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Home Of Samatha Medrano

GOLDEN APPLE BANQUET — The fourth annual Golden Apple Awards banquet for the Snyder Independent School District was held Tuesday evening to honor community volunteers for their work and involvement with the schools. Visiting after the banquet are SISD Community Liaison Mary Ann Juarez, Asst. Supt. Dr. Melissa Jones and keynote speaker Diana Day. (SDN Staff Photo)

Three counties affected...

Phone service is cut

A fiberoptic line that was cut or damaged near a construction site west of Sweetwater Tuesday lead to several thousand Southwestern Bell customers being without telephone service for several hours.

The problem did not affect local calls, however, it was impossible to dial long distance or 800 numbers.

Internet service was also affected as it is necessary to dial long distance to make modem connections.

The damaged line created nuisances throughout the city.

"We couldn't run the food stamp card and the pharmacy couldn't receive their long distance calls," C.R. Perez, Lawrence IGA #400 manager said. "It makes it kind of bad. We had customers who were getting mad, saying 'We're going to another store.'"

At the local Diamond Shamrock station, Century Fuels, problems also arose with credit cards.

"Everything was messed up," manager Nancy Felan said. "We had to do everything manual — it was a pain."

Southwestern Bell spokesperson Alicia Sankar said a construction crew was digging in the area when the cable was damaged.

"Apparently whoever was working on building the culvert had not called us for a location to dig, which they are required by law to do," Sankar said.

The incident occurred around 2:30 p.m. Tuesday and at 5:30 p.m. Southwestern Bell crews were able to pull up the end of the cable

"That was good because we could get to work on it right away."

The lines were repaired and service was restored by 7 p.m.

Customers in Scurry, Nolan and Mitchell were affected.

Sankar said 911 systems in the area were rerouted. There were no local delays in response due to the problem.

Two emergencies were handled during the time of the outage — a tractor-trailer accident and an ambulance request in reference to a man with chest pains.

Sankar said the company encourages people to call before they do any digging.

"It's state law," she said.

Two separate cases...

Suspects identified in embezzlement at bank

Officials of Snyder National Bank confirmed Tuesday afternoon that regulatory authorities have been notified of a suspected embezzlement involving two former employees.

Joe Jackson, president and chief executive officer, said the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) has been informed, in accordance with banking regulations.

Jackson said he could not reveal the amount in question, but said that the bank is insured and bonded and will not sustain any loss.

"Even if we were not bonded, Snyder National Bank is strong enough to withstand the loss. But because of the insurance, it will not be necessary," Jackson added.

"This is an unfortunate situation that occurs in our industry from time to time," Jackson said. "Snyder National Bank has a very loyal and dedicated group of employees. I regret that our remaining employees have had to go through this."

As of this morning, no criminal charges have been filed. The Comptroller of the Currency, in cases like this, eventually notify the FBI and commonly charges are filed at the federal level.

Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson and Texas Ranger John Billings were called to the bank last Friday in reference to a possible theft.

Sheriff Jackson said a subject was identified by the bank, and the case involving this subject will be referred to the Scurry County district attorney.

Sheriff Jackson said that on Monday a second subject was identified and this case likely will be referred to federal authorities.

The sheriff said no arrests have been made, and the investigation of the male and female suspect is continuing.

"In both instances, the bank had identified the suspects before we were called," Sheriff Jackson added.

Billings and Sheriff Jackson also declined to discuss the amount of money in question, but indicated that the two theft cases appear not to be related.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If the early bird always catches the worm, the dumb worm ought to sleep later."

When it comes to understanding computers and the accompanying lingo, we feel like ole Rip. We're awake, but it it often seems like a nightmare.

A group of backwoods folks has come up with their own definitions for computer terminology:

--Log on: Making a wood stove hotter.

--Log off: Don't add no more wood.

--Monitor: Keepin' an eye on the wood stove.

--Download: Gettin' the farwood off the truk.

--Mega Hertz: When yer not kerful gettin' the farwood.

--Floppy disc: Watcha git from tryin' to carry too much farwood.

--Ram: That thar thing whut slits the farwood.

--Hard drive: Gettin' home late in the winter time.

--Prompt: Whut the mail ain't in the winter time.

--Windows: Whut you shut wen it's cold outside.

--Screen: Whut to shut wen it's black fly season.

--Byte: What them dang flies do.

--Chip: Munchies for the TV.

--Micro Chip: What's in the bottom of the munchie bag.

--Modem: Whut cha did to the hay fields.

--Dot Matrix: Dan Matrux's wife.

--Lap top: Whar the kitty sleeps.

--Keyboard: Whar ya hang the keys.

--Software: Them plastic forks and knifes.

--Mouse: Whut eats the grain in the barn.

--Mainframe: Holds up the barn roof.

--Port: Fancy flatlander wine.

--Enter: Yankee talk fer "C'mon in y'all."

--Random access memory: When ya cain't 'member whut ya paid for the rifle when yore wife asks.

--Mouse pad: That's hippie talk fer the rat hole.

You may have already known, but it was news to us. If we can remember it, we can use it to bore somebody at just the appropriate time.

We ran across an item that told us the origin of "mind your Ps and Qs."

In English pubs, ale was ordered by pints and quarts. So in ole England, when customers got unruly, the barkeeper would yell at them to mind their owns pints and quarts and settle down.

It would have been perfect for Cliff, the mailman on Cheers.

Baseball, softball, track will fill community this weekend

Snyder will be the focal point of the regional sports scene this weekend as over 500 athletes will be in town to compete for the titles of three different events.

Spread over a three-day span, from Thursday to Saturday, will be Snyder High School's baseball tournament, softball tournament and the Canyon Reef Relays.

With the influx of athletes and spectators, some local motels have been booked solid for quite some time. In fact, Perryton High School's baseball team was a late entry to the tournament, forcing it to find vacancies in Rotan.

"We've had all 43 rooms reserved for almost a month, and we're still turning people down," said David Finger, night manager of the Willow Park Inn. "It's not unusual for a sports team to book an entire hotel, but what has surprised us is the number of people that keep calling, looking for rooms."

As local businesses gear up for the events, Snyder High School is doing the same.

With competition spread between four different sites — Moffett Field, Ira's Bulldog Field, Cates Field and Tiger Stadium — numerous volunteers will be on hand to assist SISD personel.

"It takes a lot of people to make something like this work," said Snyder athletic director David Baugh. "Coaches from the high school and junior high will be working at the different sites, along with other volunteers."

The competition might not be confined to Snyder and Ira. Pecos and Odessa High, a 9 a.m. matchup in Thursday's opening round of the baseball tourney, are thinking about squaring off in Odessa to prevent a pre-dawn bus trip.

The baseball tournament begins Thursday morning, with the championship slated for Saturday night at 7:30. Snyder opens the event at 2 p.m. Thursday against Lubbock Cooper at Moffett Field.

Softball action at Cates Field gets started Thursday, as well, with the title tilt scheduled for Saturday evening. The Lady Tigers hit the diamond at 1:30 Thursday against Hawley.

On the track, the largest field in recent years will battle for the crown of the Canyon Reef Relays. A total of 18 teams are entered in the event which takes place Saturday at Tiger Stadium.

Classes to release for spring break

Ira students will get a jump on the spring break holiday as classes dismiss Thursday and do not not resume until March 22.

Actual spring break for Ira is set for March 15-19, but a staff development day on Friday adds an extra day to the vacation.

Students in Snyder Public schools will dismiss for spring break Friday at 2 p.m. and will also return to classes March 22.

Hermleigh schools do not have a spring break, as the school has opted for a Friday-off schedule which provides several three-day weekends throughout the spring semester.

Classes at Western Texas College will dismiss at 1 p.m. Friday and dorms will close at 2 p.m.

Dorms will open at 2 p.m. March 21 and classes resume March 22.

Library receives grant

Scurry County Library has received a Library Technology Advancement grant in the amount of $20,000 from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board, a state agency in Austin.

The grant will allow the library to purchase the necessary equipment to upgrade and extend its existing Internet resources.

The local library is one of 163 libraries funded as part of the $11 million TIF Board non-competitive grant initiative for public libraries.

Rotary shadowing program set for Thursday morning

Approximately 75 students and 17 local businesses and entities will be participating in the Rotary Job Shadowing Program Thursday.

Students will report to their respective assignments at 9 a.m.

The program is designed to allow students an opportunity to participate hands-on in how local businesses operate.

Participating students have also been invited to a noon luncheon with the Rotary Club at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Local businesses and entities who are participating include Cogdell Memorial Hospital, City of Snyder, Picture This, KSNY Radio, Wright Colonial Funeral Home, Snyder Daily News, First American Bank, Countryplace, YZ Industries, Snyder National Bank, Snyder Insurance, Snyder Independent School District, Western Texas College, Dr. John Best, Dr. Jay Kidd, Dr. Bryan Cave and Snyder Drug.

Postal Service to offer mail tracking service

The Snyder Post Office will have a new service available beginning Sunday that will let postal customers know the delivery status of domestic expedited and package products.

For as little as 35-cents, the new delivery confirmation system will provide the date, time and ZIP code delivery status of priority mail and parcel post, said Dale Lipsett, Snyder's postmaster.

"Delivery Confirmation is an outstanding value-added service," said Lipsett. "The service is affordable, easy to use, and it will give peace of mind to customers who need to know when their shipment arrived."

Lipsett said delivering employees scan barcoded labels when delivery is made. The date and time is stored in the scanner's memory to be later downloaded on postal host systems where it can be accessed by customers.

Customers receive information on the date and time of delivery and the ZIP Code where delivery was made by calling 1-800-222-1811, or logging onto the Postal Service web site at www.usps.com.

Delivery information which includes attempted deliveries, forwarded or returned shipments is updated each evening.

Retail rates are 35-cents for priority mail, and 60-cents for parcel post. Lower rates are available for customers who can send and receive delivery confirmation information electronically.

For these customers, there is no additional charge for priority mail and a 25-cent charge for parcel select, parcel post, bound printed matter, special standard and library rates.

ASK US

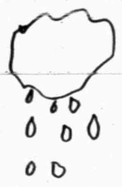
Q—Besides Snyder, where else does the Air Force have meetings scheduled to discuss the proposed low-level flight training program?

A—Abilene, Big Lake, Pecos and Alpine, plus locations in New Mexico, Colorado and Arkansas.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 65 degrees; low, 37; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 56; no precipitation; total 1999 precipitation to date: 1.37 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy. Low in the lower 50s. Light NE wind 10-15 mph late. Thursday, cloudy and cooler. A 20 % chance of showers. High in the mid 60s. NE wind 10-20 mph.



Nicole Means
Rain Chance

Sunset: 6:48 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:59 a.m.
Of 68 days in 1999, the sun has shone 66 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Finish each day and be done with it ... tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it well and serenely."

Emerson

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Grandma Is Willing but Unable To Baby-Sit Infant Daughter

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DEAR ABBY: My problem concerns my dear mother-in-law. She wants to baby-sit my infant daughter after I return to work. "Grandma" is 80. She's deaf and frequently does not wear her hearing aid. She is physically frail, confused and forgetful. Needless to say, my husband and I are uncomfortable with the idea of her baby sitting.

She used to baby-sit our two older children, but we stopped asking her last year because we were concerned about her ability to keep track of two active youngsters.

Abby, I cannot stand the thought of telling her, "We don't want you to take care of the baby because we think you're too old to do a good job of it." It would break her heart. She does not see herself as incompetent because she still lives alone. Every time I see her she asks if she can watch the baby, and I just smile and shrug and say, "We're not sure what we're going to do with her once I go back to work."

Is there some nice way I can tell her the truth? Or should I make up some plausible story to avoid hurting her feelings? I love her dearly and don't want to hurt her, but my concerns about my baby's safety are valid.

UNCERTAIN IN FLORIDA

DEAR UNCERTAIN: The baby's welfare must come first. Without making an issue of it, make other plans for child care. Be diplomatic when discussing them with your mother-in-law because she's only trying to be helpful, but remind her that a newborn requires physical stamina to deal with on a daily basis, and you have hired outside help to aid you in raising your three little bundles of boundless energy.

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DEAR ABBY: I'd like to thank you for the help you've provided to caregivers throughout the years. Regarding "Still in Shock in Illinois," there are some other precautions families can take to ensure the proper care of their loved ones with regard to hiring home-care aides:

If possible, your loved one should receive care through a licensed home health-care agency or registry. Find out what kind of insurance they carry. Find out what procedures they use for background checks. Check all references yourself. Is someone available to assist you and your loved ones after-hours or in an emergency? Assess what level of care your loved one requires. Does the aide have the skills necessary for the job?

Do not let an aide have access to checking accounts. If money is needed for expenses, give them only what is necessary and always get receipts. And as "Still in Shock" rightfully recommended in her letter, vary the times of your visits and ask other relatives and friends to stop by as often as possible.

Above all: Trust your own instincts! If you feel that something is not right — it probably isn't.

GARY BARG, PUBLISHER, TODAY'S CAREGIVER MAGAZINE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

DEAR GARY: Thank you for the helpful suggestions. Providing care for frail loved ones takes time, patience, sensitivity and effort. Even those who shoulder the entire responsibility need to acknowledge the fact that respite is necessary on a regular basis. For families who are able to afford professional help, the suggestions you have offered will give some guidance through the sometimes confusing process of selecting the right caregiver.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Thalidomide...

Notorious drug in comeback

HOUSTON (AP) — Thalidomide, notorious four decades ago for causing at least 10,000 babies to be born with deformities, is being touted today as a miracle treatment for dozens of illnesses, including leprosy, cancer and AIDS-related complications.

The drug has been successful in various treatments, including painful sores that don't heal on their own, because AIDS sufferers have weakened immune systems.

In 1994, a patient suggested to Nichols that he prescribe thalidomide to heal the sores.

"I had a patient who had one of these ulcers, and steroid treatments weren't working," Nichols said. "He walks into the office one day and said he'd been doing research and had found a drug he thought would help."

Nichols, who at 42 was a child when the thalidomide babies were born, was stunned when the drug worked.

"I thought, 'My God, this might be something worth getting into," Nichols said. "I got it for another patient, then another patient. A year later the (Food and Drug Administration) knew me real well because I had to get permission for every single patient."

Thalidomide is preferred over steroids, another ulcer treatment, because steroids suppress the immune system, the opposite of what AIDS patients need.

Although Nichols' clients used to be mostly gay white men, today he treats many more black men and women. Although blacks make up 12 percent of the U.S. population, they comprise 45 percent of new AIDS cases.

Sam, a 29-year-old Houston AIDS sufferer, is among the approximately 5 percent of Nichols' patients who develops oral ulcers. He's also among the 40 or so for whom Nichols has prescribed thalidomide.

Sam credits thalidomide with healing three sores in just two weeks.

"(The ulcers) caused me not to be able to eat or speak properly because of the pain," he said.

The FDA, which averted the birth defect outbreak in the United States by rejecting thalidomide in the 1950s, approved it last July for leprosy. Selected doctors and pharmacies may prescribe it for other illnesses.

The drug's resurgence upsets its victims.

"This is really haunting us," Randy Warren, head of the Thalidomide Victims Association of Canada, said from his London, Ontario, office. "We don't accept a world with thalidomide in it."

Traeter Celgene Corp. develop a screening and labeling program to prevent a modern-day repeat.

Warren worries that HIV-infected women who would be willing to risk unprotected sex to get pregnant would also overlook the danger of taking thalidomide, so potent that just one pill can contort a fetus.

He's also bothered that thalidomide reportedly is being tested in the treatment of more than 70 cancers, meaning "a huge population of people from all different walks of life" will be exposed to the drug.

Thalidomide works by cutting off the blood supply to tumors.

Datebook

March 10, 1999

Today is the 69th day of 1999 and the 80th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1849, Abraham Lincoln was granted a patent for a device that used inflatable airbags to lift grounded boats off sandbars and shoals.

On this day in 1864, Ulysses S. Grant was made commander of the Union armies in the Civil War.

On this day in 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made the first telephone call when he summoned his assistant to help him after he spilled acid on his clothes by accident.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ferdinand V of Castile (1452-1516), King of Aragon; Lillian D. Wald (1867-1940), social worker-nurse; Barry Fitzgerald (1888-1961), actor; Bix Beiderbecke (1903-1931), musician; James Herriot (1916-1995), author; Chuck Norris (1939-), actor, is 60; David Rabe (1940-), dramatist, is 59; Edward Windsor (1964-), English prince, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1966, Kelso, who was named Horse of the Year five times, retired.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We can learn even from our enemies." — Ovid

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

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Cisneros' effort to avoid a trial fails

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court has rejected former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros' effort to avoid a trial on charges of lying to the FBI about how much money he paid a former mistress.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia on Tuesday unanimously denied Cisneros' request to dismiss 18 counts against him on grounds his responses during a background check did not influence President Clinton's decision to nominate him.

Cisneros said in the appeal that Clinton decided not to withdraw his nomination after he told the president about the payments to the former mistress. He was subsequently confirmed by the Senate in 1993 but resigned in 1996.

His attorneys argued that because presidents have the sole authority to pick whom they please as Cabinet officers, Cisneros' comments to the FBI were irrelevant and that prosecuting him over them represents the judiciary usurping executive powers.

The appeals court panel called Cisneros' argument a "bold position," noting that a trial judge had said it "would allow unqualified candidates for high public office to lie their way into extremely sensitive and important positions of government."

The charges grew out of payments that Cisneros, then mayor of San Antonio, Texas, made to Linda Jones in 1990 through 1992 and his efforts to hide them from the FBI during a background check on his nomination to be secretary of housing and urban development.

Cisneros' trial had been scheduled to begin last fall and the appeals court's decision Tuesday will allow it to proceed.

Jones, who went by her married name at the time, Linda Medlar, pleaded guilty last year to charges of lying to federal authorities about Cisneros' payments and was sentenced to 3½ years in prison.

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Last Week's Photos: 1. Vickie Crawford 2. Ricky Beard 3. Richard Kruger 4. Ricky Williams 5. Melisa Kruger 6. Jackie Pevehouse 7. Nada Cotton 8. Regis Harper 9. Charlotte Holloway 10. Ester Clarady

Spending limits viewed with skepticism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Committee chairmen expressed skepticism Tuesday that Congress can honor 2-year-old spending limits as Republican leaders began pitching an outline of a fiscal 2000 budget to the GOP rank and file.

"I can live with the caps," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., whose committee will start writing the bills in coming weeks. But "can 218 members of the House live with caps?" he said, referring to a majority of the 435-member chamber. "We'll see."

"I think we can stick to the caps if we have the votes to do so," Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, told reporters separately. "I'm not sure Congress can take the actions necessary to live within them."

Living within those spending limits — set in the 1997 budget-balancing deal — is among several principles GOP House and Senate leaders set last week as their guidelines for this year's budget fight with President Clinton. With narrow GOP congressional majorities and with most Democrats favoring additional spending, the comments by Young and Stevens illustrated how tough it will be to keep Republicans united enough to obey the limits.

Even so, leaders said their plan would prevail.

"To start off this year saying, 'Oh, you know, we're going to just ignore these restraints we agreed to just two years ago,' is not good," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., told reporters.

To stay within the limits while boosting education spending, House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said Republicans would propose letting states divert federal money from welfare programs to schools. Many states have surplus welfare funds because caseloads have been dropping nationwide with the strong economy.

"Many of these states have had a windfall," Kasich told reporters. "They can do a lot for education."

Kasich provided no details. Many governors have insisted they must bank the surplus welfare money for a time when the economy sours and welfare rolls grow again.

The spending bills account for nearly one-third of next year's expected $1.8 trillion budget. According to the budget agreement, they are limited to $536 billion next year. But there is pressure to spend perhaps $30 billion beyond that to boost defense and education and to keep programs even with inflation.

Besides honoring that spending limit, GOP leaders agreed last week to produce a budget with gradually growing tax cuts and reserving $1.8 trillion in projected Social Security surpluses over the next decade. The still unspecified tax cuts would be worth about $15 billion next year but swell to a 10-year cost of about $800 billion.

The House and Senate budget committees plan to vote next week on spending blueprints for fiscal 2000, which begins Oct. 1, reflecting the ideas.

In closed-door sessions with House Republicans Tuesday afternoon, participants said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., told them of a morning meeting he had with Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

Hastert told Republicans that Greenspan "liked the idea of buying down the debt" and of providing tax cuts in future years, said one GOP leadership aide who spoke on condition of anonymity. "He was also very happy we held the line on spending," Hastert said, according to the aide.

Many House Republicans left a budget briefing from Hastert and House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, responding positively to the budget framework.

"There was a sense in the room that we'd turned the corner, that we were back on our agenda," said conservative Rep. David McIntosh, R-Ind.

Meanwhile, Young said he was negotiating with administration officials over ways to pay for most of a $1.2 trillion emergency measure for Central American victims of Hurricane Mitch, aid to Jordan and help for U.S. farmers hurt by declining exports.

Clinton wanted to use this year's federal surplus to pay for the most of the measure. But GOP leaders have insisted that savings be found instead. Young said his committee would vote on the bill Thursday.

A $1.9 trillion version of the bill approved last week by Stevens' committee has drawn administration objections because it is paid for with cuts in money set aside for food stamps, welfare and other social programs.

"It doesn't sound very good, does it, cutting food stamps and needy families and immigration?" Stevens told reporters.

But he said the money his committee was cutting wasn't going to be spent this year anyway and was preferable to paying for the bill with tax cuts or from budget surpluses.

Lax security in airports is due congress hearing

DALLAS (AP) — Members of Congress will be briefed on how easy it was to bypass security at U.S. airports, according to The Dallas Morning News.

In a copyright story, the newspaper reports today that because of unannounced tests by federal agents, the Federal Aviation Administration will increase scrutiny over the next six weeks at 70 of the largest airports.

The FAA has spent hundreds of millions of dollars in the last 10 years on sophisticated systems that are supposed to limit access to aircraft parking ramps and airplanes to those with security clearances.

But agents found that it was possible to sneak through open vehicle-access gates or to walk through doors behind airline employees without being challenged, according to a letter to airports obtained by the Morning News.

"Without displaying any identification, the agents roamed the air operations area, passing 229 employees, but were challenged only 53 times," wrote Retired Adm. Cathal Flynn, the FAA's associate administrator for aviation security.

The agents were able to sneak 46 times through security doors at four major airports and then walk around on the tarmac, boarding 51 airplanes unchallenged, Flynn said.

In response to the findings, Flynn has directed FAA security officials to increase their scrutiny for the next six weeks at 70 of the largest airports, including Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. During that time, officials will run exercises to test for holes in security.

The letter did not say which airports failed the tests, but sources familiar with the situation said none of the nation's five largest airports, including D/FW, was involved.

The other largest airports are in Los Angeles, Atlanta, New York and Chicago.

The letter preceded today's closed-door hearing by the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation in Washington.

The panel is expected to receive a confidential report prepared by Inspector General Kenneth Meade of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the News said.

Students ordered back to classroom of gay teacher

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A school district illegally bowed to parents' requests to remove 15 pupils from the classroom of a purportedly gay teacher, a state official said and ordered the youngsters returned to his class.

By granting the requests, the district wrongfully fostered different treatment toward the eight-grade science teacher based "upon (his) perceived sexual orientation," Chief Deputy Labor Commissioner Jose Millan wrote in a ruling made public Tuesday.

The ruling requires the Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District to return the pupils to the classroom of James D. Merrick, a former teacher of the year in Bakersfield.

Merrick, a teacher for 40 years, was hired by the district in 1994. He has neither said he is gay nor denied it.

The district can appeal to state Industrial Relations Director Stephen Smith. Should it lose and refuse to comply, Smith could go to court to enforce the ruling.

The rural Bakersfield district of about 800 youngsters is about 100 miles north of Los Angeles.

"The decision vindicates all of us who believe that bigotry and hate have no place in the classroom," said Myron Dean Quon, a lawyer for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a gay rights organization that has represented Merrick.

Some parents began removing their children from Merrick's classes in September, after he got involved in a campaign seeking the resignation of the Rev. Douglas Hearn over his remarks that gays are sick and should not be teaching children. The parents said students were uncomfortable with Merrick's mannerisms and public discussion of homosexuality.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 03-10-99 ♠ Q J 8 5 ♥ Q 5 2 ♦ Q 5 2 ♣ J 10 8	
West ♠ 3 ♥ 10 9 7 ♦ 10 9 7 ♣ K Q 6 4 3 2		East ♠ 7 4 2 ♥ A K J 4 ♦ 8 6 4 3 ♣ 9 5
	South ♠ A K 10 9 6 ♥ 8 6 3 ♦ A K J ♣ A 7	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

More on the suit-preference samba

Suppose, against a four-spade contract, you lead the heart ace (or king): three, two, four. Dummy has three low hearts. Do you switch to clubs?

Maybe, but partner's card is *not* a suit-preference signal asking for a club switch. It is denying a touching heart honor: here, the queen.

Trick-one suit-preference signals are very rare, usually occurring only when it would be totally illogical, at trick two, for the opening leader to continue the suit led.

However, there are times when you should be making suit-preference signals and you're not. One position occurs when you have a bunch of *useless* cards in a suit being played.

For example, suppose declarer is drawing trumps (spades), and you have the 8-7-2. Let's also assume that your side won't be playing hearts if you gain the lead. Then, if you play your trumps in the order two, seven, eight, you are suggesting interest in the lower-ranking suit: clubs. However, if you play eight, seven, two, you are indicating something useful in the higher-ranking suit, diamonds. With no preference, play your cards in some other sequence.

Against today's four-spade contract, West leads the club king: eight, nine, ace.

Perforce, declarer draws trumps immediately. East should follow seven-four-two to pinpoint interest in hearts. Then, South plays his second club toward dummy's jack, West going in with the queen. Note that if West returns a diamond, the contract makes. South discards a heart loser on dummy's club jack. But if West was watching the spades, he will switch to the heart 10, defeating the contract.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Pyoderma causes pimply scalp

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Although I wash my hair daily, I still get pimples and sores all over my scalp. Please advise.

DEAR READER: You may have a chronic skin infection called pyoderma. Or you may be adversely reacting to some component in your shampoo. Go to a dermatologist; such a specialist should be able to diagnose the cause of your problem and suggest appropriate therapy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 84 and drink two cups of tea a day. Could this cause kidney stones?

DEAR READER: Two cups of tea a day for a person your age should not be harmful. Kidney stones are usually composed of calcium and/or uric acid crystals that come from factors other than tea. Continue to enjoy your tea-drinking ritual.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Kidney Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have something like a muscle spasm that at times affects the whole left side of my body. It lasts 15 seconds and occurs about 20 times daily. I'm 24 and have had this since I was 12. I've seen many doctors and had many tests. Do you have any idea what it could be?

DEAR READER: Your description is too vague for me to form any conclusions. Saying something is "like a muscle spasm" isn't really specific enough. Before diagnosing your condition, a doctor would have to know if the attack is painful or produces weakness. What seems to trigger it? Is it stress-related? Do you have headaches? Is your sight or speech affected? Are there any mental changes? What relieves it?

Since you have had this problem for a dozen years, I suspect that it isn't life-threatening. Nonetheless, before you can get help with it, I think you're going to have to play detective and define precisely what you are feeling. Despite the use of marvelous new technology for diagnosis, the best doctors continue to rely heavily on the most useful diagnostic test of all: An accurate medical history.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Many over-the-counter cough and cold remedies have warnings on their labels that caution patients with hypertension about using these products. What would happen if the warnings were ignored?

DEAR READER: The majority of antihistamine/decongestant medications contain drugs (notably pseudoephedrine) that can raise blood pressure. Therefore, a person with hypertension should check with his or her physician before using these compounds. Most hypertensives can safely use over-the-counter cough and cold remedies, providing the medicines are administered for short periods under medical guidance.

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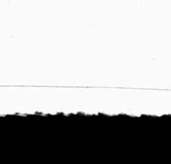

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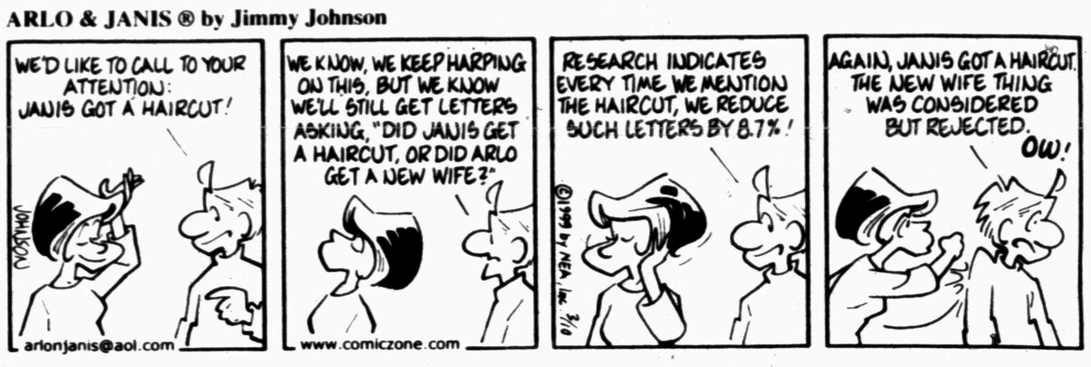

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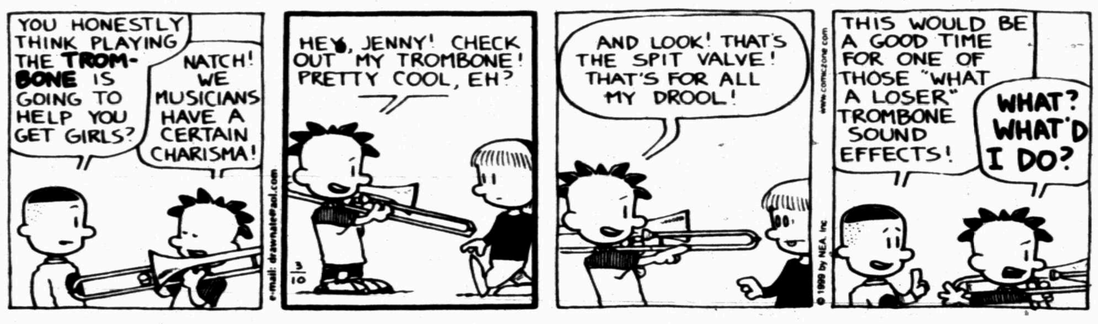

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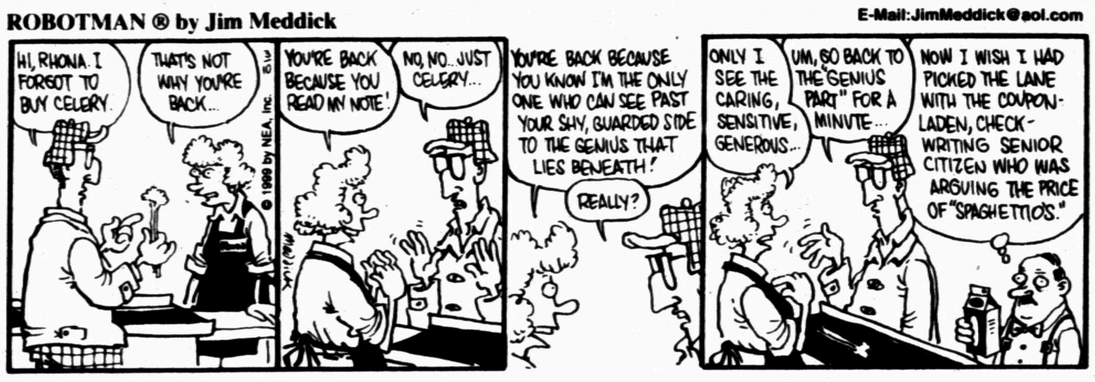

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7 Whiten
13 Of medicine
14 In the shape of an ellipse
15 Punctual
16 Called
17 "The Waste Land" inits.
18 Likely
20 Impair
21 Dynamic prefix
23 Gretzky's org.
24 Indonesian island
25 Future attys.' exam
27 Heavenly
29 Govt. housing org.
31 Worn-out horse
32 McKellen of "Gods and Monsters"
33 Fish spear
34 Rouse to action
37 Loch — monster
40 Limbaugh of talk radio
41 Electrical unit
43 Actress Gordon
45 Computer key
46 Astronauts' "all right"
47 Forever
48 Bordeaux wine
51 Suitable for farming
54 Type of sugar
55 Became boring
56 One way to serve tomatoes
57 Bays

DOWN

1 Flora and fauna
2 Gretel's brother
3 Says
4 Bi- plus one
5 Comedian
Conway
6 Vast quantity
7 Putting in jugs
8 56, Roman
9 Sup
10 Rocker Greg
11 Split
12 Many-headed serpent
19 Prof.'s deg., perhaps
22 Boorish
24 Liquor measure
26 This and —
28 Fruitless
30 Like Disney movies
34 Ammo unit
35 Property
36 Greek letter
38 Liable to litigation
39 Surgical probe
40 Magazine stands
42 Giraffe relative
44 Pays attention to
49 Brawl
50 Language suffix
52 Raced
53 100%

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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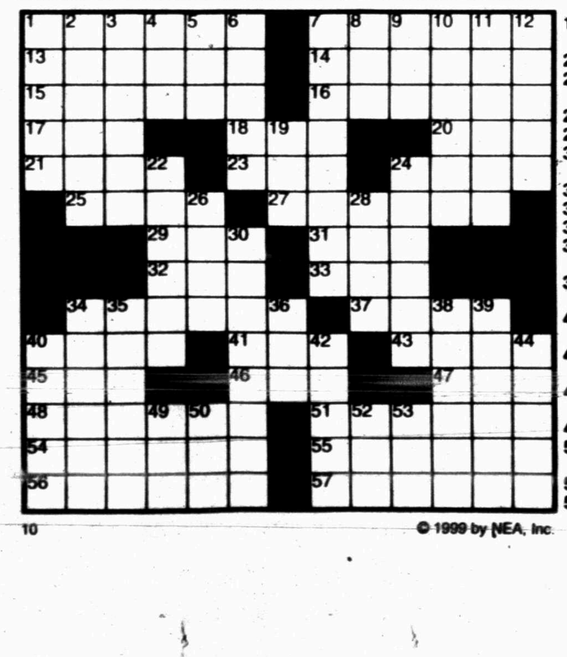

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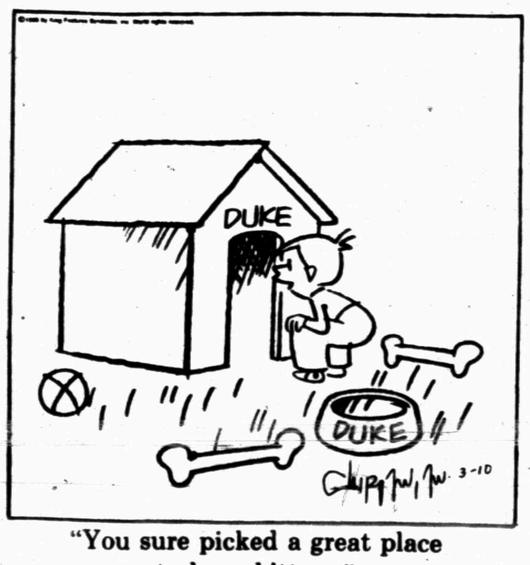

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SPORTS

Snyder gets offensive in rout

MERKEL — The Lady Tigers found their hitting again and cut down on their errors. The result was Tuesday night's 11-1 rout of the Merkel Lady Badgers.

After scraping together only two hits in its last outing, Snyder pounded out nine against Merkel, led by a pair of singles from both Christy Tomlinson and Angie Shoemake.

On the mound, Kristin Martinez turned in her usual steady performance, giving up just the one run while registering two strikeouts and two walks.

Behind Martinez, the Lady Tiger defense took care of business with only three errors.

"We played a lot better tonight than we did on Saturday," Snyder coach Carmen Bohannon said. "We made less errors and hit the ball better. Darcee (Purcell) was released to play, after missing five games, and Courtney (Rinehart) goes back to the doctor on Wednesday. So hopefully we'll have her back, as well."

The return of Purcell and Rinehart couldn't come at a better time for the Lady Tigers, who are set to host the Snyder tournament beginning Thursday.

"The key for us in the tournament will be consistent hitting," said Bohannon. "Getting Darcee and Courtney back would certainly help. There are some strong teams here this year, so it will be tough for whoever wins it."

The Lady Tigers open the event with a pair of practice games on Thursday. SHS will face Hawley at 1:30 and Borger at 7:30, before opening bracket play at 12:30 Friday against Lubbock Monterey.

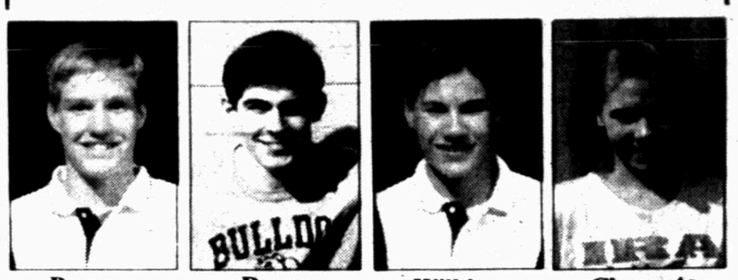
Snyder JV, also competing in the tourney, will have practice games Thursday against Dumas at 3 p.m. and against Lamesa at 7:30.

Rounding out the bracket will be Big Spring, Coahoma, Greenwood, Winters, Hermleigh, Merkel, Monahans, Lake View, El Paso Bel Air and Clyde.

Snyder	3 2 0 2 1 3 —11
Merkel	0 0 0 1 0 0 — 1

Snyder: Christy Tomlinson and Angie Shoemake, two singles; Cameron Mackey, Whitney Webb, Amy Ricks, Jennifer Newman and Amber Haarmeyer, single.

Four Ira hoopsters nab district honors



Brown Daves Wilkins Clements

Under first-year basketball coach Bubba Edwards, the Ira Bulldogs strung together their longest playoff run of the decade.

Three Bulldogs and a Lady Bulldog received recognition for their efforts on the court this season by being named to the 18-A All-District Team.

Juniors Jerek Brown, Logan Daves and Richard Wilkins were honored for the Ira boys, while sophomore Morgan Clements nabbed a spot on the girls' squad.

Brown was the Bulldogs' leading scorer during their 24-9 campaign which didn't end until the semifinals of the regional tournament.

Daves, Ira's 6-7 post power, was Ira's go-to man in the postseason, while Wilkins' shooting ability made him a continual perimeter threat.

For the Ira girls, Clements stepped up her play when the Lady Bulldogs needed it most.

Ira's leading scorer, Clements helped pick up the slack left when team-leader Terri Robinson was lost for the season due to injury.

Also named to the boys' squad were Borden County's starting five players, led by district MVP Colt McCook. Jeff Denis, Fernando Baeza, Justin Lawrence and Kevin Pinkerton were the Coyotes' other representatives.

The Borden County girls, who advanced all the way to the state tournament, placed four players on the team. Valerie Wootan, Julie Mayes, Lindsey Smith and Amanda Watts receieved recognition for the Lady Coyotes.

Grady senior Katie Yates was named MVP of the girls' squad.

18-A ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL

Boys

MVP: Colt McCook, sr., Borden County.

All-District team: Jerek Brown, jr., Ira; Richard Wilkins, jr., Ira; Jeff Denis, sr., Borden County; Coby Floyd, jr., Sands; Fernando Baeza, sr., Borden County; Greg Gibson, sr., Grady; Justin Lawrence, jr., Borden County; Logan Daves, jr., Ira; Thad Rich, sr., Westbrook; Kevin Pinkerton, jr., Borden County.

Girls

MVP: Katie Yates, sr., Grady; Valerie Wootan, soph., Borden County; Rebecca Robles, sr., Grady; Morgan Clements, soph., Ira; Julie Mayes, jr., Borden County; Brianne Fryar, jr., Sands; Carolina Madison, jr., Grady; Lindsey Smith, jr., Borden County; Jaci Hill, jr., Westbrook; Amanda Watts, jr., Borden County; Anna Hall, sr., Sands.

Suns get 13th win at expense of Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — A floor suitable for ice skating. A 70-minute delay. Four warmup periods.

The Dallas Mavericks had the Phoenix Suns as off-balance as they're ever going to get them Tuesday night in Reunion Arena. The Suns still pulled off their 13th consecutive victory in the building, 103-91, despite the handicaps.

Cliff Robinson scored 11 of his 18 points in the fourth period, including two 3-pointers, in the Suns' eighth consecutive victory over the Mavericks and 25th in the last 27 games.

"It looked like we were playing in our socks at first, but once the guys got it (the floor) out of their head, they went ahead and played and didn't think about it much," coach Danny Ainge said. "Cliff was just huge. He does so many things for us."

Tom Gugliotta, Jason Kidd, George McCloud, Danny Manning and Luc Longley all scored in the double figures for the Suns. McCloud had 17 points, Longley 16, Manning 14, Kidd 13 and Gugliotta 12.

"The floor was real bad when we first went out there, but they did a good job of getting it in decent shape," Manning said.

Dallas was led by Michael Finley with 22 points. Samaki Walker and Steve Nash each scored 15.

Referee Bennett Salvatore, the crew chief of the three officials, said "the game was in danger of not being played. But the maintenance crew did a good job of getting the substance up."

Dallas officials were baffled how the substance got on the floor.

Coach Don Nelson said, "I heard there were go-cars on the floor and they spilled some residue. We aren't sure. The floor was just barely playable. In the first half, it was not a normal NBA game."

Nelson gave his players the option not to play, and guard Robert Pack took him up on it, sitting out the game. Once the game began, the floor was no bother and no player ever slipped.

"I play fast and quick and I couldn't get any traction," Pack said. "I didn't feel comfortable playing. I feel I made the right decision."

WTC golfers finish in 8th

GALVESTON — Western Texas College, after shooting a 309 in the first round — turned in an identical score on Tuesday to finish 8th in the Galveston Collegiate Invitational.

The steady 618 performance improved WTC in the standings by one place, as the Westerners were in 9th position following the first 18 holes.

Midland College took home the championship trophy with rounds of 293-296 for a total of 589.

Michael Hanson and Martin Gustafson paced WTC with two-day totals of 150. Gustafson carded two rounds of 75 while Hanson had a 77 on Monday and improved with a 73 on Tuesday.

Cory Mahaney followed Monday's 76 with an 82 to finish with a 158. Kory Williams had an opening round of 81 and improved Tuesday with an 82 for a 161 total.

Brad Nutt finished with a 162, with identical rounds of 81.

Ex-Tiger standouts find success at LCU

Berryman understands road ahead

Contributed to the SDN
By PATRICK HANCOCK

LUBBOCK — Throwing fast and studying hard, Clay Berryman is making a name for himself at Lubbock Christain University.

Last year, Berryman was a major factor in the Snyder Tigers' baseball success. Now a freshman at LCU, he is learning how life is without the leadership of parents.

"You have to make your own decisions," Berryman said. "By now you should know right from wrong and you have to use your own judgment."

As for the future, Berryman is wanting to go further than the college level. But the ex-Snyder standout knows he has to work hard and improve everyday.

"I would like to get drafted after my junior year of college ball," he stated. "I have to be dedicated and give 110 percent everyday. I also need to gain a little weight and some speed on my fastball."

The game of baseball is a lot different at the college level from that of high school.

"In high school I could get away with a bad pitch," Berryman admitted. "But in college, you can't throw anything bad. The number 3 through 5 hitters are great at the high school level, but here at college all the players are great."

Even though Berryman is playing ball at LCU, he is in college for a more important reason, an education.

"My major is secondary education," the hard-throwing right-hander and son of C.W. and Linda Berryman said. "My grades are good and I like the size of the classes. Snyder High School did a great job of getting me ready for the jump to college."

Berryman's reasons to attend school in Lubbock are similar to those of many Snyder graduates attending classes there.

"I chose Lubbock because it is close, so that people from back home can come and see me play," he remarked. "Lubbock is also big enough to have different things to do. But once you've done them for a while, then Lubbock starts to look like a small town, as well."

With the possibility of expansion at the major league level, Berryman is optimistic about his chances at getting a shot at the big time.

"With the league expanding, I feel I have a pretty good shot," said Berryman. "More teams mean better odds for me. With expansion, teams are having to go with younger pitchers."

Even if he doesn't make the pro ranks, Berryman keeps a positive outlook on life.

"I would love to make it to the pros," the Chaparral hurler said. "But if I don't, I would love to be a baseball coach and pass on my knowledge of the game. Maybe someone that I coach might make it to the pros and that would be just as great to me."

Henderson contributes on hardwood

Contributed to the SDN
By PATRICK HANCOCK

LUBBOCK — The transition from high school basketball to the college competition on the hardwood is tough, but in Rick Henderson's case, he is transforming just fine for Lubbock Christian University. The freshman graduated from Snyder two years ago and after a redshirt year, he had a considerable contribution this season.

"Transition is really tough," Henderson said. "In high school, you maybe played a team with only one college prospect. But now in college, you're playing against all college level players."

Despite the competition, the Chaparral guard and son of Ron and Betty Henderson, was recently named co-freshman of the year for the Sooner Athletic Conference.

Henderson hasn't decided his major yet, but he wants to stay around the game as much as possible. So when he is not practicing, or doing his studies, he is out on the court playing pick up games.

"I like to play basketball in my spare time, as well as hang out with friends," Henderson said. "I would like to coach, maybe start at the high school level and work my way up the ladder."

The transition from high school to college isn't just on the court, but in the classroom as well. Living on his own, Henderson has noticed that things are not as they were while living at home.

"College is totally different from high school," the ex-Tiger said. "You are one your own. You are the one that is responsible to get yourself up on time, to get your homework done, and to get to class without someone telling you to do so."

Henderson went to LCU for many reasons.

"The reason that I'm attending a college like LCU instead of Texas Tech is for the smaller classes, and for the chance to play basketball," Henderson stated. "I chose Lubbock because it is a small town, but it has just about everything that a person might want."

Although Henderson's first love is basketball, he wouldn't mind another sport, if the hardwood was no longer an option.

"Well, I would like to play baseball," he remarked. "I played it when I was little and I was good. I enjoy just turning on the television and watching the games."

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Miami	13	5	.722	½
NewYork	10	8	.556	3½
Philadelphia	10	8	.556	3½
Boston	7	9	.438	5½
Washington	7	10	.412	6
NewJersey	3	14	.176	10
Central Division				
Indiana	12	5	.706	-
Milwaukee	11	5	.686	½
Detroit	11	7	.611	1½
Atlanta	9	8	.529	3
Cleveland	7	9	.438	4½
Toronto	6	10	.375	5½
Charlotte	5	11	.313	6½
Chicago	5	13	.278	7½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	14	4	.778	-
Minnesota	12	6	.667	2
Houston	11	8	.579	3½
SanAntonio	10	8	.556	4
Dallas	6	14	.300	9
Denver	5	14	.263	9½
Vancouver	4	15	.211	10½
Pacific Division				
Portland	15	3	.833	-
L.A.Lakers	14	6	.700	2
Phoenix	10	8	.556	5
Seattle	9	8	.529	5½
Sacramento	9	10	.474	6½
GoldenState	8	10	.444	7
L.A.Clippers	0	16	.000	14

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Minnesota 85, Seattle 84
Houston 84, Denver 75
Chicago 103, New Jersey 87
Phoenix 103, Dallas 91
Utah 88, Cleveland 75
Portland 103, Sacramento 98
Golden State 92, Vancouver 82
L.A. Lakers 103, L.A. Clippers 99

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY

Baseball: Snyder Tigers vs. Lubbock Cooper, Moffett Field, 2 p.m.

Snyder JV at Frenship tourney.

Softball: Snyder Lady Tigers vs. Hawley, 1:30; Snyder Lady Tigers vs. Borger, 7:30, both games at Cates Field.

Snyder JV vs. Dumas, 3 p.m.; Snyder JV vs. Lamesa 7:30.

FRIDAY

Baseball: Snyder Tigers at Snyder tourney.

Snyder JV at Frenship tourney.

Softball: Snyder Lady Tigers vs. Lubbock Monterey, Cates Field, 12:30.

Snyder JV vs. Hermleigh-Monahans winner, Cates Field, 5 p.m.

Golf: Snyder Tigers at Sweetwater tourney.

Snyder Lady Tigers at Andrews tourney.

SATURDAY

Track: Snyder boys and girls host Canyon Reef Relays, Tiger Stadium.

Baseball: Snyder Tigers at Snyder tourney.

Snyder JV at Frenship tourney.

Snyder freshmen at Coahoma JV, 10:30 a.m.

Softball: Snyder varsity and JV at Snyder tourney.

Golf: Snyder Tigers at Sweetwater tourney.

Snyder Lady Tigers at Andrews tourney.

Snyder Jr. High hosts SJHS tourney, Snyder Country Club.

Sports Briefs

Senior league registration

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For more information, contact Mickey Nunley at 573-5883, Tommy Green at 573-2646 or Kaprece Bedell at 573-8169.

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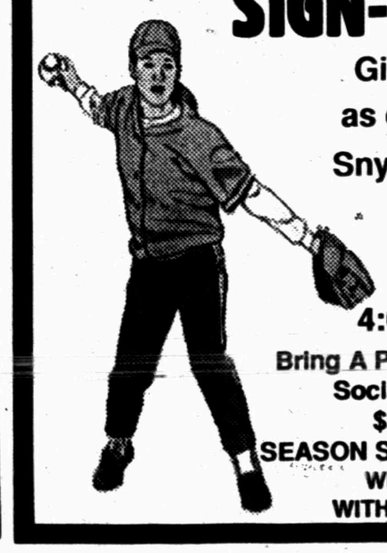
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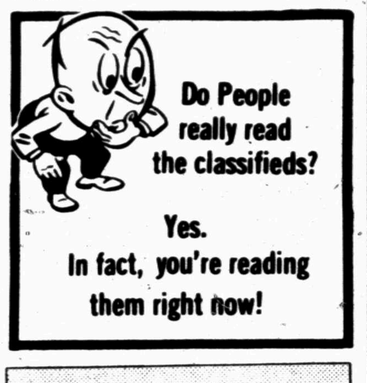

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To run for president...

Mrs. Dole takes first step

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Elizabeth Dole, taking a first, formal step toward a possible run for president, says it's high time that the nation's leaders restore voters' faith in their government — to "call America to her better nature."

That was among the themes the former U.S. labor and transportation secretary touted in a TV ad that was to accompany her announcement that she was forming an exploratory committee for the 2000 GOP presidential nomination.

Today's announcement at a rally here moves Mrs. Dole to the first tier of potential Republican contenders. Most polls have shown her and Texas Gov. George W. Bush far ahead of lesser-known potential Republican rivals.

In making her announcement, Mrs. Dole pointed to her experiences serving under five presidents but maintained a distance between herself and any rivals.

"I'm not a politician and, frankly, today that may be a plus," Mrs. Dole said in her television ad, which was to air in Iowa and New Hampshire. Aides said the ad would flesh out the themes of a Dole campaign.

"Politics and the politics of governing have become so negative, so paralyzed by special interests, that as a people we're beginning to lose faith in our own institutions," she said.

Her opening pitch took a not-too-subtle poke at President Clinton.

"If I run, this will be why: I believe our people are looking for leaders who will call America to her better nature," Mrs. Dole said. "Yes, we've been let down, and by people we should have been able to look up to."

This is the resume Mrs. Dole brings to a field of GOP contenders that could reach double digits: A very prominent and widely recognized name, extensive government experience and decades of campaigning as a surrogate for her husband, 1996 GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole.

"I've seen many presidential campaigns up close," Mrs. Dole said in her 15-minute ad. "I know what they entail."

"She's going to bring a grace and a dignity to the race," said Ralph Reed, a consultant and former head of the Christian Coalition who is offering advice to Bush. "I'm glad she's running. This nominating campaign is shaping into an embarrassment of riches."

After today's announcement, Mrs. Dole's opening campaign swing takes her to Arizona, then to New Hampshire, before she heads back to her home in North Carolina.

Iowa's precinct caucuses mark the initial test of the presidential nominating season next February, while New Hampshire holds the first primary shortly after that.

Mrs. Dole has headed the Federal Trade Commission, served as secretaries of labor and transportation and been president of the American Red Cross. Some strategists argue that her Red Cross background insulates her from charges often hurled at Republicans that the party lacks compassion.

She hammered that experience in her TV pitch to voters.

"In my eight years at the American Red Cross, I saw things that will haunt me the rest of my life," she said. "But I also saw the power of the human heart."

Mrs. Dole said her early travels left her "buoyed by the goodness of our citizens."

"Which is why I am ready to take the next step," Mrs. Dole said. "This week, I have filed papers to form an exploratory committee."

Among benefits Mrs. Dole brings to the campaign is her gender, some analysts said.

"Gender plays into it to the extent that having a very visible and viable female candidate causes women voters to pay closer attention to the Republican primaries," said Ed Gillespie, a consultant allied with Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, a likely presidential candidate in 2000.

Mrs. Dole has certainly gotten the attention of potential rivals like Vice President Al Gore.

"I think we've long since passed the time when Americans are uncomfortable with women in any position of leadership," Gore said.

But Reed argued that Bush has laid claim to the pillars of the Republican establishment, pointing to a broad range of prominent Republicans who joined the Texas governor last Sunday as he announced his exploratory committee.

"In the Bush exploratory committee, you had the full range of the diversity of the Republican Party," said Reed. "Bush has probably raised the bar for all subsequent contenders."

Others suggested that front-runners like Mrs. Dole and Bush will stumble when they begin to face contentious issues that divide Republicans.

"There's a lot of soft underbelly when it comes to an issues campaign for this establishment candidate," said Greg Mueller, a consultant allied with publisher Steve Forbes and former communications director for conservative 1996 candidate Pat Buchanan.

Al Gore not afraid of Bush lead

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore says he's not worried about polls suggesting he may have a tough time defeating either Texas Gov. George W. Bush or Elizabeth Dole in a presidential election.

"Polls are simply predictions of the future, in this case of an election that's two years away," Gore told CNN's "Late Edition Primetime" on Tuesday. "And you know the old saying that six months is a lifetime in politics. That means there are four lifetimes between now and then."

Gore currently is the front-runner for next year's Democratic presidential nomination. But a poll of 1,203 adults released last month by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press showed 45 percent of registered voters surveyed said there was no chance they would vote for him.

Belt buckle violates code

JASPER (AP) — The Jasper school board has backed a middle school principal's decision to suspend a 14-year-old for wearing a Confederate belt buckle.

The school board voted late Monday to sustain the action taken against Josh Letney, who was suspended from Jasper Middle School's alternative education center for insisting on wearing the buckle after being told it violates dress code regulations.

"We're going to get a lawyer," the boy's mother, Carolyn Letney, said after the school board vote. "Josh has been out of school since late January, and they will not let him make up his classes."

School district superintendent Doug Koebernick has said the buckle violates the dress code because it could be disruptive.

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4	15-16	4¼	Ansplnc 4 15-16
60⅞	59⅞	60⅞+	AtlRichfld 2⅛
23½	23	1-16	ATMOS Egy 23⅜— ⅛
15	5-16	14	13-16 Aviall 15⅛+ 5-16
90	7-16	89	13-16 BP Amoco 90⅛+ ⅜
21¼	21		BakerHughes 21⅛+ 1⅛
71½	70⅝	70	13-16+ 9-16 BankAmerica
54⅞	54	54	1-16— ½ BellAtl s
46¼	45	15-16	46 1-16+ 1-16 BellSouth s
8¼	8¼	8⅛—	1-16 BethSteel
33⅞	33	1-16	33⅜+ 7-16 BurlNoSFe s
36⅞	36	7-16	36⅞+ 7-16 CBS Corp
49 1	36⅞	35¾	36 5-16+15-16 Caterpillar
63	11-16	62	9-16 62 15-16— 1 DeltaAirl s
23¾	23	11-16	23⅝— 1-16 Dillards Inc
98	11-16	98	3-16 98 9-16+ 1-16 DowChem
56	55	3-16	55⅞+2 5-16 DuPont
46⅞	46	3-16	46⅞+ ⅛ EastmanChem
66⅛	65	9-16	65⅛+ 7-16 EstKodak
47⅞	47	47⅞+	⅛ EDS Corp
28	9-16	28⅜	28⅛+ 1-16 Entergy
72⅛	70⅞	72⅛+	2 5-16 Exxon
24⅜	23¾	24	3-16— 3-16 Flowers
57⅞	56½	57	1-16—11-16 FordMotor s
62	60	15-16	61⅝—11-16 GTE Cp
59⅛	58	11-16	58 15-16— ⅜ GenDynam s
106	5-16	105	1-16 105⅝— ⅞ GenElec
79⅝	79	79	3-16— 7-16 GenMills
88⅜	87⅞	88⅛—	5-16 GenMotors
69	15-16	68⅞	68⅞— 1 GaPacGP
10	9⅛	9	15-16+ ⅜ GlobalMar
35	1-16	34⅛	35 1-16+ ⅜ Goodrich
52	50	15-16	51⅛—13-16 Goodyear s
31	7-16	31⅛	31⅛— ⅛ GtAtlPac
34	11-16	33	9-16 34 7-16+2 3-16 Halliburta
45⅞	45	45⅝	+2 5-16 Hanson ADS
27	13-16	27	3-16 27 3-16— 7-16 HarteHanks s
64⅛	63	11-16	63¾— 7-16 HomeDepot
182⅞	180⅞	180	13-16— 1⅜ IBM
41⅜	40⅝	40	13-16 IntlPaper
87	15-16	86⅞	87 3-16— 7-16 JohnsonJn
17⅞	17	17⅞+	1-16 K mart
62	1-16	61	3-16 62 + ⅛ Kroger Co
57	11-16	56⅞	57⅝+ 7-16 Litton
37⅛	37⅛	37⅛+	1-16 LockheedM s
64	9-16	63⅞	64 + 5-16 Lowes Cos s
13	13-16	13⅜	13 13-16+ 3-16 Lubys
109	106⅞	107⅜	—1 5-16 LucentTech
54⅞	53⅛	54⅛—	⅛ LucentTech wi
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59⅝	57⅞	59⅛+	13-16 MediaOne
72	5-16	71	9-16 71 9-16— 3-16 Medtronic
90⅞	89	90⅛+	2⅛ Mobil
47	7-16	46	1-16 46 13-16+13-16 Monsanto
117	15-16	116	13-16 117⅛+ 1⅛ MorganJP
70⅝	69⅝	69	15-16—1 7-16 Motorola
44	9-16	44	3-16 44⅛— ⅛ NCR Corp
42⅛	41	9-16	41⅜+ 3-16 Navistar
37¼	36¾	36¾—	⅛ Penney JC
10	7-16	9	7-16 10 7-16+ 1⅛ PennzEnergy s
19	18	11-16	19 + 3-16 PepBoys
38⅛	37	11-16	37 11-16— 9-16 PepsiCo
47⅛	46	11-16	47 3-16— 9-16 PhelpDodge
41⅛	40⅞	41⅛+	1 1-16 PhilipPet
17⅞	17⅞	17⅞	PilgrmPrd B
21	15-16	21⅛	21⅛+ ⅛ Polaroid
34	5-16	33	11-16 33 13-16— ⅜ Praxair
92⅛	91	3-16	91⅛— ⅛ ProctGamb
15⅞	15⅛	15	9-16— 5-16 PubSNwMx
27⅞	27⅛	27⅞+	13-16 ReliantEngy
47	7-16	46	15-16 47 5-16+ 1 RoyalDut
51	15-16	50⅞	51 7-16— 9-16 SBC Comm
27	26⅜	26⅞+	⅛ SaraLee s
41⅞	41	7-16	41⅞+ ⅜ Scripps EW
43	11-16	43	1-16 43⅜— 9-16 SearsRoeb
26	1-16	25⅞	26 + ⅛ SherwinW
73	11-16	72⅛	72⅛— ⅛ SmithklBchm
24	9-16	24	5-16 24⅝ SouthernCo
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89	3-16	88⅞	88 11-16— ⅛ SprintFON n
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22⅞	22⅞	22⅞+	1 3-16 USX-Marathn
23	9-16	23	5-16 23 5-16— 3-16 USX-USS
42	15-16	41⅞	42⅛+11-16 UnCarbde
51⅛	50	51	+ ⅞ UnionPacif
126	5-16	124	13-16 125⅝— ⅞ UnitedTech
32	1-16	31	31⅛+1 3-16 Unocal
4⅞	4	5-16	4 11-16— 3-16 Venator Grp
94	3-16	93⅛	93⅜— ⅜ WalMart
38	3-16	37⅞	37⅞— 5-16 WellsFargo
5	9-16	5	7-16 5 9-16+ ⅛ WstnGasRs
41	15-16	40	15-16 41⅜— ½ WinnDixie
56½	54⅞	55	5-16 Xerox Cp s

Failure to pay child support sends one to jail

Failure to pay child support sent one subject to jail Tuesday.

At 4:27 p.m., deputies arrested a 32-year-old male in the 2700 block of CR 3126 on the charge.

Activity was light otherwise. Deputies did file an offense report for Class C criminal mischief at 6:23 p.m. in the 1400 block of Texas Avenue in reference to a juvenile breaking windows.

Officers responded to a one vehicle accident at 4:45 p.m. on U.S. Hwy. 84 involving an 18-wheeler truck, initially believed to be stolen, that had overturned.

Sgt. Brian Haggard said, however, upon investigation it was determined that the truck's chassis had been reported stolen a year ago but was recovered and returned to the owner.

"It was never taken out of the computer," Haggard said.

The driver of the truck was not injured.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Judith Davidson, Charlene Dyess, Sherry Jenkins, C.J. Smith, Ryne Trout, Billy Dodson, Shirley Gorman, Guadalupe Jaramillo, Pat Johnston, Angel Torres.

DISMISSALS: Gussie Gray, Raymond Kellner, Javier Mora, Paul Sawyer, Christine Singleton, David Clinkinbeard, Harvey Elliott, Dan Hicks, Melba Huddleston, W.W. Mitchell, Dian Pate, Sarah Richards.

CENSUS: 46 (Med., Surg.-20, Long-term Care-23, CCu-3).

Probation assessed for home burglary

A 32-year-old Snyder man pleaded guilty Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Michael David Redman of 2704 Ave. W pleaded guilty to burglary of a habitation, a May 30, 1998 offense.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Redman to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for 10 years.

Redman was also fined $500.

Scurry County Country

Commissioner Combs announces grant projects

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reently announced that 22 research projects, which focus on the use of Integrated Pest Management techniques, have been awarded a total of $170,000 by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"Along with continuing to expand the use of Integrated Pest Management to major Texas crops like cotton, this year's grants also seek to help other growers, including nursery operators, apple and pepper farmers and home gardeners, learn more technique about better contolling pests," Combs said.

Integrated Pest Management is a farming system that curbs pest populations by using a variety of practices including biological pest controls, pest-resistant crop plants, crop rotations, planting date adjustments and crop residue destruction. Under IPM, pesticides are used only when IPM methods fail to control problems that threaten to cause significant crop damage.

The IPM grant projects awarded for 1999 are:

Sampling of Beneficial Insects in Cotton ($8,900) — An improved system for sampling cotton fields for beneficial insects and spiders will be conducted to provide more reliable information to farmers, which will help them with their pest management decisions. The principal investigator is Dr. Allen Knutson, professor and Extension entomologist at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Dallas.

Field Guide to Insects in Nursery, Floral and Greenhouse Crops ($13,500) — A pocket-size field guide to help correctly identify insects, mites and mollusks in greenhouse crops will help growers with pest management decisions. The principal investigators are based in College Station and are: Dwan H. Gouge, Texas Agricultural Extension Service Department of Entomology, and Don C. Wilkerson, Texas A&M University System, Department of Horticultural Sciences.

Publication Explaining IPM Advance ($10,000) — A publication entitled "IPM — Putting Technology to Work for Texans" will be produced for a general audience to explain the advances and importance of IPM in agriculture. The principal developer is Thomas W. Fuchs, professor and Extension IPM coordinator, based in San Angelo.

Using Weather Station Data to Assist Farmers ($6,300) — Precise weather information, including air and soil temperature, relative humidity, precipitation, wind speed and solar radiation can help farmers in planting and pest management decisions. Such information will be delivered to farmers in the Low Rolling Plains from a local weather station. The principal investigator is Stephen Biles, IPM Extension agent, based in Sweetwater.

Posting IPM Newsletters on the Internet ($13,050) — Consistent access to accurate and timely information is an important component of any successful IPM program. IPM newsletters from across the state will continue to be posted on the Texas A&M University Department of Entomology's IPM website. The principal developer is John Jackson, a TAMU professor and Extension entomologist based in College Station.

Determining Impact of Spider Mites in Cotton ($2,000) — Little information exists in the cotton belt about the impact of spider mites on cotton yields. Better information would help farmers adjust their pest managment practices. The principal investigators are Brant Baugh, IPM Extension agent for Lubbock County and Tommy Doederlein, IPM Extension agent for Dawson and Lynn counties.

Bt Corn Hybrid Performance in North Central Blackland ($4,222) — Alfatoxin-damaged corn can cause serious economic losses to farmers. This project will evaluate how four YieldGuard Bt corn hybrid prevent kernel damage from corn earworm larvae, which would help reduce alfatoxin contamination in corn. The principle investigator is Glen C. Moore, IPM Extension agent for Ellis and Navarro counties.

Tick Website ($10,300) — This project will provide updated geographical, biological and ecological data on tick species attacking Texas livestock and wildlife, which will help improve integrated tick management strategies. The principal investigator is Dr. Pete D. Teel, professor, Department of Entomology, Texas A&M University, in College Station.

Weed Scouting in Cotton ($7,000) — Scouting for weeds in cotton is not a common practice. This project will scout for weeds in cotton fields in Hockley and Cochran counties to provide farmers with better advice on the most environmentally sound and cost-efficient methods for weed control. The principal investor is Kerry Siders, IPM Extension agent for Hockley and Cochran counties.

Distrupting Moth Mating in Apple Orchards ($5,390) — This project will compare application rates of moth mating disruption pheromones to help give High Plains apple farmers better advice about pest control. The principal investigator is Cherinell Riley, IPM Extension agent for Parmer and Bailey counties.

Enhancing Cotton Quality ($3,365) — This project will investigate if Texas Coastal Plains cotton crops can be defoliated four to eight days earlier than normal, which would help improve cotton quality and diminish boll weevil infestations. The principal investigator is Dan D. Fromme, IPM Extension agent, based in Wharton.

Evaluating Bt Transgenic Cotton ($6,554)

Survey of IPM Crop Consultants ($14,950)

Testing Bt Corn in the High Plans ($8,296)

Identifying Sorghum Pests ($9,500)

Managing Mexican Corn Rootworm ($4,800)

Sampling for Pests in Peppers ($7,200)

Reducing Food Sources for Boll Weevils ($4,710)

Using IPM in Home Vegetable Gardens ($14,050)

IPM for Texas Rice Producers ($13,350)

Testing for a Fungus-Resistant Peanut Variety ($9,500)

IPM in Texas High Plains Potatoes ($13,325)

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Tips for exercising success

Swimming, cycling, jogging, skiing, aerobic dancing, walking or any of dozens of other activities can help your heart. They all cause you to feel warm, perspire and breathe heavily without being out of breath and without feeling any burning sensation in your muscles. Whether it is a structured exercise program or just part of your daily routine, all exercise adds up to a healthier heart. Here are some tips for exercising success:

If you have been sedentary for a long time, are overweight, have a high risk of coronary heart disease or some other chronic health problem, see your doctor for a medical evaluation before beginning a physical activity program.

Choose activities that are fun, not exhausting.

Add variety. Try not to rely too much on one activity, but develop a repertoire of several that you can enjoy. That way, exercise will never seem boring or routine.

Wear comfortable, properly fitted footwear and comfortable. loose-fitting clothing that is appropriate for the weather and the activity.

Find a convenient time and place to do activities. Try to make it a habit, but be flexible. If you miss an exercise opportunity, work activity into your day another way.

Surround yourself with supportive people. Decide what kind of support you need. Do you want them to remind you to exercise? Ask about your progress? Participate with you regularly or occasionally? Allow you time to exercise by yourself? Be understanding when you get up early to exercise? Spend time with the children while you exercise? Try not to ask you to change your exercise routine?

Share your activity time with others. Make a date with a family member, friend or co-worker. Be an active role model for your children.

Don't overdo it. Do low-to-moderate level activities, especially at first. You can slowly increase the duration and intensity of your activities as you become more fit. Over time, work up to exercising three or four times per week for 30-60 minutes.

Keep a record of your activities. Reward yourself at special milestones. Nothing motivates like success!

Crop Report

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Even though Texas 1015 sweet onions were planted late this year, the crop is doing well and is on schedule, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Joe Pena, Extension economist in Uvalde, said spring onions are planted in the fall, but in South Texas, the fall of 1998 was one of the wettest in history.

"This delayed the planting of the 1015 onions," Pena said. "And they did not have time to grow in the fall."

The onions are rapidly growing now because they have to make up for their lack of growth in the fall, he said. Pena added that the mild winter has allowed the onions to grow faster.

"We have not had any water shortages because all onions are irrigated," he said. Dry conditions benefit onions because high humidity causes disease problems.

"Dry conditions mean less need to use fungicide," Pena said. "But it also means the crop needs to be irrigated more." There are distinct markets in the onion industry and people know when to look for Texas onions.

"The onions in the store now are from Mexico," Pena said. "By the time the Mexican onions are sold out, the onions in the Rio Grande Valley are just being harvested."

This system works well because there is not a lot of competition between Texas and Mexico due to the fact that their onions reach the market at different times.

"When both crops are late, we are going to coincide with Mexico," Pena said. "And that will increase competition."

That overloads the market, he explained.

"We are both going to fail if we saturate the market," Pena said. He said there are indications that producers in the Valley have planted more onions than last year.

"Early estimates indicate that plantings are up 1,200 acres from last year," Pena said.

He said the current estimate for acres for harvest in Texas is 12,400 acres, which is about 1,000 acres more than last year.

"This is an increase of about 4,300 acres from 1997 when the Valley experienced severe flooding and there were problems during the harvest," Pena said.

He said the state's production for this year is forecast at 347.2 million pounds, which is an increase of 20 percent from last year. Pena said that's enough onions to make about 26 billion onion rings. He concluded that the market is strong right now.

"I won't discuss profits because there is no way to predict that," Pena said. "There are going to be windows in which producers can make money, or at least not lose money."

Dr. Bob Robinson, district Extension director in Amarillo, said insects are a problem in his area.

"Armyworms continue to be reported in most areas of the Texas Panhandle," he said. He also said greenbug infestations continue to develop in southwestern areas of the Panhandle.

Terry Lockamy, district Extension director in Weslaco, said temperatures in South Texas have been hot this week.

"Above average temperatures have made planting moisture marginal for many crops," he said. Lockamy said planting is reaching peak activity this week in cotton and sorghum.

"Harvesting of sugarcane, cabbage, carrots and greens continues," he said. "And the early orange harvest is complete for the season."

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district extension directors:

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture very short to adequate. Winds continue to deplete soil surface moisture. Range conditions are poor to fair. Dryland wheat needs rain. Armyworms reported. Greenbug infestations a problem. Cattle in fair condition, feeding continues.

SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture short. Above average daytime temperatures; cold nights, no moisture. Pastures rated fair to good. Supplemental feeding continues. Wheat in good condition. Apricot and elm trees blooming. Land preparation continues.

ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture very short to short. Warm, dry and windy conditions; producers preparing land and waiting for rain. Wheat crop in desperate need of rain. Army cutworms still a problem. Rangeland rated fair to very poor. Cattle continue to be sold.

NORTH TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to adequate. Wind causing drying conditions for soils, plants; conditions just right for fire hazards. Cotton planting in progress; soil preparation for sorghum under way. Pastures need rain. Livestock in fair to good condition.

EAST TEXAS: Soil moisture short to adequate. Grass green up continues. Moisture needed for pasture growth. Calving season continues. Oats and wheat fair. Spring garden preparation and planting continues. Peach trees blooming; spraying continues.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to short. Dry, windy conditions continue. Cotton has been harvested. Cattle in good condition; feeding continues. Marking, shearing of lambs continues. Peaches bloomed. Some onions planted and making good growth.

WEST CENTRAL: Soil moisture very short to short. Cotton producers laying off rows and applying fertilizer. Oat stands are severely moisture stressed. Some wheat being grazed out due to lack of moisture. Livestock forage in short supply. Pastures need rain, tanks dry.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture short. Dry weather delays planting in many areas; gusty winds a hindrance without rain. Cattle doing well with decreasing supplementation. No disease reported. Wheat looking good but will need good rain soon.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to adequate. Rain needed throughout district; dry conditions slowing winter pasture growth. Most fields ready to plant; corn, some rice and early soybeans being planted. Cattle prices remain steady. Peach trees blooming.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Soil moisture short. Winds aggravating the dry conditions. Livestock in good condition. Pastures, ranges green; forage becoming scarce in some regions. Most corn and sorghum has been planted. Spinach harvest winding down.

COASTAL BEND: Soil moisture short to adequate. Cool, windy conditions. Corn emerging, needs rain. Cotton planting under way. Oat pastures being grazed out. Limited soybean planting. Livestock rated good. Peach trees blooming. Pecans being pruned.

SOUTH TEXAS: Soil moisture short. Hot temperatures; planting moisture marginal. Corn progressing well. Early planted cotton off to good start. Planting reaching peak activity. Sugarcane harvest continues. Early orange harvest complete.

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 9660 head of cattle for the Thursday, March 4, sale. Cows were $2 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were $1 to $2 cheaper. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: (high dressing - cutters - utility) 33 to 38.
Canners and low cutters: 27 to 32.50
Slaughter bulls: 42 to 48.50.
Feeder steers choice:
300-400: 90-113
400-500: 80-100
500-600: 75-85
600-700: 72-80
700-800: 67-72
Feeder Heifers choice:
300-400: 80-90
400-500: 72-82.50
500-600: 72-78.50
600-700: 65-75
700-800: 62-68
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500-600, 70 to 75; 700-800, 64 to 70.
Cow and calf pairs: Good 550 to 825: Grade 400 to 525.
Springers: 275 to 550.
Baby calves: 80 to 165.
Doodlers 125 to 2225

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,106 head of cattle for the Saturday, March 6 sale. Feeder steers and heifers were mostly steady to $1 higher. Slaughter cows were steady to $1 lower, bulls were $1 lower. Bred cowse $$25/hd lower, pairs werer $50/pr lower. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder Steers:
300 to 400: 97 to 105
400 to 500: 85 to 94
500 to 600: 80 to 88
600 to 700: 71.50 to 75.50
Feeder Heifers:
300 to 400: 82 to 91
400 to 500: 77 to 84
500 to 600: 72 to 76.25
600 to 700: 62.50 to 66.50
Young bred cows: 450 to 510
Cows and calves: 430 to 540
Slaughter cows: high yielding: 37.50.50 to 38.50.
Slaughter bulls: low dressing: 37-40

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800-573-5459

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*in Lieu of all rebates

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$20,995
#BO305 *discount $3,689 include rebate

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SE1 Sedan #PT0140
$299.28 mth 47 mth.
This is not a lease
MSRP $18,800. 8.50% APR WAC. If purchase option not exercised, purchaser pays .15¢/mi. for every mile over 60,000 miles. $0 due at signing. Final payment of $8836.00.
$0 DOWN

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To block AF training plan...

Stenholm's assistance sought

Farmers and ranchers opposed to an Air Force plan that would allow B-1 bombers just hundreds of feet above their property are taking their complaints to U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm.

Members of a group that calls itself the Heritage-Environmental Preservation Association claim the bombings will poison the ground with jet fuel and cause noise pollution throughout West Texas.

Some said they believe that Stenholm, D-Abilene, who for 20 years has represented the district that includes Dyess Air Force Base, has the political clout to pressure the Air Force into rethinking the plan.

Douglas Thompson, executive director of HEPA, said he and other members of the group met this week with Stenholm to test the waters on the issue and complain about the Air Force's decision to hold a public hearing scheduled for April 7 in the lunch/multipurpose room at Snyder High School.

"Its capacity is 100 to 150 people. Based on what we know, this location is in a remote part of the school and has no parking. We are upset that the Air Force is intentionally making it difficult for people to express their concerns and opposition to this plan," Thompson said.

"If the purpose of this meeting is to hear citizens concerns, this venue makes it difficult for people to be a part of the hearing process."

Stenholm agreed to suggest that the hearing should be held in a larger area, saying "the auditorium would be a better location."

But he said he will wait for the Air Force to release an environmental impact statement before forming a final opinion on the issue. The final statement is due in April 1999.

"I have taken the consistent position that there is a proposal and that there are definite steps in evaluating the proposal," Stenholm said. "When the environmental impact statement is available, we'll all have 60 days to decide what should or should not happen."

Officials of Dyess Air Force Base at Abilene did not return calls by The Associated Press for comment.

The Air Force announced plans last year to enact a Realistic Bomber Training Initiative, which could have B-1 and B-52 bombers flying sorties, some as low as 300 feet, in West Texas or northeastern New Mexico as early as October 2001.

The training missions would fly over a 50-mile by 100-mile stretch of West Texas covering eight counties — Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Dawson, Borden, Scurry and Fisher — covering most of the area between Abilene and Lubbock.

The bombers could also fly near the Big Spring area, southwest of the eight-county block. The Federal Aviation Administration must approve airspace for the Air Force's plan, but the Air Force itself can essentially approve all other aspects of the initiative.

Stenholm said people may have jumped to conclusions about how harmful the bomber training would be.

"The proposition will not place flight patterns over areas that will have major activity," Stenholm said. "We have a lot of space in Texas and New Mexico."

Thompson disagrees.

"This training site is not just another little site," Thompson said. "If it goes through over our area, it would be one of the largest bomber training sites in the country, with thousands of flights per year."

Two women indicted for rash of home burglaries

ODESSA (AP) — Local law enforcement officials say they don't see this very often: Two women have been indicted for a string of house burglaries.

"Women aren't arrested for burglary near as often as men, and when they are, they are usually just driving the car and are charged as accomplices," said Ector County sheriff's Lt. Billy Clark.

Authorities say Amanda Lea Jackson, 19, and Angela Dawn Cobb, 22, burglarized five houses late last year. They, along with Michael Wayne Nichols, 22, were indicted Friday by an Ector County grand jury.

The two women have been released on bond, but Nichols remained jailed on $50,000 bond.

Clark said the three suspects would knock on a house door and, if no one answered, kick it in.

Most burglars — of either sex — steal to support drug habits, Clark told the Odessa American. A few female burglars do it to settle a score with someone — an ex-boyfriend, for example, said Odessa police Sgt. Bianca Brister.

Clark said women are more likely to engage in shoplifting, a misdemeanor, than burglary, a felony. Besides, he said, the items taken in burglaries are sometimes heavy or cumbersome and can be difficult for a woman to carry.

"It happens, but it's just not a female's crime of choice," he said.

Parent notification legislation is filed

AUSTIN (AP) — Of the 84,870 abortions reported in 1997 to the Texas Department of Health, 5,500 were performed on minors.

Not one of their parents had the right to know about it.

That could change this Legislative session, and abortion opponents and lawmakers seem confident that it will — starting on Wednesday, when several abortion-related bills go before the Senate Human Services Committee.

"We're not here to argue Roe v. Wade," Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, said of the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

"If this debate was about any other major surgical procedure but abortion, it wouldn't be such a volatile issue. I wish we could talk about little girls talking to their parents when they've got an important decision to make," said the mother of four teen-age daughters.

Mrs. Nelson's bill would require that a parent give their consent before their minor daughter undergoes an abortion. It is a stricter version of legislation proposed by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, which would only require that a parent be notified.

Both include a clause in which a pregnant minor could bypass her parents altogether if a judge deemed her mature enough.

Pro-choice advocates like Kae McLaughlin say that about 75 percent of girls under 17 already include their parents in such decisions, and the few who don't undoubtedly have good reasons.

"Many of these girls come from families with histories of violence or incest," Ms. McLaughlin, executive director of the Texas Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, has said.

"You can't legislate what a young person decides to do. You can simply make safe, legal medical procedures unavailable to them," she said, adding that minors were unlikely to use the judicial bypass.

Both bills have strong supporters, including Republican Gov. George W. Bush and Lt. Gov. Rick Perry.

According to a 1997 study by the American Journal of Public Health, 39 states have passed parental involvement laws. Texas' legislation is modeled on laws in Minnesota, where the state Department of Health has reported a significant decrease in the number of abortions, pregnancies and births to minor girls.

Pro-choice groups want these rates to go down too, but say parental involvement is not the way to do it.

"Parents make bad decisions for their children all the time," said Hannah Riddering, president of the Austin National Organization for Women.

"These bills are not coming out of concern for the well-being for women, but out of the idea that I — a grown woman — also should not be able to have an abortion. This legislation is just one of the weapons in that war," she said.

Also up for debate will be two "informed consent" bills filed by Mrs. Nelson and Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington. Those would instigate waiting periods of 72 and 24 hours, respectively, after a woman is informed of all procedural and medical risks by a physician.

Both bills have exemptions for medical emergencies, and Harris' bill excludes women who live more than 100 miles from an abortion provider.

Bryan schools ban spanking of pupils

BRYAN (AP) — There will be no more spankings in Bryan's 13 schools.

The Bryan school board, in an unanimous vote, decided Monday to ban corporal punishment.

"I dont think we want to be in the business of hitting kids," board secretary Susan McKneely told The Eagle newspaper of Bryan-College Station in Tuesday's editions.

Ms. McKneely has long sought the removal of corporal punishment.

Obituaries

Ola Williams

1947-1999

SWEETWATER — Funeral service for Ola Mae Williams, the sister of Howard Brown of Snyder, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Eddie Nelson will officiate, and burial will follow in the Sweetwater Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams, 51, died Sunday, March 7, in Abilene's Hendrick Medical Center.

Born July 6, 1947 in Brazos Valley, she had lived in Sweetwater since the age of 13. She married L.C. Williams in 1964 in Sweetwater, and he died in 1974.

A member of the Caanan Baptist Church, she worked for Pace Packing and retired from U.S. Gypsum Co.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, L.C. Williams Jr. and Anthony Williams; and a daughter, Bonnie Ruth Williams.

Survivors include two daughters, Regina Williams and Nicole Williams, both of Sweetwater; her mother, Catherine Brown of Sweetwater; four sisters, Erma Williams, Zula Jackson, Bulah McIntire and Debbie Brown, all of Sweetwater; two other brothers, Donnie Brown and Toby Brown, both of Sweetwater; a stepson, Artie Lee Williams of Fresno, Calif.; and nine grandchildren.

Tate Fondy

1951-1999

SLATON — Tate Fondy, a former Western Texas College student, died Monday, March 8, in Covenant Medical Center Lakeside in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mr. Fondy, 47, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Cleve Kerby, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in the Englewood Cemetery.

Born May 23, 1951 in Slaton, he graduated from Slaton High School in 1970 and attended WTC. He graduated from Sul Ross University in 1978 and returned to Slaton in 1978.

He owned Fondy's Western Store from 1979 to 1986 and had worked for the U.S. Postal Service since 1985.

He married Donna McAnear LaVere on Nov. 8, 1979 in Lovington, N.M. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, J.T. Fondy of San Angelo and Michael LaVere of Lubbock; a daughter, Heather Cathey of Irving; his parents, John and Jolene Fondy of Slaton; a sister, Judy Thomas of Slaton; his grandmother, Ethel Tate Ball of Slaton; and a grandson, Jack Michael Cathey of Irving.

The family suggests memorials to the Bone Marrow Transplant Fund at UT Southwest Medical Center, P.O. Box 910888 in Dallas, 75391.

Gerry Hightower

1913-1999

HOBBS, N.M. — Gerry Hightower, the sister of Vada Burleson of Snyder, died Saturday, March 6, in Columbia Lea Regional Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Hightower, 85, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Jefferson Street Church of Christ. Burial was to follow in Memory Gardens.

Born Dec. 6, 1913 in Snyder, she married Herschell Hightower on Sept. 15, 1961 in Albuquerque.

A real estate broker for more than 40 years, Mrs. Hightower was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Herschell Hightower of Hobbs; a son, Don Scaramella of Lewisville; two other sisters, Bobbie Hale of Acton and Olline Schilling of Sweetwater; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Free tax aid service

Free tax help is available today and every Wednesday at the Senior Center. Help is also available for shut-ins. Call 573-3822 or 573-4035.

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706

The lodge will have an E. A. Degree Thursday evening at 7:30 at the Lodge Hall.

Ira booster club

The Ira Athletic Booster Club will meet at 8:15 this evening in the school cafeteria.

Support groups

Four different support groups meet Thursday in the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer-grief support group, a group for parents of teens and a group for adult-children caring for elderly parents. Child care is provided.

Free computer lessons

The Scurry-Mitchell Computer Club will offer free computer lessons at 6 p.m. Thursday at Tom's Marine. The session is open to the public.

Women's Conference

Women Worshipping Jesus Devotedly Conference will begin at 7 p.m. Friday in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Mercy & Truth from Rockwall will lead the music and Barbara Murrell from Mesquite will be the speaker. For more information or to pre-register, call 573-8401 or 573-9812.

Postal Service entrance exam

The examination for data conversion operator for the U.S. Postal Service will be open to the public from March 15-26 at the remote encoding center in Abilene. Applications and additional information are available at the Snyder post office.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The '3 Bears' of Galatians 6," followed by "His Needs, Her Needs."

Parkinson's support group

Parkinson's Disease community support group will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. A video entitled, "Practical Pointers for Parkinson's Patients," will be shown.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Funiture, appliances and other items are appreciated. Clothes are not needed at this time. Call 573-5212 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Windbreak trees available

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has extra windbreak trees, both hardwood and evergreens, available.

Aggie scholarships

The Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mothers' Club will award two scholarships to a high school senior and a current A&M student. Students in Fisher, Mitchell, Nolan and Scurry counties are eligible. Applications are available at the high schools and postmark deadline for applications is April 1.

Public hearing for bomber training

The Air Force will hold a public hearing on the proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initative (RBTI) on Wednesday, April 7, from 5-9 p.m. at Snyder High School.

Planetarium shows

The refurbished planetarium at Western Texas College is available for group shows Thursday evenings and all day on Fridays. The shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. There are three presentations available in the 59-seat auditorium, one for pre-K, another for K through 4, and one for general audiences. For reservations contact Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Pick 3

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

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
9-11-16-21-30

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Sweepstakes officials defend contest rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defending their contests to outraged senators, the companies that flood U.S. homes with sweepstakes promotions insisted Tuesday that most Americans know they can win without buying anything.

Four industry executives told a hearing of their voluntary efforts to clearly state the rules and odds — and to delete from mailing lists vulnerable Americans whom companies are now trying to identify.

The longer the defense continued, the more intense was the bipartisan criticism from members of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. Panel members confronted company officials with mailings that said, "Open your door to $31 million on Jan. 31," "It's down to a 2 person race for $11 million" and "Yes, Reward Entitlement Granted and Guaranteed."

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, chairwoman of the subcommittee, said she was "absolutely stunned" by company statements that no "reasonable person" would be misled by headlines that appear to declare someone a sweepstakes winner when the odds were minuscule.

By the hearing's conclusion, senators said they were more convinced than ever that tough federal legislation was needed to regulate the mailings. Collins, who faced not only the witnesses but a room packed with powerful Washington lobbyists, said she is "gaining co-sponsors every day" for her legislation that would regulate the mailings and impose stiff fines for violations.

"The fact that these companies have hired such high-powered lobbyists ... shows how much money is at stake and how profitable the business is," she said. "My hope is we'll be able to prevail over any lobbying."

The industry representatives said they would support federal regulation, but wouldn't commit to specific provisions such as using the same size type for headlines suggesting someone is a winner and the notice that those not purchasing anything had an equal chance to win.

On Monday, the committee heard accounts of elderly parents who kept buying magazines and merchandise they didn't need in pursuit of a grand prize. Tuesday, lawmakers heard the defense from Naomi Bernstein, vice president of marketing services for American Family Enterprises; Deborah Holland, senior vice president of Publishers Clearing House; Elizabeth Long, executive vice president of Time Inc.; and Peter Davenport, senior vice president of The Reader's Digest Association.

Senators were especially critical of a Publisher's Clearing House letter that quoted two company officials supposedly discussing how they could get a valued customer, Eustace Hall, a prize. "There must be something we can do," one official was quoted as saying.

Hall, a committee witness on Monday, broke down in tears during his appearance and told the panel that he thought the letter was a personal one. In fact, said Ms. Holland, the letter was sent to 9 million recipients with only the names changed.

Ms. Holland said the letter was "perfectly fine" and called it "a dramatization of an actual conversation that did take place" among company officials.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., told her, "You lied to a customer" by suggesting that company officials were having personal discussions about him. "That letter is perfectly a lie . . . purposefully false . . . purposely misleading, purposely deceptive."

"The point of our mailings is not to convince people they've won a sweepstakes, but rather to be excited about the possibility of winning and to consider our products," Ms. Bernstein said.

Ms. Holland said Publishers Clearing House supported federal standards, a public-private partnership between government and industry to end any confusion and protection programs for those who become addicted to sweepstakes without understanding the rules.

Davenport said a study by Reader's Digest "strongly indicates that the vast majority of ... customers understand ... that no purchase is necessary to enter." He said the sweepstakes were "simply a marketing tool" just like a department store promotion to lure customers inside.

Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., told Ms. Bernstein, of American Family Enterprises, that it was misleading to state in big headlines that there was a "2 person race for $11 million" when in fact the odds of winning were extremely small.

When Ms. Bernstein protested that the mailing also said a winning number had to be returned, and insisted the mailing wasn't deceptive, Durbin cut her off. "This is a lie," he said.

Senate okays Chavez Day

AUSTIN (AP) — The last day of March would be designated Cesar Chavez Day in Texas in honor of the late labor and civil rights leader under a bill approved Tuesday by the state Senate.

The bill, which goes to the House for consideration, would observe the birthday of the United Farm Workers founder with an optional holiday for state government workers.

State agency heads could authorize employees to take the day off with pay instead of any other state holiday occurring on a weekday. State agencies would remain open and would have to conduct operations at minimum level.

Texas AFL-CIO president Joe D. Gunn applauded passage of the measure.

"Times change. Today's unanimous Senate vote would have been unthinkable in a previous generation when government showed farm workers the door, instead of opening doors," he said.

Sponsoring Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, said Chavez "championed the cause of farm workers like no one else had in the history of this country."

The Chavez bill is SB107.

Lubbock DA will seek death penalty

LUBBOCK (AP) — Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for a man convicted of killing a toddler.

Jurors deliberated about three hours and 20 minutes Tuesday before finding Robert Salazar guilty of capital murder.

Prosecutors called Salazar a "baby killer" for the 1997 death of Adriana Gomez, the 2½-year-old daughter of his girlfriend at the time.

Salazar claimed the child hit her head in the bathtub after he slapped her. Prosecutors said the beating was deliberate.

"He wanted to kill her ... How else does that explain picking up a kid by the ankles and slamming them into a wall or a bathtub?" prosecutor Rusty Ladd asked.

Prosecutors did not have to prove how Adriana suffered her fatal injuries.

The medical examiner who performed her autopsy said the injuries were more severe than injuries he has observed from automobile accidents.

Dr. Charles Harvey also testified that any of the blows to Adriana's head, heart or abdomen could have killed her.

In closing arguments, defense attorneys admitted Salazar beat the girl, but they tried to avoid a possible death sentence by saying prosecutors failed to show the murder was intentional.

Salazar now faces lethal injection or life in prison as jurors begin considering his fate today.

Adriana's mother, Raylene Blakeburn, returned home from work and found the girl just after 5 p.m., April 23, 1997. Salazar had been watching the girl, but Adriana was alone and unconscious when her mother came home.

Police arrested Salazar at a neighbor's house a few hours later.

After the guilty verdict was returned, prosecutors told jurors Salazar should be executed because he always has been violent and will remain that way.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 11, 1999

Although the financial trends may be status quo in the year ahead, if you keep your nose to the grindstone, trickling gains could gradually turn into a gusher. Be wise with your money!

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Mixing business with stimulants that relax everyone's natures might end up camouflaging a vagabond arrangement. Bum deals could look pretty good through the bottom of a glass. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you must gamble today, bet on things that really count, such as love and friendship. Taking a risky chance on something like your job or reputation is a no-win situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep your feelings under control today, or else you could allow your emotions to override your usual good common sense. Bad errors in judgment is likely.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Collective endeavors are usually productive involvements, but in your case, if you're not careful today, you could put yourself in a position where more is expected from you than others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be especially leery when negotiating an arrangement with another today. Conditions might not be everything they claimed them to be, and more investigation may be warranted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be a producer today, not a procrastinator. Any duties or tasks you neglect at this time will accumulate and take twice as long to take care of down the line.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In social situations today, the vanquished might not behave too gracefully, including yourself. Try to keep everything light and breezy, and don't allow competitive involvements get out of hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Pointing a finger of blame at someone at any time can open up Pandora's box. People will instantly turn the glaring spotlight on your misdeeds should you accuse them of anything today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A lick and a promise at work could get you a boot out the door if you don't take your assignments seriously today. Perform up to your usual high standards at all times.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your generous nature always wants to show itself, but keep it under wraps today when in the company of someone who always takes but never gives. Such a person is an abuser.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't set yourself up to be trumped today by banking too heavily on what you think is your ace in the hole. If your calculations are incorrect, your loss could be big.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It's not like you, but you could be too gullible for your own good today. Someone who has a keen eye and ulterior motives might move in to set you up as his or her next pigeon.

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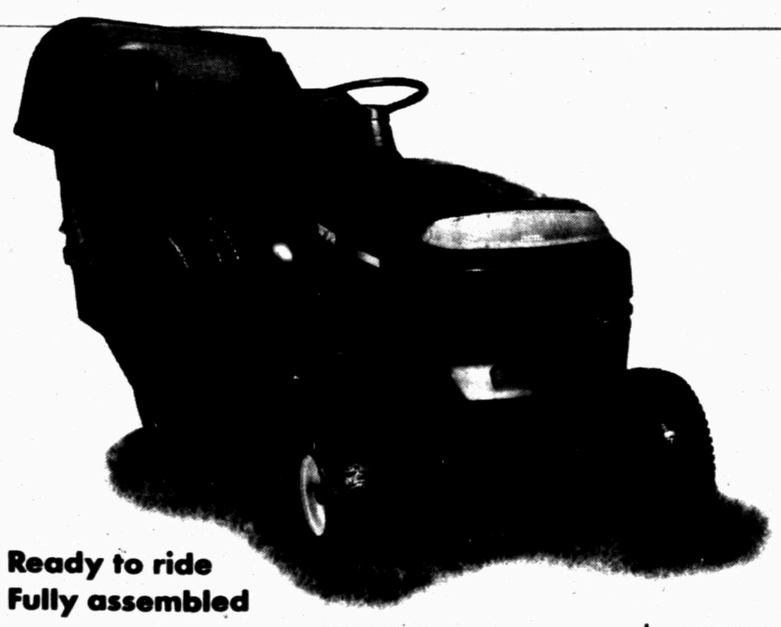

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