director of marketing at the ballet, said the weapon is metal, has a flattened tip and bends on impact. The dagger also has a dulled tip.

Moffat was arrested on a Class A misdemeanor charge of unlawful carrying a weapon.

Magic's wife never considered leaving him

CHICAGO (AP) — Magic Johnson's wife says she never considered leaving him after he learned he is infected with the AIDS virus.

"We've been together off and on for 14 years and the love that we've built up over that time period is what I hold onto. To stay by him was not a hard thing to do," Earleatha "Cookie" Johnson told Ebony magazine in her first interview since the basketball superstar retired Nov. 7.

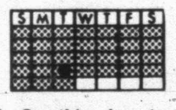
Mrs. Johnson is six months pregnant. She said she has twice tested negative for the AIDS virus. The couple had been married less than two months when Johnson told the world he is HIV-positive.

"I honestly feel that the Lord is going to heal him and that we are going to live together forever and have more children and be happy," she said in the magazine's April issue.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

March 24, 1992

Today is the 84th day of 1992 and the 5th day of spring.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1644, a charter was granted to Roger Williams for the colony of Rhode Island.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Morris (1834-1896), craftsman-poet; Harry Houdini (1874-1926), magician; Edward Weston (1886-1958), photographer; Clyde Barrow (1909-1934), bank robber; Norman Fell (1924-), actor, is 68; Steve McQueen (1930-1980), actor.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, Emile Griffith knocked out Benny "Kid" Paret in the 12th round to regain the welterweight title. Ten days later, Paret died from head injuries sustained in the bout.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Have nothing in your houses that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful." — William Morris, on taste.

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1888, snowflakes of 3¾-inch diameter and ¼-inch thickness reportedly fell "like plates" on Chepstow, England. The flakes fell for 2 minutes, covering the ground 2 inches deep.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (March 25).



TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET

Our favorite lush says he wishes there was "user-friendly" booze, so he could wake up without a hangover.

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'Bionic Woman' won't let sons watch program

NEW YORK (AP) — Lindsay Wagner, who starred in TV's "The Bionic Woman," says she won't let her two young sons watch it in reruns.

"It's not fantasy for them. They're looking at their mother with a gun to her head. I don't think that is very healthy," Wagner said Monday on "Geraldo."

Her sons are 5 and 9.

The series ran from 1976 to 1978.

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Cowboy poet gives program

The Atheneum Study Club met recently at the Martha Ann Woman's Club to hear cowboy poetry by Jackie Greene. He was introduced by his former high school teacher and Atheneum's second vice president, Martha Schiebel.

Greene became interested in cowboy poetry when he sang with a group called the Singing Cowboys about five years ago. He recited many poems, some of which he had written.

A member of the Cowboy Poetry Association, Greene has given programs to several organizations, out-of-town and local.

During the business session, led by Mrs. Schiebel in the absence of president Dorothy Kayser, a garage sale was planned for April 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Towle Park Barn. Funds will be used toward local civic projects.

Nona Williams, representative to the MAWC, announced several upcoming events planned by the board of directors. A Silver Tea is set for May 3. A buffet luncheon, open to the public, is planned for the last Sunday of each month and will continue throughout the summer. She said that the fourth Wednesday game day and luncheon price had been changed to $6. All of these events will be held at the clubhouse. The MAWC board planted a live oak tree in memory of Jonisue Stiff.

She expressed the need for volunteers to assist and support families who have foster children in Snyder. Mrs. Williams, a Scurry County Library board member, said the library is taking donations for recovering several pieces of furniture in the children's room.

The club's next meeting will be held with Cosmorama Study on April 15 at the woman's club.



JACKIE GREENE

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.

Beta Delta Phi; 7 p.m.

Parenting Support Group; 2513 College Ave.; for more information, call Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 573-1141.

Sport Card Swap Club; Willow Park Inn, for information call 573-1961; 7 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bride; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-9924, 573-5867.

Al-Anon; CADA office on the square, 2513 College Ave., 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101, or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club and Game Day; reservations are needed by 5 p.m. Monday by calling 573-3427; $6 per person; serving begins at 11:30 a.m., after lunch games of choice will be played.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; W. 37th St.; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

Storytime for 4 and 5 year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Al-Anon; CADA office on the square, 2513 College Ave. For more information call 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956; 8 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-5524 days, 573-2101 nights; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Alateen Step Study Group; Park Club at Winston Park; For information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.

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

Know-how for storing leather saves coats

NEW YORK (AP) — After a winter of harsh treatment, give your leather coat a touch of human kindness before storing it for the summer.

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Watch your way to better bridge

By Phillip Alder

For some years, books have been produced by desktop publishing: a computer and a laser printer are used for typesetting them. Now the video business is feeling the effect of these home-grown systems. In 1990, leading teacher Bill Root joined forces with Henry Hahn to produce videotapes of Root's lessons. Their second two-hour tape covers three topics: squeezes, throw-in plays and duplicate-bridge strategy. It is available (as is the first tape) for $39.95 from Root-Hahn Enterprises, P.O. Box 7205, Heights Station, Concord, NH 03301.

Today's deal is the first from the second lesson. Cover the East-West cards and plan the play in four spades. West leads the club queen.

North made a limit raise, and South bid aggressively by moving on to game. At first, it looks as though declarer must lose four red-suit tricks. The chances of playing the diamond suit for no loser are remote. But that diamond suit, with its lifesaving nine and 10, is ideal for an endplay.

South won trick one with the club ace, the honor from the short side first. He drew trumps, cashed the club king and ruffed a club, eliminating that suit. Finally South exited with a heart.

The defenders cashed their three heart tricks, ending in the West hand. West defended well, switching to the diamond queen, but South knew that the odds favored playing for split honors. He won with dummy's ace, led a low diamond and finessed his nine successfully.

West said that next time he would lead a heart, killing the throw-in.

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Paint day

The Snyder Palette Club will have a paint day Thursday at the airport terminal building. It will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

Helen Wadleigh will be hostess.

The club plans to have Vernell Leach of San Angelo to give a demonstration in water color at its April 9 meeting.

Bags used to eliminate weeds

WACO, Texas (AP) — To eliminate weeds, home gardeners once tore open black plastic garbage bags and laid them on the soil. The idea was good, but it also prevented oxygen, moisture and nutrients from reaching the earth.

Nowadays, many gardeners use specially developed landscape fabrics, also called geo-textiles, to block weed growth effectively and minimize evaporation.

One company, Easy Gardener, Inc., has developed landscape fabrics containing thousands of tiny "micro-funnels" to channel air and water to the soil while blocking out sunlight and preventing weed growth.

By cutting holes or X's in the fabric after laying it over the planting bed, plants can be placed directly into the soil.



BABY SHOWER — A pink and blue shower was held in the home of Debra McNair to honor Robin and Dennis Downing, planning for the birth of their first child in late April. Mrs. Downing teaches at Central Elementary. She is pictured in the center with her mother, Ann Cross, left, and her mother-in-law, Gladys Downing. (Contributed Photo)

Recipe Box

By The Associated Press

Frozen Strawberry Fool is made with just three ingredients: frozen strawberries, orange-flavored liqueur and whipping cream. It is quick to assemble and can be made in advance and frozen.

Frozen strawberries are available sliced and sweetened in 10-and 16-ounce containers, or whole and unsweetened in 16- and 20-ounce bags. Generally, frozen strawberries will keep in the freezer for about six months.

FROZEN STRAWBERRY FOOL

Two 10-ounce packages frozen sliced strawberries, sugar added, partially thawed

1/4 cup orange-flavored liqueur

1 cup whipping cream

Mint sprigs for garnish (optional)

Combine one package of the strawberries and their liquid with 2 tablespoons of the liqueur; set aside. Whip cream to form soft peaks; fold in berry-liqueur mixture until well blended. Pour into four stemmed glasses or dessert dishes; freeze until firm around the edges but still soft in the center, about 2 hours. Combine remaining package of strawberries and their liquid with remaining liqueur; spoon over frozen desserts, dividing equally. Garnish with mint. Serve at once. Makes 4 servings.

Note: Desserts, up to the point of adding sauce, can be completely frozen. Remove from freezer 10 to 15 minutes before adding sauce and serving.

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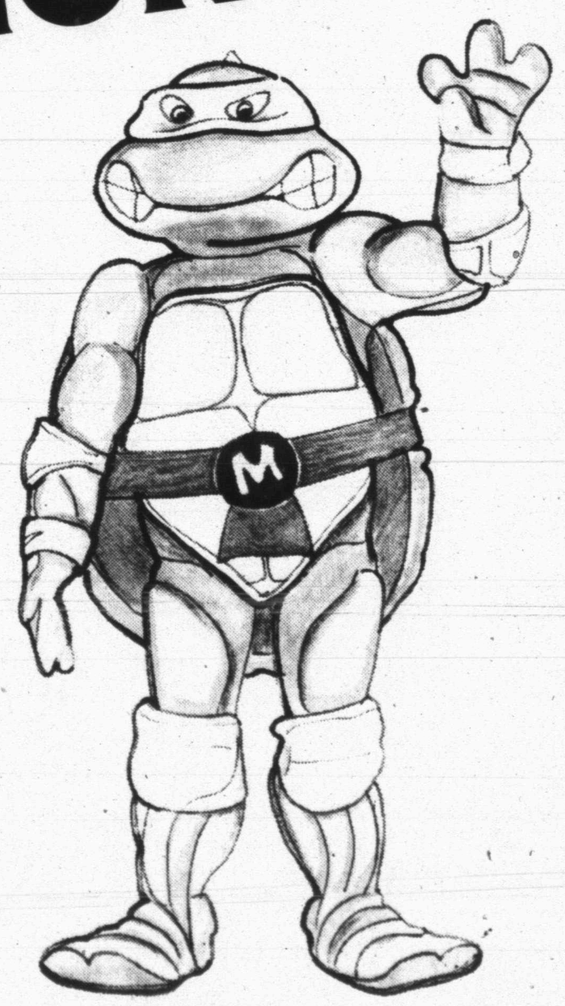
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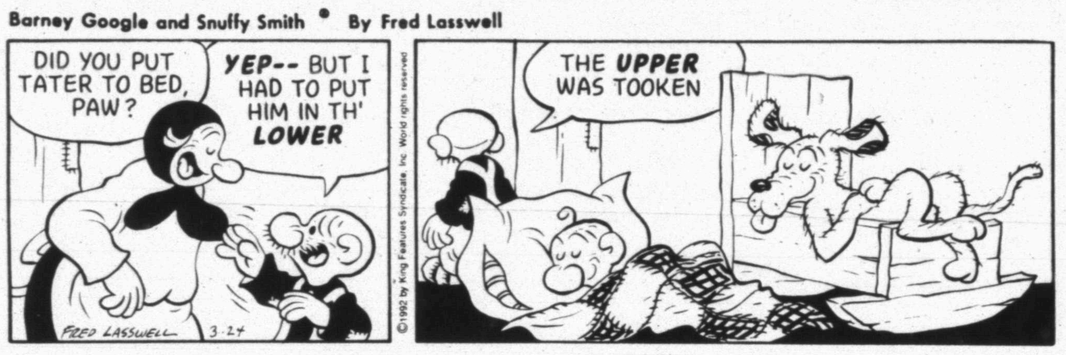
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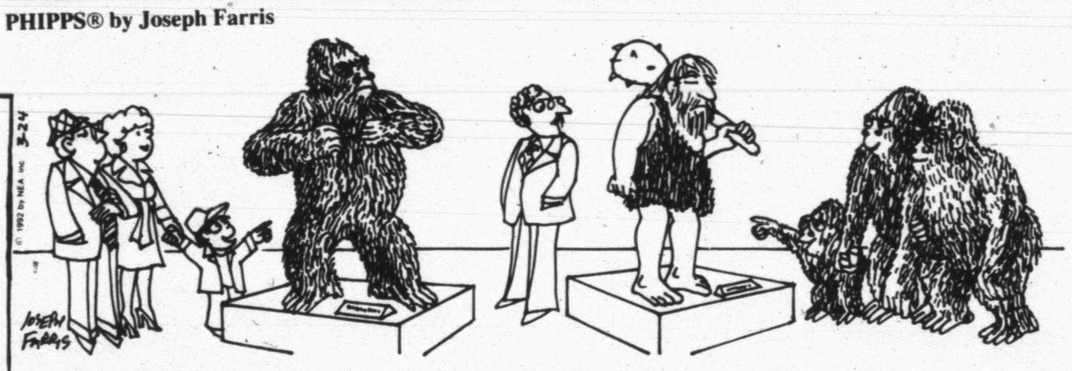
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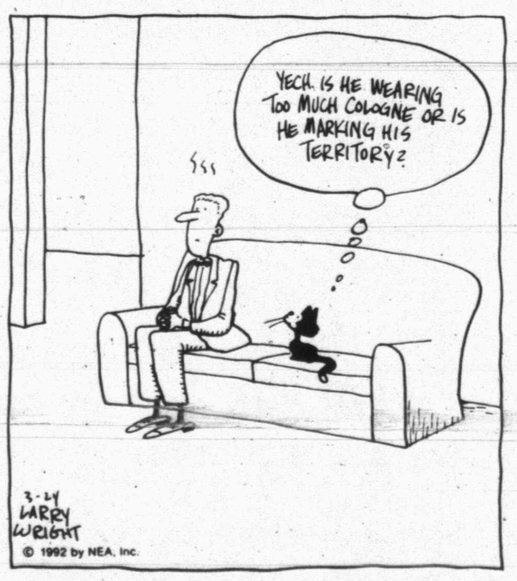
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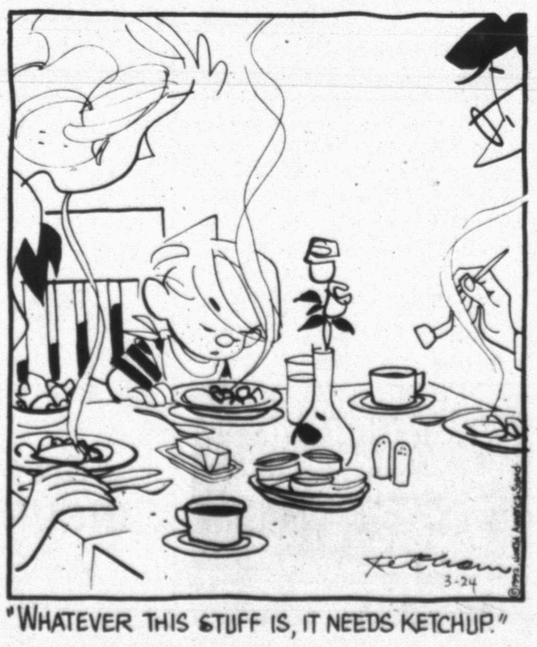


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NIT basketball...

Purdue downs Horned Frogs

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Purdue got its wake up call in time to reach the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournment.

"I think we wore them down a little bit," said Purdue coach Gene Keady after his Boilermakers defeated Texas Christian 67-51 Monday night. "We had hoped that our depth would get to them and I think the reason we shot so well the second half is they got a little tired."

Purdue (18-14) pulled away as it hit 19 of 25 free thorws in the second half. Texas Christian (23-11), meanwhile, shot only three free throws in the final period, when it was whistled for 17 fouls compared to three for the Boilermakers.

The Boilermakers also connected on 11 of 17 shots in the second half, while the Horned Frogs hit on just 11 of 30 attempts and went scoreless for 4 minutes, 33 seconds as Purdue took command.

The Boilermakers trailed 10-2 early and were down 19-12 as the Horned Frogs made six of their first nine shots, including three 3-pointers by Al Thomas. But, a defensive switch matching him with Cuonzo Martin paid off and he scored only two points in game's final 30 minutes to finish with 13.

"He's really taken a lot of pride in his defense and once we switched him over. ... It kind of curtailed their activities," Keady said. "I thought the first five minutes we were playing lackadasical and when they came out of the box and knocked down those 3-pointers, we were in trouble."

His players agreed.

"We came out a little bit soft. We were kind of relaxed because we were at home again," said Matt Waddell, who came off the bench to score 13 points. "We thought being at home, they weren't going to come out hard and they came out with a great start. The first half was like a wake up call for us."

"We came out dead," said Woody Austin, who had an off-night shooting with 14 points on a 5-of-14 effort but added seven assists. "We didn't show no emotion."

The Boilermakers were unable to convince the NCAA to allow them to play a quarterfinal game on their home court Wednesday since the school has a contract to host the NCAA's Midwest Regional this week. But, the NIT committee decided Purdue could host the quarterfinal game in Indianapolis at Market Square Arena. Purdue will meet Florida (18-12) with the winner moving on to New York's Madison Square Garden for the semifinal.

Craig Riley scored 12 of his 18 points in the second half to lead Purdue.

"The second half they really did a good job of getting it to me where I could really do something," Riley said. "I felt confident with my shot."

Riley was matched with 6-foot-11, 250-pound Reggie Smith at both ends of the court. Smith finished with 21 points and 13 rebounds. His 21st double-double of the season gave the senior career totals of a school-best 966 rebounds and 1,630 points — the fourth highest total in TCU history.

"He's very athletic and if he doesn't go to the pros, I don't know who will," Riley said of Smith. "He's very aggressive inside, he's an excellent jumper and he can really take it to the hole well."

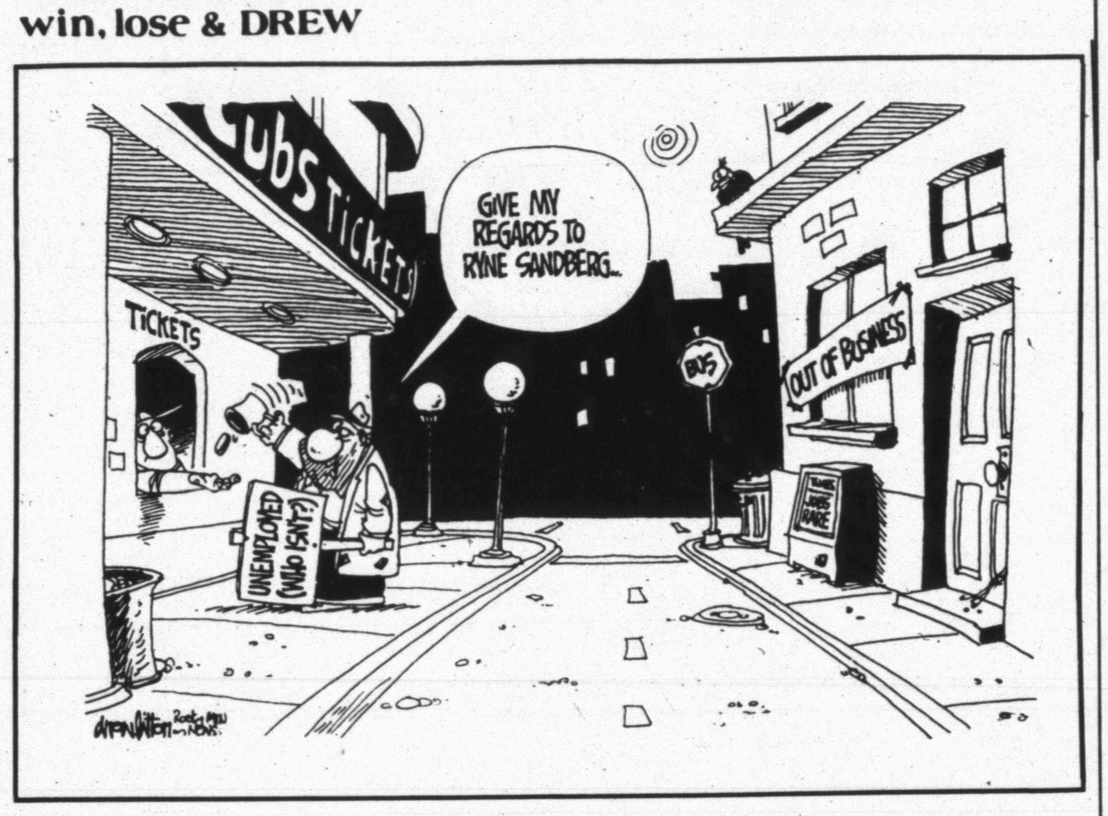
TCU coach Moe Iba did not attend a post-game news conference or make any players available.

Purdue outrebounded Texas Christian 18-8 in the second half.

"We said the rebounding would determine the game, and thank goodness we came back in the second half and really outrebounded them," Keady said. "I never like to say one thing will win or lose the ball game for us, but we knew rebounding would be the big factor."

Purdue scored eight consecutive points to take the lead for good. Brandon Brantley began the spurt by muscling in for a layup to give the Boilermakers a 43-41 edge.

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Baltimore	13	5	.722
California	10	7	.588
Texas	11	8	.579
Detroit	10	8	.556
New York	11	9	.550
Cleveland	9	8	.529
Toronto	9	9	.500
Oakland	8	8	.500
Boston	9	9	.500
Milwaukee	9	10	.474
Seattle	8	9	.471
Chicago	9	11	.450
Minnesota	8	10	.444
Kansas City	7	12	.368

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Cincinnati	12	6	.667
San Francisco	12	6	.667
Montreal	12	7	.632
St. Louis	9	8	.529
Houston	9	9	.500
Chicago	9	10	.474
New York	8	9	.471
Atlanta	7	10	.412
Los Angeles	7	11	.389
Pittsburgh	7	12	.368
Philadelphia	6	11	.353
San Diego	5	12	.294

NOTE: Split-squad games count in standings, ties do not

Monday's Games

Baltimore 5, New York Yankees (ss) 2
Cincinnati 2, Boston 2, tie, 13 innings
Montreal 8, N.Y. Mets 5
N.Y. Yankees (ss) 10, Chicago White Sox 2
Kansas City 6, Los Angeles 2
Toronto 11, St. Louis 10
Oakland 4, Cleveland 3, 12 innings
San Francisco 7, California 4
Detroit 7, Pittsburgh 6
Texas 4, Minnesota 3
Chicago Cubs 4, San Diego 2

Tuesday's Games

Cincinnati vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Texas vs. St. Louis at St. Petersburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Boston at Winter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Atlanta at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. San Diego at Yuma, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Cleveland at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Milwaukee at Chandler, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. California at Palm Springs, Calif., 4:05 p.m.
Los Angeles vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 7:40 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Boston vs. Baltimore at St. Petersburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Montreal (ss) vs. Atlanta at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Cincinnati at Plant City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Houston at Kissimmee, 1:05 p.m.
Montreal (ss) vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla., 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco (ss) vs. San Diego at Yuma, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Cleveland at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Seattle (ss) vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Texas at Port Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

Westerners claim 4th at Huntsville tourney

HUNTSVILLE — The Western Texas College golf team slipped from its front-running position into fourth place following the final round of the 36-hole Elkins Lake Invitational Golf Tournament Saturday in what coach Milton Ham called his team's "worst round this season."

"It's not that we played bad," said Ham. "We just didn't play as well as we did in the first round. We had a taste of that rarified air on top, and to tell you the truth, we just choked."

"We still played good," he reiterated. "We just have to learn to deal with the pressure."

The Westerners led after one round with a 294 tally. They slid to a 313 on Saturday for a 607 total, trailing champion Sam Houston State's 595; a 597 from Southeast Louisiana; and Pan American University's 598.

Sophomore Mark Wood paced the WTC attack with his 72-75--147, that was good enough for second medalist at the tourney.

Other WTC scores included a 151 on rounds of 74 and 77 by Jon Roseberry; Mike Torres' 71-80--151; a 79-81--160 from Ryan Teague, and Greg Slicker's 77-85--162.

The Westerners' next outing is slated for March 30-31 at the Wildflower Invitational Tournament in Temple.

Elkins Lake Invitational
Huntsville

Team totals: Sam Houston State University 595; Southeast Louisiana 597; Pan American University 598; Western Texas College.

WTC scores: Mark Wood 72-75--147; Mike Torres 71-80--151; Jon Roseberry 74-77--151; Ryan Teague 79-81--160; Greg Slicker 77-85--162.

Brownfield entertains Tigers in non-loop tilt

The Snyder Tigers begin a three-game road trip today with a non-district baseball game at Brownfield.

The Tigers have built a 10-4 record thus far, including a 2-2 performance at the Snyder Tournament last weekend.

The SHS diamond crew knocked off Merkel, 18-2, to open the event, then lost back-to-back contests to West, 5-1, and Big Spring, before getting back on the winning track with a 6-5 win over Levelland.

Also included in the road games are trips to Abilene Wylie Saturday, and Kermit, Tuesday, March 31 to wind up the non-district slate.

District 2-4A competition begins Friday, April 3 when the Tigers entertain Frenship.

Today's battle against the Cubs will see SHS senior David Patrick (2-2) take the hill for Snyder.

Patrick's last outing was a 3-2 five-hit loss to Big Spring at the SHS tourney.

The Tigers' offense will be led by senior shortstop Mark King, who carries a .395 batting average and one homer into tonight's tilt. Junior third baseman Raymond House brings a .340 average and is perfect in 20 steal attempts on the season.

Also above the magic .300 mark for Snyder are Brad Hart at .390, Wacey Parks at .375; Jason Rios at .318; and Bryan Crawford at .313.

As a team, the Tigers are hitting at a .291 clip.

Brownfield, 7-5, lost to eventual fourth-place West, 6-4,in the first round of the Snyder Tournament, before rebounding for a 7-6 victory over Merkel in a second-round contest.

Game time at BHS is 5:30 p.m.

NIT glance

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Second Round
Monday, March 23

Purdue 67, Texas Christian 51
Notre Dame 64, Kansas State 47
Virginia 77, Tennessee 52
Manhattan 62, Rutgers 61
Florida 77, Pittsburgh 74
New Mexico 79, Washington State 71

Tuesday, March 24

Rhode Island (21-9) at Boston College (17-13), 8 p.m.
Utah (21-10) at Arizona State (19-13), 10 p.m.

Quarterfinals
Wednesday, March 25

Manhattan (25-8) at Notre Dame (16-14), 7:30 p.m.
Florida (18-12) vs. Purdue (18-14) at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25 or Thursday, March 26

Virginia (17-13) vs. TBA, at campus sites
New Mexico (20-12) vs. TBA, at campus sites.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	42	25	.627	—
Boston	39	30	.565	4
New Jersey	31	37	.456	11½
Miami	31	38	.449	12
Philadelphia	31	38	.449	12
Washington	22	47	.319	21
Orlando	17	51	.250	25½
Central Division				
x-Chicago	56	13	.812	—
x-Cleveland	45	21	.682	9½
Detroit	41	28	.594	15
Indiana	34	36	.486	22½
Atlanta	33	36	.478	23
Milwaukee	30	37	.448	25
Charlotte	27	40	.403	28
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	45	23	.662	—
San Antonio	42	26	.618	3
Houston	37	32	.536	8½
Denver	23	45	.338	22
Dallas	17	52	.246	28½
Minnesota	11	57	.162	34
Pacific Division				
Portland	48	20	.706	—
Golden State	44	23	.657	3½
Phoenix	44	25	.638	4½
Seattle	38	31	.551	10½
LA Clippers	37	32	.536	11½
LA Lakers	35	32	.522	12½
Sacramento	22	47	.319	26½

x-clinched playoff berth.

Monday's Games

New Jersey 123, Charlotte 120
Philadelphia 105, San Antonio 92
Atlanta 126, Golden State 125, OT
Denver 100, Minnesota 95

Tuesday's Games

Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Utah, 8 p.m.
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Soccer tryouts planned in Snyder

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Boys and girls under 11 to under 19 are invited to tryout.

For more information, contact Moffat Tours at (214) 699-3653.

WTC sports fete set for Saturday

The Annual Western Texas College Booster Club All Sports Banquet has been scheduled for Saturday at 7 p.m. at the WTC cafeteria.

Tickets are $6.50 for adults and $3.50 for children under 12.

The meal will be catered by Reta's Barbecue and Cake Shop.

Reservations, which need to be made by Thursday, can be made by calling 573-1444 after 5 p.m.

World Cup picks '94 sites in U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) — By winning baseball's expansion race, Miami and Denver lost out on the 1994 World Cup.

When nine U.S. cities were announced Monday as sites for soccer's premier event, the sites of the National League's newest franchises were missing.

"There's no question our thought processes underwent different thinking after major league baseball made its expansion decisions," said Scott LeTellier, the chief operating officer for World Cup USA 1994.

The Pontiac Silverdome outside Detroit, Foxboro Stadium outside Boston and the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla., were picked, as were Solider Field in Chicago, the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., Stanford Stadium outside San Francisco and RFK Stadium in Washington.

"The decision in the Florida cities was the toughest we had to make," World Cup USA chairman Alan Rothenberg said.

Orlando won out over Joe Robbie Stadium and the Orange Bowl in Miami and Tampa Stadium partly because of the facilities available to tourists in the Disney World area.

Each site will get four first-round games and eight of the nine are likely to get second-round games, according to LeTellier.

Olajuwan accused of faking injury

HOUSTON (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon insists he has a hamstring injury that's keeping him out of his Houston Rockets uniform.

"I can't even run on it, you can't put pressure on it, you just have to let nature take it's course," Olajuwon said.

Rockets owner Charlie Thomas decided he couldn't wait on Mother Nature Monday and placed Olajuwon on indefinite suspension without pay that will cost the six-time NBA all-star $46,900 beginning with tonight's game at Seattle.

The Rockets say Olajuwon has been given medical clearance to play and suggested Olajuwon was faking an injury as a ploy to get his contract renegotiated.

"He says he can't play, therefore he's suspended," Rockets general manager Steve Patterson said. "If he gets out on the court and plays, then the suspension is lifted."

Olajuwon's agent, Leonard Armato, planned to take the next step in the escalating feud by filing a grievance with the NBA Players Association.

"We've agree that we're going to file the grievance," Armato said. "It's like when Saddam went into Kuwait, they've been lobbing in those scud missiles and we've been trying to duck. Now we have to respond."

Patterson said the Rockets had to rely on their medical advice.

"We're in a situation where we have to rely on what the doctors say and Hakeem's pattern of all the time wanting to renegotiate," Patterson said. "I think we can leave the facts out there for people to draw their own conclusions."

Olajuwon said the ordeal has left him wondering if he wants to be a Rocket any longer.

"I don't really know to tell you the truth," he said. "They've attempted to ruin my reputation and blame me. I think there's something more than what we've seen. Their action is very radical.

"They are saying I'm making demands. That's not true. This has been going on for 21/2 years. It's nothing new."

Giovanine seeks Rice coaching job

HOUSTON (AP) — Grey Giovanine wants to help Rice athletic director Bobby May find a new basketball coach to replace Scott Thompson.

Thompson resigned Monday to become head coach at Wichita State and Giovanine, Thompson's top assistant the past five years, says he's ready to keep the program moving forward.

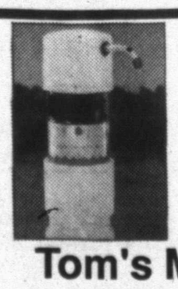
"If the right guy comes into place and keeps the continuity, they've just stratched the surface of what's been done at Rice," Giovanine said.

Can you be that person?

"Absolutely, without question," he said. "If you like what's transpired over the past five years, you've got to look within and realize that one of the driving forces in making this happen was myself."

Giovanine said it would not take him long to apply for Thompson's job.

"That will take place immediately," Giovanine said. "Every indication I've gotten is that I'll be a strong candidate. I can only repeat, if they like the way it's been going, it only makes sense to go with a guy who helped it."


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Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Michael Taylor, Resident Engineer, Snyder, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Division of Construction and Contract Administration, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
DISTRICT 8A
February 27, 1992
CASE NO. 109,438
NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code and pursuant to Article 6252-13a, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on APRIL 16, 1992 at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the Administrative Procedure and Texas Register Act, TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. art. 6252-13a (Vernon Supp. 1991). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

The Commission will consider the application of Lakewood Exploration for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative Code §3.37 (Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37) to drill Well No. 2, White Buffalo Lease, 80 acres, Section 175, Block 97, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Diamond "M" (Canyon Area) Field, Scurry County, being 6.7 miles southwest from Snyder, Texas.

The location of this well is as follows: 480' from north line and 330' from east line of lease and survey.

This well is to be completed at an approximate depth of 6900 feet. If a continuation is necessary, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission may enter such rules and orders as in its judgment the evidence may justify, including placement of the proposed well at a different location from that requested by applicant, and the establishment of the amount of acreage on the applicant's tract that can reasonably be considered to be productive of hydrocarbons for the purpose of assigning an allowable.

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Does Brown have power to remain in election?

By Walter R. Mears
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — For a political rebel with a cause to argue or a message to send, the presidential primaries are prime time — a platform Jerry Brown is not going to relinquish just because he's losing.

AP analysis

That's the difference between Brown and the three challengers who already have yielded the field, effectively conceding the Democratic nomination to Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton.

With his strident, low-overhead strategy, Brown can and almost surely will campaign against Clinton all spring, picking targets on the way West to the June 2 presidential primary in California.

The former California governor knows the role. He's played it before.

Brown insists he still can win the nomination away from Clinton, a judgment not widely shared. Campaigning for today's Connecticut presidential primary, Brown called Clinton a bluffer and said claims that he has a lock on the nomination are only propaganda.

Perhaps, but the numbers are not. With 965.25 delegate commitments, Clinton has 71/2 times as many nominating votes as Brown.

While Clinton has made no victory claim, and is careful to note that he's not quite half way to the delegate majority he needs, the process guarantees him a new crop of commitments every primary, in proportion to his share of the vote.

That share has been 50 percent against a multiple-candidate field so far, and Clinton's share almost certainly will increase now that he's one on one with Brown.

Brown has polled only 13 percent of the vote in the primaries to date, winning once. Tsongas had received 28 percent and had won in five states when he dropped out of the campaign last Thursday for lack of money. His was a traditional campaign, far more costly than the cut-rate challenge Brown is waging.

With his $100 limit on campaign contributions, Brown operates with a staff as sparse as his television budget, campaigns where his chances are best and usually gets there on commercial airline flights, not campaign-chartered jets.

Three weeks ago he was in danger of losing his lease on federal campaign subsidies, matching funds that are vital in his low-budget operation, because of his single-digit showings in the initial primaries. His Colorado primary victory voided that problem, and now that it's a two-man race, Brown is sure to maintain his entitlement for as long as he runs.

As the only Clinton challenger left, Brown also is guaranteed the exposure to keep advertising his 800 telephone number for campaign contributions.

Brown tries to make a virtue of penury, saying he's the only vehicle for change in a system corrupted by campaign money that gives influence and power to insiders while making average voters into political ghosts.

His attack tactics are not unlike those Patrick Buchanan used before conceding Republican renomination to President Bush while remaining a candidate and saying he wants to get to California, too.

"You know Jerry, he'll say anything," Clinton lamented on Monday, as Brown accused him of "shoddy politics" and recurrent scandals, and said he represents the attitude that led congressmen to write bad checks.

Judging by Brown's prior performance, the attack won't be easing any time soon.

Brown was a late challenger for the 1976 Democratic nomination. He was governor of California but then, as now, he cast himself as the different Democrat. By the time he got into the race in mid-March, Jimmy Carter was the front-runner, but it was still a five-way contest.

As governor, he'd shunned the mansion and the limousine, saying he shouldn't be living better than the people who elected him.

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Nuclear reactor releases radioactive gas

MOSCOW (AP) — Radioactive gas escaped into the atmosphere today from a nuclear power plant outside St. Petersburg. The reactor was reported shut down and authorities said there was no danger to the public.

The leak at the plant 50 miles from Russia's second-largest city occurred at 2:37 a.m. when a sudden drop in pressure caused radioactive gases and iodine to escape into the hall of reactor No. 3 at the Leningradskaya nuclear plant, the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

The gases were subsequently released through filters into the atmosphere.

Soviet reactors lack containment structures, which are mandatory in the United States, and Western experts had recently urged that the Leningradskaya plant be closed for safety reasons.

Officials did not say how much radiation was released, but Finnish officials said they did not detect increased levels at monitoring stations less than 120 miles from the station.

The Chernobyl-style RBMK reactor was shut down after the gases escaped from graphite tubing in the hall of the reactor, one of four at the Leningradskaya plant, ITAR-Tass said.

Yelena Miryushenko, spokeswoman for Russia's Ministry of Atomic Energy, said there was no danger to the public because the filters rendered the gases harmless.

She said the leak was a "third-class incident" on the seven-point international scale. The 1986 Chernobyl disaster rated seven, Miryushenko said.

Tilton compares his letters to Bible

DALLAS (AP) — Controversial televangelist Robert Tilton has blamed evil and traditional religion for his recent legal problems.

"It's faith on trial," he told his congregation Sunday. "It's spiritual wickedness in high places.

"If you want to get right down to the persecution this church is having, the root of it is religion," he said. "They are using the government to do their dirty work. That will be proven on Judgment Day."

The flamboyant minister faces two $40 million lawsuits from widows who continued receiving cure-promising letters months after their husbands died.

Tilton likened his ministry's thousands of form letters to the Bible.

"Some people could call this a form book," Tilton said, holding up his Bible during a sermon Sunday at the Word of Faith Outreach Center Church.

"Some people could call (Apostle) Paul's letters form letters ... or you could take this book instead of being a word to someone else, it can become a word to you," he said. "There have been billions of Bibles printed, think about it."

Two Oklahoma widows are suing Tilton, whose ministry is based in the Dallas suburb of Farmers Branch. The women say they received letters soliciting donations and assuring them their husbands would recover, months after the men had died.

But Tilton answered his critics by saying the letters are written in a personal spirit, and should be interpreted personally.

"When I write you a letter, I'm writing hundreds of thousands of people, but at the same time I'm writing you," he said. "And those that read it and see the Scriptures inside of it, even though they know it was sent to a lot of people ... they chose from their will to let that form letter become a personal letter from God."

He has said he meant no harm to the widows.

Word of Faith is being investigated by the Texas attorney general on questions of whether the church has maintained its nonprofit corporate charter.

The Dallas Central Appraisal District is reviewing Tilton's tax exempt status on some property.

Tilton also is being investigated by the FBI, the IRS and the U.S. Postal Service.

Much of the controversy about Tilton erupted in November after a broadcast about his ministry on the ABC television show "Prime Time Live." The report showed unanswered prayer requests dumped in an Oklahoma trash bin.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	78	765/8	763/4	-1 1/4
Albtsn	441/4	437/8	44	+1/4
AlliedSignal	533/8	523/4	531/8	+1/8
ALLTEL Cp	395/8	391/2	395/8	+1/8
AmStor s	33	325/8	325/8	+1/8
Amer T&T	401/2	403/8	403/8	-1/8
Ameritech	59	585/8	583/4	+1/4
Amoco	443/8	441/8	443/8	+1/8
AndarkPtr	205/8	201/2	205/8	
Arkla	91/2	91/4	93/8	
ArmcoInc	57/8	53/4	53/4	-1/8
AtlRichfld	1001/8	995/8	100	+1/4
BakerHugh	171/2	163/4	173/8	+1/8
BancTexas	21/2	21/4	23/8	+1/8
BellAtl	423/8	42	421/4	
BellSouth	445/8	443/8	441/2	+1/8
Beth Steel	151/2	151/8	153/8	+1/8
Borden	321/4	321/8	321/8	-1/8
Caterpllr	495/8	491/4	491/4	-1/4
Centel	421/8	413/4	42	
CenSoWst s	253/4	251/2	253/4	+3/8
Chevron	643/8	633/8	641/4	+1/4
Chrysler	18	173/4	173/4	-1/8
Coastal	23	227/8	23	+1/8
CocaCola	821/4	817/8	82	+1/4
ColgateP s	487/8	481/4	483/4	+3/4
ComlMetl	231/4	23	23	-1/4
Cooperln	561/4	553/4	553/4	-5/8
CyprusMn	211/2	211/4	211/4	
DallSemicn	87/8	83/4	87/8	
DeltaAirl	661/8	651/2	651/2	-3/4
DigitalEq	581/4	571/8	58	+1 1/4
Dillard	1297/8	1293/8	1293/4	+3/8
DowChem	617/8	611/4	613/4	-1/8
DresserInd	20	193/4	20	+1/4
DuPont	475/8	47	471/2	+5/8
EstKodak	405/8	401/4	403/8	-1/8
EljerInd	95/8	91/2	91/2	-1/8
Enserch	133/8	131/4	131/4	
Exxon	551/2	55	553/8	+1/8
FtCtyBcp	13/4	15/8	15/8	-1/4
FlowerInd	153/4	151/2	155/8	
FordMotor	401/8	397/8	397/8	-1/8
GTE Cp	305/8	303/8	301/2	
GnDynam	645/8	631/2	641/2	+7/8
GenElct	781/2	781/8	783/8	+1/4
GnMill	673/8	66	671/4	+1 1/8
GenMotors	387/8	381/4	383/8	-1/4
GenMotrE s	293/4	291/2	295/8	
GaPacif	681/2	681/8	681/2	+1/8
GlobMar	15/8	11/2	11/2	-1/8
Goodrich	517/8	511/8	513/4	+7/8
Goodyear	691/8	681/4	681/2	-1/2
GtAtlPac	33	325/8	325/8	-3/8
Gulf StaUt	121/4	121/8	121/8	-1/8
Haliburtn	241/4	231/2	237/8	-3/8
Hanson	191/4	19	191/8	+1/8
HoustInd	421/4	421/8	421/8	
IBM	86	851/4	853/8	-1/4
IntlPaper	777/8	771/2	775/8	+1/4
JohnsJhn	957/8	951/8	953/4	+1 1/8
K mart	547/8	543/8	545/8	+1
Kroger	177/8	173/4	177/8	
vjLTV Cp	13-16	3/4	3/4	
Litton Ind	971/2	971/8	971/8	
vjLoneStar	43/8	43/8	43/8	-1/8
Lowes	401/8	393/4	397/8	-1/8
Lubys	171/8	167/8	167/8	
Maxus	7	63/4	63/4	-1/8
MayDSt	585/8	573/4	58	-5/8
Medtrn s	763/8	74	761/8	+27/8
Mobil	597/8	593/8	593/4	
Monsan	681/8	671/4	673/8	-1/2
Motorola	781/2	78	78	+1/4
Nationbk	461/4	457/8	461/4	+3/8
Navistar	35/8	31/2	31/2	
Nynex	725/8	721/4	721/2	+1/2
OryxEngy	181/2	18	181/2	+1/4
PacTelesis	391/8	387/8	39	+1/8
PanhECp	143/4	145/8	145/8	-1/8
PenneyJC	661/2	657/8	661/8	+1/4
PepBoys	211/2	211/8	213/8	+3/8
Phelps Dod	851/2	85	851/4	+1/2
PhilipPet	233/4	231/2	235/8	
PilgrmPrd	65/8	63/8	61/2	
Polaroid s	293/4	291/2	291/2	-1/8
Primerica	397/8	391/4	397/8	+5/8
ProctGamb	101	1001/4	101	+1
PubS NwMx	115/8	111/2	111/2	
SFePacCp	123/8	12	121/8	-1/4
SaraLee	521/2	517/8	521/2	+3/4
SearsRoeb	465/8	461/4	461/4	-1/4
Shrwin s	29	283/8	283/8	-1/4
SmthBchm	741/4	74	741/8	+1/8
SmthBch eq n	673/8	665/8	665/8	
Southern Co	315/8	311/4	311/4	-1/4
SwstAirl	38	371/4	371/4	-5/8
SwstBell	587/8	583/8	581/2	-1/8
Sprint	225/8	223/8	221/2	
SterlingChm	5	41/2	43/4	+5/8
SunCo	281/2	281/8	281/4	-1/8
TNP Ent	193/8	191/4	191/4	
Tandy	301/8	293/4	301/8	+1/4
TemplInl	57	553/4	57	+1 1/4
Tenneco	391/4	385/8	387/8	-1/8
Texaco	571/4	567/8	567/8	-3/8
TexasInd	211/4	21	21	-1/8
TexasInst	35	341/4	35	+7/8
Tex Util	381/4	381/8	381/8	-1/8
Textron	375/8	371/4	373/8	-1/8
Tyler	53/4	51/2	55/8	+1/8
USWst	34	333/4	337/8	
USXMar n	211/8	207/8	207/8	-1/4
USX-USS n	26	253/4	253/4	-3/8
UnCarbde	251/4	25	251/8	-1/8
UnPac s	487/8	483/8	487/8	+1/8
UnitTech	541/8	527/8	531/8	-3/4
Unocal	215/8	213/8	211/2	
WalMt	531/4	527/8	531/8	+1/2
WestghEl	197/8	195/8	195/8	
Woolwth	307/8	301/2	301/2	-3/8
Xerox Cp	78	771/4	773/8	
ZenithE	91/2	93/8	91/2	

Drug smuggling case has 2 more plead guilty

DALLAS (AP) — Two people have pleaded guilty to plotting a $50 million cocaine smuggling attempt, but there were others involved in the scheme which resulted in the fall of Presidio County's sheriff of 18 years.

Former Sheriff Rick Thompson said in his plea agreement that he became involved in the smuggling case with co-defendant, Glyn Robert Chambers, and "other persons to the grand jury unknown."

The plea bargain was opened to the public Monday in Pecos, despite the fact that Thompson wanted his bargain with the government to stay secret. So did prosecutors, who are likely searching for the other participants.

But The Dallas Morning News sued to have the case opened, and U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer agreed.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom Beery of Midland declined to comment on the case Monday.

The case was sealed last month after Thompson pleaded guilty to conspiracy. He admitted to plotting to import a 2,400 pound load of cocaine that was found in a horse trailer at the Presidio County fairgrounds in Marfa. The cocaine was intended for Houston or San Antonio.

Now, Thompson will cooperate with the government and three of four charges against him are dropped.

Also, the government agreed not to prosecute the former sheriff for any past narcotics or gun violations or for any lies he may have told the Western District grand jury.

The U.S. Attorney is recommending that Thompson's sentence be reduced to the minimum for making the plea, and he should pay no fine. The charge normally carries a sentence between 10 years to life in prison and a maximum $4 million fine. His sentencing is set for May 8.

Births

Jose and Estela DePaz announce the birth of their baby boy born at 2:02 p.m. on March 21 at Snyder Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds and 9¼ ounces.

Danny and Mary Holsted of Gilmer announce the birth of their six-pound, 10-ounce baby boy born at 2:27 a.m. on March 22 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Tommy Baker, 2105 26th; Estela DePaz, 3118 Ave. T; Mary Holsted, Gilmer.

DISMISSALS: Rusty Josey, Ruth Roe.

Census: 45 (Med.-9, Long-Term Care-31, OB-3, Nursery-2)

Feds seize nearly 39,000 cans of cat food that was labeled as food for humans

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Federal agents have seized 38,640 cans of cat food that had been labeled tuna for human consumption.

The 61/2-ounce cans, confiscated Monday from a Teterboro warehouse, were labeled Ocean King Chunk Light Tuna in Water but instead contained decomposed tuna fit only for sale as pet food, the Food and Drug Administration said.

Some of the cans were sold, the FDA said. The agency said all canned foods are sterilized during processing, so it isn't dangerous. "But who wants to eat decomposed cat food?" asked Lillian Aveta, an FDA compliance monitor.

M. Chu, president of Ocean King in New York City, did not immediately returns calls Monday.

The cans belonged originally to a lot of 25 million to 50 million cans produced in 1985 at a cannery in St. Andrews, Canada, the FDA said. The Canadian government closed the cannery because of unsanitary conditions.

The tuna was supposed to be labeled 7th Heaven cat food in the United States.

"But at some point, some cans were relabeled as tuna," Aveta said. "We don't know yet how many, or when or by whom."

Some tuna labels were pasted on top of the cat food labels. The decomposed tuna that was distributed was labeled under four brands — Ocean King, IGA, Blue Bay and National, the FDA said.

The investigation was prompted in July by complaints in Minnesota, including one from Darlene La Musga of St. Paul, who opened a can and took a bite.

"I went to pull off the label and I saw there was another label underneath," she said. "It said.... 7th Heaven cat food. It gagged me and I threw up in the wastebasket."

The affected cans carry a two-line product code; the fourth character on the first line is a "v" and the second character on the second line is a "t."

New ethics law reveals legislator-lobbyist deals

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislators and lobbyists may share more than meals, entertainment or even vacations. Sometimes, they become partners in business ventures.

For the first time, the state's new ethics law requires legislators to disclose business dealings with lobbyists. Lawmakers who are lawyers also must reveal the fees they receive in broad categories for practicing before state agencies.

The reports, for business conducted in 1991, underscore a debate between part-time legislators trying to make a living and government watchdogs looking for conflicts of interest.

"You must either be super rich or you get in the real world and make a living," Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, told the Austin American-Statesman. "We'd be far better off with a full-time Legislature and prohibit any outside employment."

Legislators are paid $7,200 a year, plus $85 a day when in Austin for legislative sessions and, with limits, for legislative business between sessions.

According to a report by the American-Statesman, the business ventures between legislators and lobbyists run the gamut:

— Rep. Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, is a House speaker candidate and was a co-author of last year's ethics legislation. He owns a 300-acre farm and vineyard in West Texas with three business lobbyists — Galt Graydon, Barry Miller and Bradley Bryan. All said the venture does not affect their political relationship.

— Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, has invested in land and several oil and gas ventures with former legislators who now are full-time lobbyists: former Sen. Ed Howard and former Reps. Hilary Doran and Nub Donaldson. Craddick said the investments were made when the three were in the Legislature.

The newspaper also reported that Austin lobbyist Kraege Polan got a loan on his house from Craddick. "I got better financing with him than I could through a bank," said Polan, who also said that Craddick deals with legislative issues on merit.

Craddick calls the loan simply an investment, which Polan paid off in January.

On another front, several lawyers in the Legislature reported receiving hefty fees to appear before state agencies for their clients, the newspaper reported. Among them are:

— Sen. Bob Glasgow, D-Stephenville, a co-author of ethics legislation. In the broad categories on the disclosure forms, Glasgow reported making $45,000 to $105,000 in 10 cases before state agencies. Most involved commercial dairies with cases pending at the state air and water boards, the newspaper reported.

Glasgow said the dairies were longtime clients dealing with new regulations, and that he saw nothing wrong in representing them.

— Parker, who disclosed fees in excess of $25,000 from Legal Security Life Insurance, a financially struggling firm brought under the supervision of the State Board of Insurance. He reported a second $25,000-plus fee from Oscar Wyatt's Coastal Corp., a natural gas supplier, because that firm employs lobbyists. Parker said the case he worked on did not involve a state agency.

— Rep. David Cain, a Democratic speaker candidate from Dallas, and Sen. Ted Lyon, D-Rockwall, reported income from several workers' compensation cases. Cain reported making $45,000 to $205,000 in 1991. Lyon reported making $70,000 to $215,000 from those cases last year.

Lyon said he does not appear in contested cases before state agencies, and that another lawyer in his firm represented the people in the cases in question.

— State Rep. Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and a speaker candidate. He reported making as much as $30,000 representing various clients from near his West Texas district.

"If I was an Austin representative and practiced in front of one or two agencies, that would be a conflict," Rudd said. "In a small-town practice, a client has a problem with the state once every 10 years."

— Sen. Don Henderson, R-Houston, who reported receiving $25,000 for practicing in front of a state agency. Henderson said that at the request of lawyers for Houston and Harris County, he joined the fight against a proposed waste dump before the Texas Water Commission and got a legislative postponement of the case. He said a lawsuit then was filed against him and his client.

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Obituaries

Eula Mae Montis

1911-1992

Services have been set for 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Eula Mae Montis, 80, of Snyder. Burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens. Tom Holcomb, minister at East Side Church of Christ, will officiate.

She died today at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock.

Born Oct. 8, 1911, Ms. Montis had lived in Snyder since 1966. She was a retired insurance clerk and a member of East Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include several cousins, Merle Springfield of Weatherford, Lillis Jones of Big Spring, Virginia Bell Smith of Fort Worth, Alma Rogers of San Antonio, and Neva Crowder of Dallas.

Ruby Benson

1901-1992

OLNEY — Graveside services have been set for 10 a.m. Wednesday at the old Olney Cemetery for Mrs. Ruby Benson, 91, who died Sunday night at the Doctor's Hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. Benson, born Feb. 17, 1901, was the youngest daughter of a Scurry County pioneer family, Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Dowdy. Her father, Jesse, was a member of the Texas Rangers from 1916 until 1920 and served two terms as county commissioner for Scurry County. He helped organize the first Church of Christ in Fluvanna.

Mrs. Benson was born in a half dugout at Light, which was approximately one mile southeast of Fluvanna. She owned and operated Ruby's Drug and Food Store at Fluvanna for many years. Mrs. Benson was a member of the Fluvanna Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Horace Benson and one grandson, Kelly Ray Benson.

She is survived by one son, H.H. Benson Jr. of Dallas; two granddaughters, Gail Lancaster of Longview and Denise Topliff of Terrell; two grandsons, Benny Benson of New Orleans, La., and Kyle Benson of Longview; two nieces, Izora Milliken and Ann Martin, both of Snyder; and one nephew, Royce Patterson, also of Snyder.

Police note one arrest; four mishaps

Snyder police made one arrest early today and worked four traffic accidents Monday.

Officers arrested a 20-year-old man in the 3400 block of College Avenue at 12:11 a.m. today on an Abilene DPS warrant for failure to use a seat belt.

At 12:55 a.m., employees of Cogdell Memorial Hospital requested an officer in reference to a three-year-old girl who had possibly been molested. The mother of the child told officers the incident had occurred in another city. She was advised of the proper steps to take.

Monday's traffic accidents resulted in one woman being taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room for treatment.

Margaret Linville, 73, of 218 36th St., was brought to the emergency room by priviate vehicle at 1:20 p.m. where she was treated for contusions and abrasions to the left side of her neck and released.

She was the driver of a 1988 Chevrolet which collided with a 1986 Mercury driven by Millie Tutor of 2012 Peyton. The wreck occurred at 12:55 p.m. in the 400 block of College Avenue.

Another two-vehicle wreck took place at 11:19 a.m. in the 2200 block of 26th Street. Involved were a 1980 Ford driven by Augustus Bogard of 3004 38th St. and a 1989 Ford pickup driven by Ophelia Blackard of 2209 30th St. The 1980 Ford was towed.

Officers worked a third accident at 3:47 p.m. in the 3400 block of College Avenue. Vehicles involved were a 1967 Ford driven by Curtis Dean Sharp of 117 34th St. and a 1985 Oldsmobile driven by Silvin Ennis Floyd of 2508 31st St.

At 5:07 p.m., officers worked a fourth traffic accident in the 1800 block of Cogdell Boulevard. Involved were a 1989 Chevrolet driven by Kimberly Rollins of 2300 Ave. I and a 1982 Ford driven by Dennis Ray Beck of Box 472 Hermleigh.

Police also responded to three domestic disputes and three complaints involving juveniles Monday.

High-level trade talks resuming

WASHINGTON (AP) — A key Capitol Hill lawmaker says he can't predict whether a North American Free Trade Agreement will be presented to Congress this year, in light of the contradictory messages coming from the Bush administration.

"That's the administration's call," said Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, which oversees trade issues.

"I don't have a feel for the prospects on timing and we're getting a lot of contradictory comments out of various administration officials as to when they hope to wrap this thing up," he said Monday.

A spokesman for U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills said Monday a pact could be presented to Congress this year — a clear departure from comments made earlier by some senior administration officials.

"There's still a chance for an agreement this year and for one to be presented (to Congress) this year," said Timothy O'Leary, a spokesman for Ms. Hills.

Last week, The New York Times and Washington Post quoted senior administration officials as saying that the White House almost certainly would not seek congressional ratification of the pact this year.

"My understanding has been all along they were still going to try to move forward this year and maybe even make a presentation this year to Congress but they would not expect action by Congress before 1993," said Rep. Ron Coleman, D-El Paso, chairman of the Congressional Border Caucus.

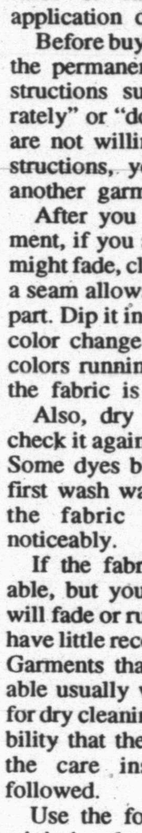
Larry Neal, a spokesman for Sen. Phil Gramm, said the Texas Republican "believes the possibility of passage (this year) is remote."

Although President Bush remains firmly committed to a trade agreement — and several confidants feel it could be an election-year bonus in key states including Texas and California — the complexity of the talks make a deal unlikely this year, the unidentified sources told the Times and the Post.

Some contend election-year politics may also play a role in delaying completion of a pact, which was a hot issue in several Midwest presidential primaries.

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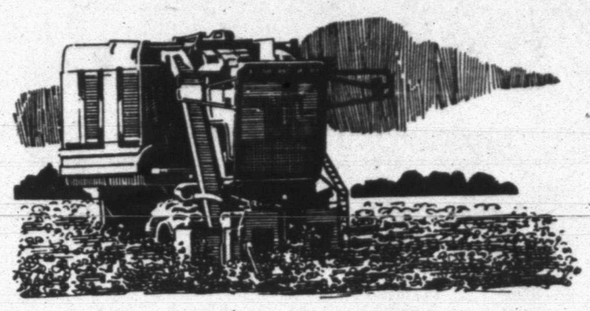
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Scurry County Country





Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Color loss ranks as a leading cause of damaged garments. Color damage may result from not following care label instructions, incorrect laundering procedures, incorrect labeling by the manufacturer or faulty dyes or dye application during manufacture.

Before buying a garment, check the permanent care label for instructions such as "wash separately" or "do not bleach." If you are not willing to follow the instructions, you should look for another garment.

After you have bought a garment, if you are concerned that it might fade, clip a small piece from a seam allowance or other hidden part. Dip it in water and watch for color change in the water or for colors running into each other if the fabric is a print.

Also, dry the test fabric and check it against the original color. Some dyes bleed excess into the first wash water but the color of the fabric does not change noticeably.

If the fabric is labeled washable, but your test shows that it will fade or run unacceptably, you have little recourse but to return it. Garments that are labeled washable usually will not be accepted for dry cleaning because of the liability that the cleaner assumes if the care instructions are not followed.

Use the following pointers to minimize the possibility of color damage during laundering.

•Sort laundry into loads of similar color and degree of soil to allow the gentlest procedures appropriate for each load.

•Always wash nylon fabrics with like colors. Nylon is a color scavenger, readily absorbing any dyes released during laundering.

•Launder garments before they are badly soiled and need soaking. Soaking is hard on many dyes and may cause them to bleed or run.

•Follow instructions about using bleach. Oxygen bleach or all-fabric bleach is safe for most colors but chlorine bleach may lighten or remove color. Some garments cannot tolerate any bleach.

•Use warm or cool water for washing. Hot water is harsher on dyes and may cause damage.

•Test any laundry products such as stain removers and disinfectants on a hidden area of each garment. Some dyes are sensitive to these products.

•Always launder all pieces of an outfit together. Then, if minor color changes do occur, they will be even in shade.

•Wash items that fade with garments of similar color. Some fabric dyes such as true Madras and indigo-dyed denim are designed to fade in each laundering.

•Remove garments from the washer as soon as it finishes the cycle. Damp garments left in the washer may bleed dye onto each other, causing streaks and spots.

•Be sure to follow the care instructions for drying as well as for washing. Line drying may cause colors to bleed down a garment.

Area calendar

March

24 WTC & Upper Colorado SWCD Land and Livestock Judging Contest
30 West Texas Association of Conservation Districts meeting, WTC campus
31 Pesticide certification course, WTC campus

Loan applications accepted at FmHA

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by hail, high winds, and early freeze are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) office located in Rotan, FmHA County Supervisor Cradduck, said.

Scurry, Fisher and Kent counties were recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the disasters.

Cradduck said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or $500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 4.5 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan. Farmers participating in Crop Insurance and ASCS programs will have to figure in proceeds from these programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Nov. 2. The FmHA office in Rotan is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



SCS Notes

By Mark McDaniel,
Soil Conservation Technician

Mesquite is a major problem in our area and it is getting close to the time of year for several types of control methods.

One of the most cost effective methods is the application of herbicides. Herbicides give you flexibility to suit your specific situation as well as the severity of your brush infestation. Servere infestations are usually treated with broadcast application, which may include aerial applications by both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. Ground broadcast applications may be delivered by vehicles equipped with cluster spray nozzles or spray booms.

Spraying should be done not earlier than 40 days or later than 90 days after the first leaves appear on the mesquite in the spring. The chemical must be applied during the time mesquite has normal foliage and when moisture has been sufficient to promote normal growth for not less than 30 days prior to application. The dates should be varied depending on growth conditions. Mesquite foliage should be a dark green color before spraying. After defoliation by insects, hail or other causes, mesquite should not be sprayed until foliage is normal. Soil temperature should be at 70 degrees or above at 12 to 18 inches deep before spraying begins.

Two chemicals that have proved to be very effective in the control of mesquite are triclopyr and clopyralid. Triclopyr controls tough problem species from mesquite to small post and blackjack oak sprouts and mixed brush. Clopyralid is for mesquite only and controls both top growth and the root system without harming valuable grasses or desirable trees such as live oaks.

If you have any questions about mesquite control, call the Soil Conservation Service at 573-6317.

All information given herein is for educational purposes only. Education programs conducted by the ASCS, SCS and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Waste pesticide plan said a major success

Farmers and ranchers in the Texas South Plains and nearby West Texas counties set the pace during Texas' second waste pesticide collection progam.

Producers who lined up March 5 at the O'Donnell Co-Op Gin turned in some 80 tons of the 197 tons of agricultural waste pesticides collected at four sites across the state.

The Texas Water Commission, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Department of Agriculture sponsored the four collection days in Edna, Elsa, Munday and O'Donnell. More than 270 private pesticides applicators, representing approximately 800 Texas farms and ranches, took part in the free, no-questions-asked collection effort.

About 10,000 clean, properly rinsed metal and plastic pesticide containers also were turned in at the four sites. Collected by the state's contractor, SCT Environmental, Inc., they will be used exlucsively for the manufacture of recycled pesticide containers, TWC said.

At O'Donnell, producers began lining up at the gin yard well before the 8 a.m. starting time. The line was terminated at 3 p.m. and unloading of trucks in line at that time continued until 5:15 p.m.



Diversified

By Mike Morrow,
Extension Agent

A private applicator recertification training/testing will be held Tuesday, March 31, in the Christian Student Center on the Western Texas College campus.

Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The training will run until noon. After a lunch break, representatives from the Texas Department of Agriculture will be on hand to administer the test.

This training is for private applicators only. TDA defines private applicators as individuals using restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity.

TDA currently recognizes three different categories of private applicator licenses.

1) Certified Private Applicator (certified before Jan. 10, 1989)
-may use restricted-use pesticides but cannot supervise use of restricted-use pesticides.
-may recertify by obtaining 15 continuing education credits prior to Dec. 31, 1995.

2) Certified Private Applicator (certified between Jan. 10, 1989 and Dec. 31, 1989)
-may use restricted-use pesticides but cannot supervise use of restricted-use pesticides.
—must become a Licensed Private Applicator by Dec. 31, 1994.

3) Licensed Private Applicator (Licensed after Jan. 1, 1990)
-may use restricted-use pesticides
-may supervise use of restricted-use pesticides
-must obtain 15 continuing education credits within the 5-year period after the license was issued.

The training, sponsored by the Scurry County Extension Service, is open to all individuals wishing to become a Licensed Private Applicator. Those interested should contact the Scurry County Extension Office at 2605 Ave. M. or call (915) 573-5423 by Monday, March 30, to register.

Colorado City livestock auction

COLORADO CITY — All heavy classes of cattle were steady and all other were $1-3 higher on 1,012 head at the Colorado City Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 21.

Heifers: 2-400, 100-130; 4-600, 86-100; 6-800, 76-86.

Steers: 2-400, 110-140; 4-600, 98-110; 6-800, 80-98.

Good springer cows: 800-900; older springer cows: 600-725; good cows and calves: 850-1160; older cows and calves: 625-775; good packer cows: 64-70.

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4-Hers participate in livestock shows

Scurry County 4-H members recently participated in major state livestock shows at San Antonio, Houston and San Angelo.

Members exhibiting animal projects at these shows were Chad Beaver, Jackie Beck, Jamie Beck, Marcus Belew, Angie Breuer, Mandy Breuer, Jessica Eicke, Rad Eicke, T'Leah Eicke, Brady Hackfeld and Brandon Hackfeld. Also, Keila Helms, Jeremy House, Raymond House, A'Lise Lloyd, M'Lys Lloyd, Elyse Merritt, John Rasmus, Shawna Stipe, T.C. Stipe, Jill Voss, Tammy Voss and Shannon Walker.

Those placing animals in the premium sales were:

San Antonio Livestock Show

Shannon Walker - 10th place Light Weight Chester White Barrow; Jackie Beck - 8th place Light Weight Medium Wool Lamb; Jamie Beck - 11th place Heavy Weight Medium Wool Lamb; T.C. Stipe - 9th place Light Weight Southdown Lamb; T'Leah Eicke - 5th place Light Weight Hereford Steer; Jessica Eicke - 5th place Middle Weight Hereford Steer.

Houston Livestock Show

Rad Eicke - 14th place Heavy Weight Hereford Steer; M'Lys Lloyd - 6th place Light Weight Santa Gertrudis Steer; Tammy Voss - 18th place Middle Weight Finewool Cross Lamb; Jackie Beck - 25th place Heavy Weight Medium Wool Lamb.

Screwworm outbreak possible

COLLEGE STATION — An unexpected screwworm outbreak in southern Mexico could find its way into Texas, which imports one million head of Mexican cattle each year.

"There's no question that cattle ranches, particularly in South Texas, could be threatened by a big screwworm outbreak," said Dr. Cliff Hoelscher, an entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Hoelscher said that 19 cases have been confirmed since late January across a large area spanning three Mexican states — Campeche, Tabasco, and Chiapas.

"We're greatly concerned because the outbreak is over such a large area and because evidence suggests that at least one sample collected in mid-August was not identified until recently," Hoelscher said. "That means the insect has cycled through several generations."

Even though the outbreak is approximately 900 miles from the Texas border, Hoelscher said, "It's only a short three-to four-day haul on a cattle trailer." Most of the cattle coming in from Mexico are fattened up in feed lots and ranches in South Texas, then shipped back across the border.

Hoelscher said the Texas Animal Health Commission routinely inpsects Mexican cattle at the border and has found no screwworm cases.

He advised Texas ranchers to begin checking their livestock for wounds that might contain blowfly larvae of any type. If worms are found in the wounds, collect about 10 worms in a container of alcohol and send them to a laboratory for positive identification.

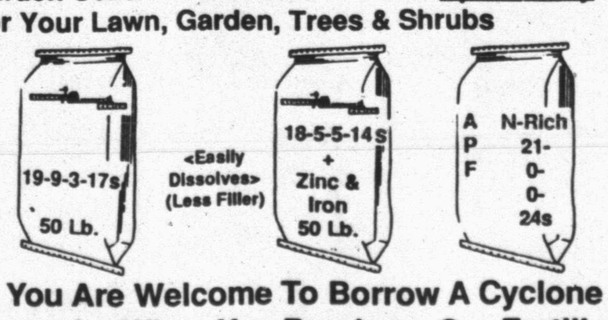
Mailing kits are available from most county extension service agents. All samples, Hoelscher said, should be sent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) Veterinary Services Screwworm Identification Lab, Box 969, Misson, Texas 78572, (512) 580-7360.

"Coopertion from the ranchers is the best way we will be able to learn of any outbreak in Texas," Hoelscher.

The screwwrom had been the scourge of the livestock industry for generations, accounting for $250 million in annual losses in the United States during the 1950s and 1960s.

Mexico had been declared free of screwworms in February 1991 after no cases had been found for six months.

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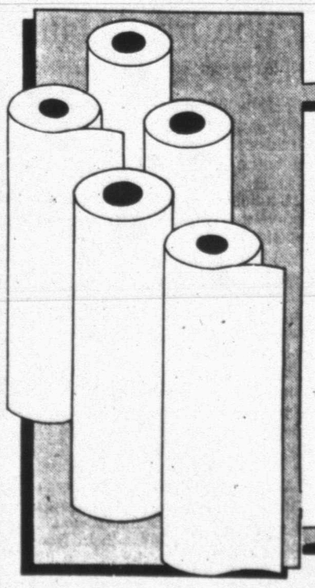
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Clinton took free plane rides

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Bill and Hillary Clinton took 136 free airplane rides from rich friends and corporate giants as he geared up for his Democratic presidential race in the last two years, state records show.

His state financial disclosure records show that Clinton, the five-term Arkansas governor, or his wife thumbed 83 plane rides in 1990 and 53 in 1991.

That type of situation creates the perception that the people who are giving him the planes are a little too cozy with him," said Scott Trotter, head of the Arkansas chapter of Common Cause, a political watchdog group.

Corporations paid for about 60 of the flights and Democratic Party organizations paid for about 23. The rest of the trips were made on planes owned by private citizens or groups, such as universities and think tanks.

The Democratic Leadership Council paid for 15 of the 23 party-related trips, records show. Clinton was chairman of the centrist group until he resigned in August 1991 to run for president.

Some trips were for state business, such as funerals and dedications.

Clinton, the Democratic presidential front-runner, says there's nothing wrong with the trips because he discloses them in financial statements. He says his state cannot afford a plane for the governor's office.

"The state of Arkansas is not politically or economically ready ... to have an airplane even for business trips," he said Sunday. The Washington Post reported Sunday that Clinton flew nine times on planes owned by Tyson Food Inc., a $4 billion poultry company accused of polluting waterways with chicken and cattle waste.

The Arkansas media annually reports on Clinton's trips. The information is public under a 1988 law passed by voters with strong support from Clinton.

"The only reason that you or anybody else knows about those plane rides is that I fought so hard to make sure that all those records were disclosed by everyone," Clinton said. "I don't think there is a conflict there."

Trotter of Common Cause said the state should purchase an airplane for the governor's use.

"That would be preferable to the governor riding on a corporate airplanes," Trotter said.

The state Highway and Transportation Department owns a plane that Clinton used 32 times in the two-year period, records show.

Clinton flew from Aspen, Colo., to Little Rock last year on a plane leased to Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States, Bandar bin Sultan. The plane was owned by Chrysler Corp.

Mike Gauldin, a spokesman for Clinton, said Clinton was in Aspen on June 23 for a Democratic Governors' Association meeting. He and another governor, whom Gauldin would not identify, were introduced to the prince.

When the meeting ended, the ambassador offered them use of his rented plane so they could extend their visit, Gauldin said, adding, "He just wanted to talk to them."

The governor or Mrs. Clinton flew on Wal-Mart Inc. planes 14 times in two years. Mrs. Clinton is a member of the Wal-Mart board, and Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton has donated to Clinton's campaigns.

On 12 occasions, Clinton or his wife used planes paid for by Harold Ives Trucking.

Arkansas native Harry Thomason and his wife, Linda Bloodworth-Thomason, provided their plane twice in 1991. The producers of television shows "Evening Shade" and "Designing Women" leased their plane to the Clinton campaign early this year.

On The Issues

How to handle Iraq's Saddam

Editor'a Note: The Associated Press asks the major presidential candidates a question each weekday about their views on a particular issue and assembles their responses.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are the views of the major presidential candidates on the question: "What steps if any should the government take to topple Saddam Hussein in Iraq?"

DEMOCRATS

—Jerry Brown: A spokesman said Brown has not taken a public stand on the issue.

—Bill Clinton: "I believe we need to continue to take a tough stand with Iraq to ensure that they rectify the human rights of the long-suffering Kurds and to guarantee that they have totally dismantled their chemical and nuclear weapons manufacturing capabilities. And that's why I supported the Gulf War."

REPUBLICANS

—George Bush: President Bush has threatened military action if Saddam does not comply with U.N. orders that Iraq destroy its ballistic missiles and chemical, biological and nuclear weapons potential.

—Patrick Buchanan: "During Desert Storm, America had an opportunity to remove Saddam Hussein from power but did not. Should it be discovered that he has nuclear capabilities in his weapons arsenal, then we must strike to take out those weapons and Saddam Hussein."

Dear Abby

Quick Test Can Alert You To the Risks of Diabetes

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Please help the American Diabetes Association find 7 million Americans who are missing vital medical treatment and who may be at high risk for heart disease, kidney disease, stroke, blindness and amputation.

There are 14 million Americans who have diabetes, and half of them do not know they have the disease. These people need to be reached before they suffer from one of these life-threatening complications.

You can help by running the Diabetes Risk Test in your column during the American Diabetes Alert on March 24, as we urge Americans across the country to "Take the Test, Know the Score." This simple test can help determine if there is a risk for having diabetes, and if a doctor should be contacted.

With your help, we can improve and save lives by enabling people to find out if they have diabetes.

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DEAR DR. SKYLER: Since early intervention can make a critical difference in the quality of life for a person with diabetes, I am printing the Diabetes Risk Test you recommend for my readers:

"Take the Test, Know the Score"

1. I have been experiencing one or more of the following symptoms on a regular basis:

Excessive thirst
Yes 3
Frequent urination
Yes 3
Extreme fatigue
Yes 1
Unexplained weight loss
Yes 3
Blurry vision from time to time Yes 2

2. I am over 30 years of age.
Yes 1

3. I am at least 20 percent over my ideal weight.
Yes 2

4. I am a woman who has had more than one baby weighing more than nine pounds at birth.
Yes 2

5. I am of native American Indian descent.
Yes 1

6. I am of Hispanic or black American descent.
Yes 1

7. I have a parent with diabetes.
Yes 1

8. I have a brother or sister with diabetes.
Yes 2

Now, add up your score. If you scored three to five points, you are probably at low risk for diabetes. If you scored more than five points, you may be at high risk, or even have diabetes. See your doctor, and don't delay.

For more information on diabetes, contact your local American Diabetes Association or send a self-addressed, stamped (29 cents) envelope to The American Diabetes Association National Center, 1660 Duke St., Alexandria, Va. 22314.

And now, an update from a reader who saw the Diabetes Risk Test last year.

DEAR ABBY: You may have saved many lives last year by publishing the Diabetes Risk Test of the American Diabetes Association. You also published my letter about the close call my daughter Jeannette had because of her delay in seeing a doctor about some of the symptoms given on that test.

I'm happy to tell you that Jeannette is managing her diabetes well and plans to use her degree in drama to spread the word about the risks of diabetes and the help which is available to those who have it. Gratefully ...

JOHN B. d'ARMAND,
JUNEAU, ALASKA

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This one's for everybody, from teens to seniors! To purchase Abby's new booklet, "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It," send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Ice cream man to take a break

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Ben & Jerry's ice cream will have to do without Ben for a while.

Ben Cohen took a break from the business this month and doesn't plan to go back until September.

"I've been doing this for 14 years," he said Monday. "I really wanted to see if there's anything to life besides ice cream."

Cohen started Waterbury-based Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc. with Jerry Greenfield in 1978. Cohen is chief executive and chairman. Last year Ben & Jerry's earned $3.7 million on sales of $97 million, both company records.

Dynagen officials are fighting to keep plant open in Odessa

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Odessa Mayor Lorraine Perryman says the domino effect of the troubled Dynagen Inc. rubber plant closing would prove far more costly than the loss of the plant's 250 jobs.

"The domino effect is the real crisis here," Mrs. Perryman said Monday. "We have plastics manufacturers and dozens of others that provide goods and services that would be completely wiped out. It would have a major impact here and probably statewide."

General Tire Inc., Dynagen's Akron, Ohio,-based parent, released a study Monday that shows the plant, which produces synthetic-based rubber, should be closed to save money.

The Dynagen plant is the most penalized under the Texas Clean Air Act.

But Edward Kalail, General Tire's director of corporate communication, said support shown by local leaders to preserve Dynagen's 250 jobs has postponed a decision about the plant's future.

"The community has gotten behind keeping the plant open," Kalail said. "We have had thousands of letters and communication come to Akron regarding this very matter.

"This is the reason we have really looked at this longer than we probably would have after the data showed the plant should be closed."

General Tire, which is one of the nation's leading producers of commercial tires, has given Dynagen and plant manager Tim Gorman a one-month deadline to rally enough economic support from state and local officials to save the plant, Kalail said.

"We do know there are high capital costs involved," Gorman said Monday. "Any solution must be of a long-term nature. We will need substantial relief in a number of areas to maintain the plant's economic viability."

Gorman refused to divulge his strategy to save the plant, adding only that he will take his ideas straight to the "people involved."

Last September, Dynagen agreed to pay $1.4 million in civil penalties for air pollution violations dating back to 1989. It was the largest penalty ever assessed under the Texas Clean Air Act.

Dynagen also agreed to invest nearly $20 million in state-of-the-art equipment to rid the plant of faulty emissions.

The plant also faces a $27 million class-action lawsuit from 1,300 residents who claim contaminated air from the plant has caused ailments for years.

Mrs. Perryman said she hoped the state would structure a payment plan for the penalties that would help keep the plant open.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

March 25, 1992

Improved conditions in your chosen field of endeavor are likely in the year ahead. Before this cycle is finished, you may climb several rungs up the ladder.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If someone tries to take credit today for something you did, don't be overly concerned. This individual will eventually be identified as a second-stringer. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Aries' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions in general are better than you may think they are today, so don't let negative thoughts or self-doubt paint an unrealistic picture and induce failure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your possibilities for personal gain look encouraging today, provided you don't dilute your sense of duty with indifference. Take nothing for granted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might be offered some sound suggestions today by someone whose judgment you revere. Unfortunately, you might not appreciate its value until it's too late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Consider the long-range aspects of something you're presently involved in, and you won't find your task so distasteful. Your awareness of the project's benefits will inspire effective effort.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You could be rather lucky today in most areas, with the exception of finances. Subdue inclinations toward extravagance and risk-taking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might be in a position today to help an old friend with whom you are presently at odds. Don't be vindictive; let your nobler impulses direct your behavior.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Something unfortunate — and which you're responsible for — may occur at work today. Instead of trying to cover it up, bring it into the light where others can help you resolve it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Chances for gratifying your material ambitions look hopeful today, but you might not get everything you desire. Just be grateful for being on the plus side of the ledger.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you do not take yourself or events too seriously today, you'll avoid needless problems. Relax, and you'll not only accomplish more but have fun doing it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Guard against the inclination today to look a gift horse in the mouth. A lack of gratitude might make someone who wants to help you withdraw the offer.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In agreements you enter into today, the more generous you are, the more you're likely to receive in return. Subdue tendencies to be too self-serving.

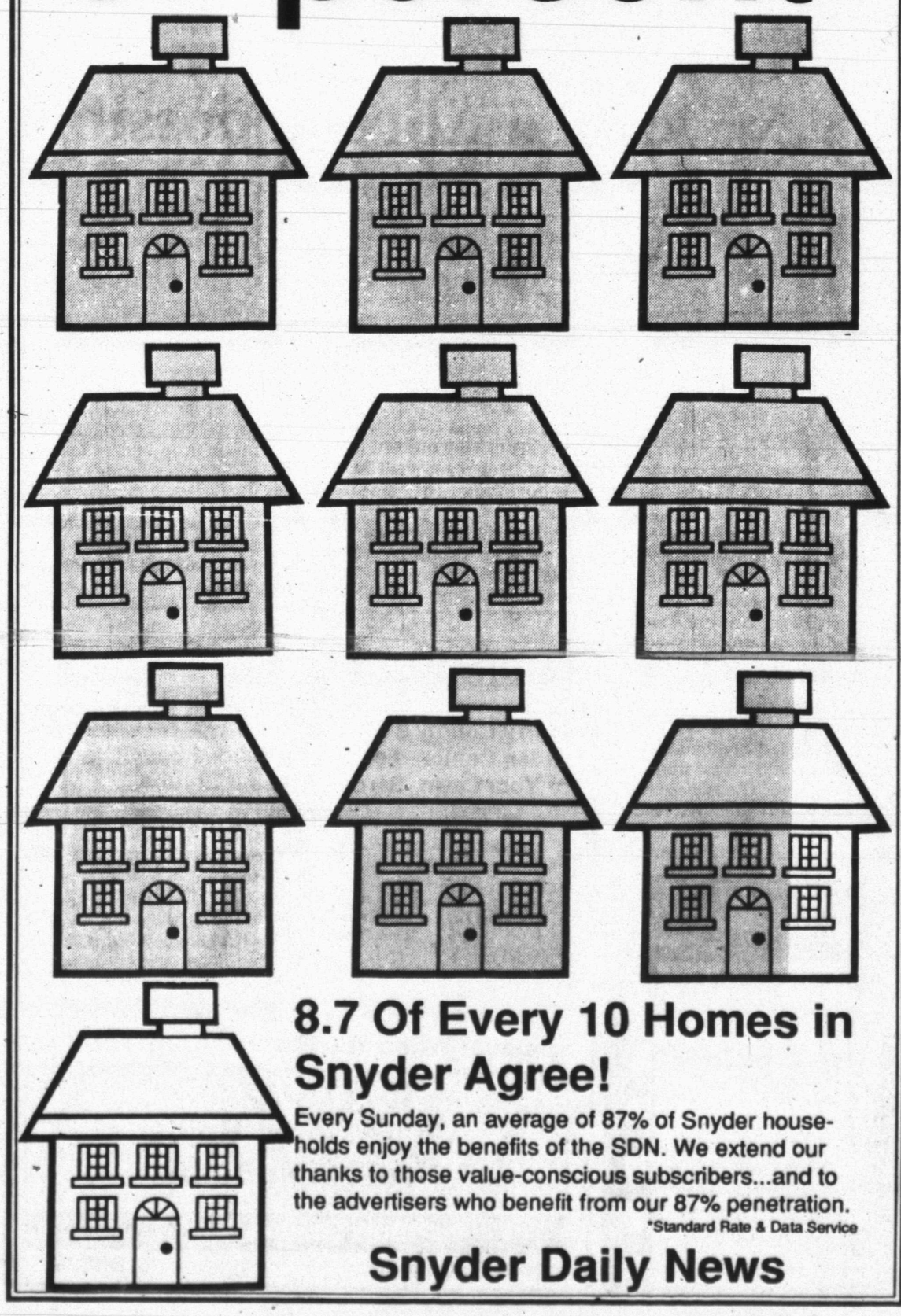
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