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Senate GOP turns up heat to investigate fund-raising

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans are stepping up pressure for an independent counsel to investigate Democratic fund raising, while President Clinton said today that the issue "shouldn't be a political one."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., proposed a nonbinding resolution Tuesday calling on Attorney General Janet Reno to seek appointment of an independent counsel to investigate possible criminal wrongdoing by Democratic Party fund-raisers and Clinton's re-election campaign.

Faced with GOP opposition to expanding the Senate's own fundraising probe into congressional races, Lott also said: "The scope should be limited to illegal activities in the presidential campaigns last year" and other related practices by the two major political parties.

"The system isn't broken, the laws have been broken," he told reporters.

In an Oval Office event focusing on gun control, Clinton was asked about Lott's call for an independent counsel. "It's a legal question. It shouldn't be a political one," Clinton said.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said today Democrats would insist that the Senate investigation examine fund raising by congressional as well as the presidential candidates. "We will not compromise on scope," said Daschle, who has previously threatened a filibuster on Republican plans for the investigation's budget.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he would ask the panel's Republican members to sign a letter formally requesting Reno to appoint an independent counsel.

Under the independent counsel law, Reno would have 30 days to respond to the request. "I doubt that she'll refuse," Hatch said.

Sens. Russell Feingold of Wisconsin and Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York are among prominent Democrats who also have urged an independent counsel in the growing controversy over questionable Democratic fund raising, plus Clinton's White House coffees and Lincoln Bedroom sleep-overs for big-money donors.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., likened the Democratic campaign abuses to the Watergate scandal of the 1970s that brought down the presidency of Richard Nixon.

"This is not some random accident," Gingrich said. "This is the most systematic, large-scale effort to get around the law that I think we've seen certainly since Watergate. And in its total effort is much bigger, I think, than Watergate."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Science has made a big impact on the business world. Where would the belt industry be if it weren't for the law of gravity?"

The report by scientists that an adult lamb had been successfully cloned has set off debates concerning the ethics of such a procedure.

Researchers in Scotland say they have grown a fully-formed lamb using the genes of adult sheep as the starting material — essentially creating a set of twins born years apart.

While folks are asking serious questions about what used to be only science fiction, we have to wonder about the practical aspects of it.

We did a little research and haven't found anybody who has suggested that we need another one of anybody they know.

You can just imagine what havoc would prevail if there was an identical brother-in-law.

What would Snyder do with another Billy Ray Browning? Poor Pam would have to do double duty trying to keep "Hoss" on the straight and narrow.

Remember ladies, two Billy Ray Brownings would mean twice the hugging. And there would be double the yarns — twice the ranch waste product.

The list goes on...two Jack Denmans, a pair of Milton Hams, a Harold Denson twin, Charles and Charlie Church, a Bunk Casey replica?

And just think of the legal implications of cloning. Police have an eyewitness account of a crime. There's positive identification, but J.O. hires Johnny and the hot-shot defense lawyer comes up with an exact replica. The who-done-it becomes a which-done-it.

We're surprised the East Texas state senator who was caught on video soliticing a prostitute in Austin hasn't already declared that it was somebody who just looked like him on the video.

It would have been no more unbelievable than the senator's story. He called it a "misunderstanding." No doubt. If the senator had understood the woman was an undercover cop, he wouldn't have tried to strike a deal.

Sounds like a story we've heard before. Maybe clones aren't anything new after all.

Foundation makes plans for increasing scholarships

The Scholarship Foundation board at Western Texas College voted this morning to begin initial plans for increasing scholarship funds for students.

Board members agreed to continue discussion with a firm specializing in these endeavors with the first order of business being a survey to study the feasibility of such a drive.

The cost of the initial survey will be $15,000, and must first meet with the approval of the college's board of trustees. The survey is expected to be conducted through the summer, with the drive expected to begin in the fall.

Board chairman Bill Wilson Jr. said he would like to see enough money raised to increase the standard scholarship of $250 per semester to $500 or more.

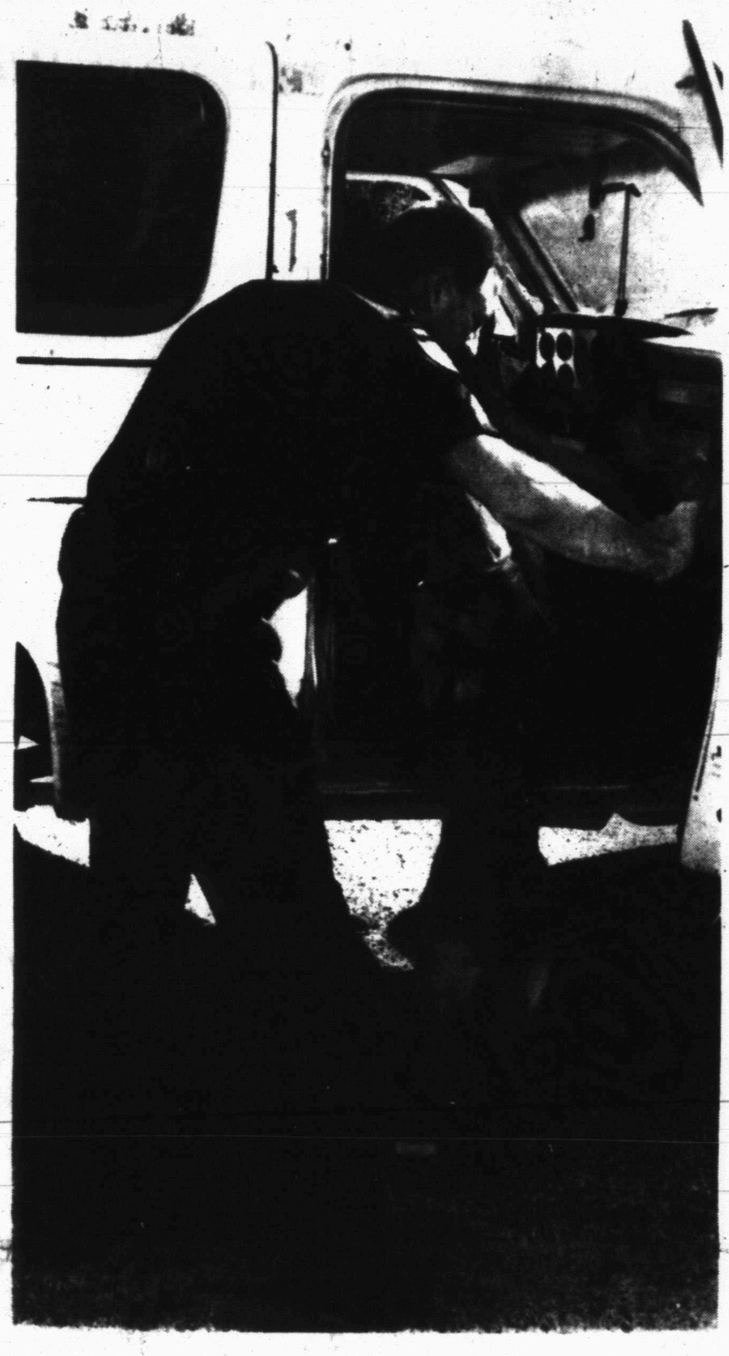
"The $250 was adequate in the past, but it takes a lot more to go to school now," said Wilson.

Presently, 70 students at WTC receive some form of scholarships, while the number in the fall was 90.

There is $94,791 available for scholarships, being drawn from the scholarship fund balance of $813,219.



BANQUET PLANS - Tammy Valentine, standing, and Jessie Scarbrough were among those attending a planning session for the annual Snyder Chamber of Banquet set for March 13. Tickets are currently on sale for the event which will salute the 1940s. State Comptroller John Sharp will be the featured speaker. (SDN Staff Photo)



DRUG SEARCH — Snyder Police Sergeant Trevlyn Pitner and the department's drug search dog, "Jake," look through a 1981 Blazer that was driven by a Utah man arrested on felony theft and two misdemeanor charges. The man was apprehended just inside the city limits Tuesday afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo)

Utah man jailed here by deputies

A 33-year-old Utah man remains in Scurry County jail this morning on felony theft charges from Amarillo and two misdemeanor charges filed here.

Jonathan Labonte of West Valley, Utah was booked into the jail around 4 p.m. following his arrest in the Plaza Restaurant parking lot.

Bond has been set at $5,000 on the theft charge from Amarillo and $400 each on the misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to identify.

Sheriff's Deputy Brian Peterson said dispatchers received a 911 call around 3:30 p.m. in reference to Labonte driving recklessly in the southbound lane of U.S. Highway 84.

Deputies and Snyder Police Department officers responded to the scene and found Labonte out of his vehicle, a 1981 Blazer, at the restaurant.

"He gave us a fictious name and other suspicious information, plus the camping trailer he was pulling had a busted door lock on it," said Peterson.

Dealer tags on the trailer were from Amarillo. When dispatchers contacted law enforcement officials there, they discovered the trailer was reported stolen Tuesday morning. Inside the trailer were other stolen objects and tools apparently used to break into the trailer.

Drug paraphernalia was found inside the Blazer, said Peterson.

Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner and the department's drug dog, Jake, searched the vehicle for other drugs that might have been in hidden compartments, but none were in the vehicle or trailer.

Districts make special plans for candidate filing next week

School districts participating in Spring Break next week have announced arrangements for anyone wishing to file as a candidate in their May school board elections.

Both Snyder and Ira ISD participate in Spring Break. Hermleigh ISD does not.

Snyder ISD administration building will be open from 9 a.m. until noon next week for anyone wishing to file for one of two places up for election on the board.

To date, two people have filed and both are uncontested. Incumbent Richard Chambers is seeking to retain his Place 3 seat on the board. Mike Levens has filed for Place 2, held by out-going board member Geraldine Parker.

Ira ISD will not keep its administration office open during Spring Break but will have a notice posted on the door directing those who wish to file who to notify.

Trustees Bo Robinson, Place 4, and Dirk Dunn, Place 5, are seeking another term on the Ira board. Neither is opposed.

Hermleigh does not schedule a Spring Break, but will have a holiday this Friday. Filing information will be posted on the office door that day.

Four seats are up for election on the Hermleigh ISD board. The only person to file has been Tim Dacus, who was elected last year to fill out an unexpired term. He will be seeking a full term this time.

Also on the Hermleigh ballot will be terms held by John Williamson and Chip Roemisch, and the unexpired term of Jimmy Hudgins, who has resigned from the board.

The city is also holding an election in May. Spring Break will not affect filing in that election, of course.

On the ballot will be two-at large city council terms, an unexpired term in District 3 and the mayor's post.

At-large incumbents Dayton Robertson and Ron Shaw have filed to seek re-election. Early this week, retired Chevron USA operations supervisor Terry Jon Martin filed for an at-large post as well, prompting a contested election.

Mayor David Holt has filed for another term and is currently unopposed. No one has filed for the District 3 council seat.

The elections are also scheduled for May 3. The filing period ends April 2.

Korean officials meet with mediators from U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) — With smiles and small talk, officials from the United States, North and South Korea began meetings today that U.S. mediators hope will lead to peace on the Korean peninsula, one of the last flash points from the Cold War.

Delegations from the three governments gathered in a New York hotel room to hear U.S. and South Korean proposals for four-power talks aimed at a peace treaty formally ending the Korean War. The talks would also include China.

ASK US

Q—Where will the regional track meet be held this year and what are the dates?

A—The Class 4A meet for this region is set for April 18-19 in San Angelo.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 78 degrees; low, 34; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 34; no precipitation; total for 1997, 4.95 imches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low around 30. Light wind. Thursday, sunny. High 60-65. Wind becoming SE 5-15 mph.



James Ray Castro
Sunny

Sunset: 6:45 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.
Of 63 days in 1997, the sun has shone 55 days in Snyder

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up.

-Vince Lombardi

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Commissioner starts lotto rebidding process

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery Commission on Tuesday started the formal process of rebidding its main contract. But it still could decide to stick with current contractor GTECH Corp.

By a 3-0 vote, the commission directed its staff to draw up a "request for proposal," including eight options to which potential contractors would reply.

The eight options include keeping the current contract intact, splitting it into several smaller contracts and moving some or all of the work into the lottery commission. Most of the ideas would require legislative approval if adopted.

The lottery commission already has a five-year deal with GTECH that would run through 2002 if not canceled. The commission did not decide whether to cancel that contract and did not say when it would decide that issue.

Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers, who wants to rebid the contract, said the three-member panel will weigh all of it's options, including keeping the current deal and looking for a new contractor at the same time.

"My belief is that a rebid of the contract is the best way to ensure the people of Texas that services being provided are being provided in a cost effective manner and a manner in which they should be provided," Ms. Miers said.

The question of cancelling the current contract and rebidding it comes after months of questions about GTECH's hiring and business practices.

Guy Snowden, chief executive officer for GTECH, said the commission is mixing issues of ethical problems — which he said have been corrected — and the business success of the lottery.

The ethical issues have to do with the hiring of a close friend of former lottery director Nora Linares.

She was fired earlier this year after the commission said questions about her friend's hiring damaged her effectiveness as director. That friend, Mike Moeller, is now in federal prison on an unrelated charge.

The ethical questions also have to do with the multimillion-dollar deal GTECH had with former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes, who was a lobbyist for the company in Texas. Barnes has stopped working for GTECH.

"We don't want you to try to solve these ethical problems by dealing with the commercial side," Snowden told the commission. "Rebid doesn't surprise us but there's a time for it. To push this process into a very short period of time is not going to work and I don't want to see you do that."

After the hearing, Snowden said he thinks the commission is doing the right thing looking at all its options. But he said he doesn't believe the agency will rebid the contract before 2002.

"That's the contract we've received and I haven't heard anything today that would seem to contradict that," Snowden said.

He said the more the lottery commission understands about bidding and the lottery industry, "The more likelihood it is that we will go full term."

"I think our desire and the direction we've taken today is to move forward quicker than that," Ms. Miers said.

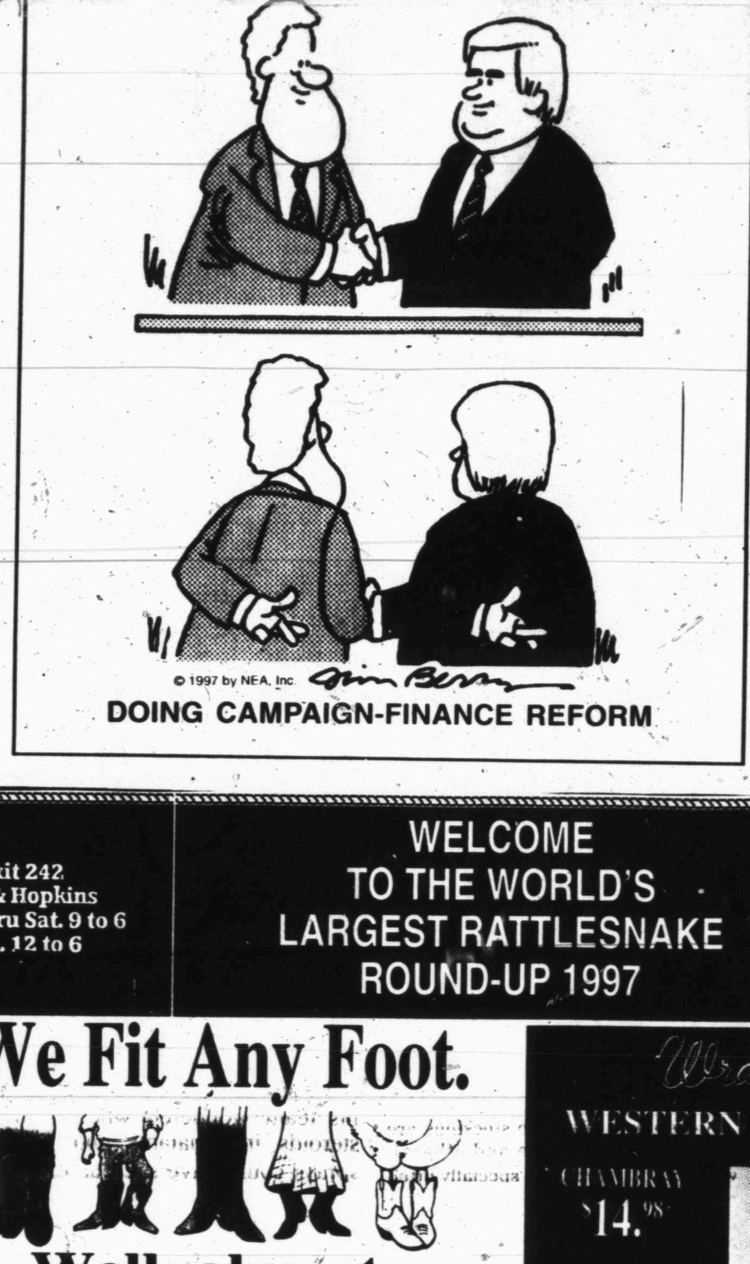
She called for rebidding the contract last month. Commissioner John Hill also has said he thinks the contract should be reopened for new bids.

Charles Brooke, a vice president for GTECH competitor Automated Wagering International, said thinks he'll have a chance before 2002 to bid on the contract.

"I'd be happy to bid on all or part of it," he said.



TV WINNER — Neva Huddleston, right, won the drawing for a 25-inch television at Snyder Noon Kiwanis' pancake feast on Saturday. The TV, donated by Wal-Mart, was presented by Kiwanis president, Darryl Calley. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



Date Book

March 5, 1997

Today is the 64th day of 1997 and the 75th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1770, five Americans were killed and six injured when British troops opened fire on a taunting crowd in Boston.

On this day in 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt announced a 10-day bank holiday as his first step in fighting the Great Depression.

On this day in 1946, Winston Churchill popularized the term "Iron Curtain" during a speech in Fulton, Mo.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Frank Norris (1870-1902), novelist; Lady Isabella Augusta Gregory (1852-1932), playwright; Rex Harrison (1908-1990), actor; Laurence A. Tisch (1923-), CBS chief, is 74; Dean Stockwell (1936-), actor, is 61; Penn Jillette (1955-), magician, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1924, Frank Caruana of Buffalo, N.Y., bowled 29 straight strikes.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "This great nation will endure as it has endured, will revive and prosper. So first of all let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." — Franklin Roosevelt

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1959, windblown snow blanketed parts of the Midwest from Kansas to the Great Lakes.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 2) and new moon (March 8).

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Abbey Boles on honor list

Texas Wesleyan University student Abbey Boles of Snyder was named to the Academic Honor List for the fall 1996 semester.

To be eligible for the Academic Honor List, students must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours full-time or, at least six hours part-time.

They must have a grade-point average of 3.50 or better and have no grade lower than "C." This honor is determined at the end of each semester.

J.D. Patterson is SDN winner

J.D. Patterson of 14417 CR 2214 Fluvanna is the February winner of a free subscription to the Snyder Daily News.

Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who either subscribe or renew for six months or more.

AP correction...

KEOKUK, Iowa (AP) — The Associated Press erroneously reported Feb. 24 that Robert Hardy told police his wife shot Theresa Lynn Lund. Hardy never told authorities that his wife, Kimmi Lynn Hardy, shot Ms. Lund.

Hardy told authorities that his wife lured Ms. Lund to their home Aug. 28 and that she later told him Ms. Lund's body was downstairs in a basement crawl space. Mrs. Hardy is charged with first-degree murder in Ms. Lund's death.

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Ovarian cancer...

Powder, sprays linked to greater risk

SEATTLE (AP) — Women who routinely use genital powders and sprays could be at a greater risk for ovarian cancer, a study suggests.

The researchers admitted the findings were clouded by the lack of specific brand information and details about how much powder was used.

But they said that even a modest increase in risk could have a real effect on the incidence of ovarian cancer since evidence shows one-fourth to one-half of all women use powder in the genital area.

The study, by the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and the University of Washington, is reported in the March 1 issue of the American Journal of Epidemiology.

The study focused on a group of 313 women, ages 20 to 79 and living in three western Washington counties, who had ovarian cancer. They were compared with a control group of 422 women with no history of the disease.

The researchers looked at cornstarch, talcum powder, baby powder, deodorant powder and scented bath powder, and four ways of using it: in genital sprays, by direct application after bathing, by storing diaphragms in powder and by applying powder to sanitary napkins.

Women who used genital sprays were found to have a 90 percent increased risk. But the study noted that some sprays did not contain powder and that unidentified chemical substances and not the powder itself may be at fault.

Women who routinely powdered after bathing had a 60 percent increased risk. No risk increase was noted among those who applied powder to sanitary napkins or who stored their diaphragms in powder.

Overall, the study found a 50 percent increase in risk for women who use one or more of the methods. There have been at least six other studies with similar conclusions, epidemiologist Linda Cook said Tuesday.

Cook cautioned that the study considered a woman a powder user regardless of how often she used it or how she applied it.

"I certainly find the results of this study suggestive, but they're not conclusive," Cook said.

Dr. Jonathan Berek of UCLA's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology said a larger, better-documented study was needed. The Washington study had too many quality flaws, such as relying on a person's recollection as a way to document use, he said.

Ovarian cancer has a high death rate, mainly because there is no way to test for it and cases are often advanced by the time they are detected.

Asthma inhalants linked to glaucoma

CHICAGO (AP) — Patients who use steroid-containing asthma inhalants in high doses should have their eyes checked for glaucoma, according to researchers who found that the inhalants may raise the risk of the disease in older people.

Eye patients in Quebec were 44 percent more likely to have glaucoma or conditions that commonly precede the potentially blinding disease if they had been using such inhalants for three months or more, researchers reported in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

But "please don't stop using these medications," said co-author Samy Suissa, an epidemiology professor at McGill University in Montreal. "We don't want to fill up our emergency rooms, either in Canada or in the U.S., with patients with asthma attacks because they're not using their medications."

Instead, people should have their eyes checked for early signs of glaucoma, a painless disease that develops slowly and can be controlled with medication if caught early.

It is well known that steroids can promote glaucoma, which is characterized by increased pressure inside the eyeball. Suissa and his team wondered whether the steroids in inhalants and nasal sprays could have such an effect.

Dr. Harry A. Quigley, director of the Glaucoma Service and the Dana Center for Preventive Ophthalmology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, said the study has many flaws and more research is needed to confirm such a link.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; program will be "Colors In Your Yard," by Brenda Aquillon, president of the Colorado City Garden Club; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; Golden Corral; 6:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

USO SHOW

The Snyder Chamber Of Commerce Annual Banquet

Thursday, March 13, 1997, 6:30 p.m.
Scurry County Coliseum

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Reasons to not smoke or chew

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Aren't there dangers from pipe and cigar smoke? Why doesn't the surgeon general condemn these tobacco products, as well as cigarettes?

DEAR READER: Because most of the studies on the harmful effects of tobacco have been performed on cigarette smokers. The few reports on pipe or cigar smoking indicate that there is a risk of mouth and lung cancer, but it is far less than from cigarettes.

You might be interested to learn that smokeless tobacco, which can be "dipped" or chewed, is also being studied and has been shown to cause cancer in the mouth and throat.

Although pipe and cigar smoke is definitely unhealthful, more people smoke cigarettes. Consequently, most of the emphasis has been placed on cigarettes.

The bottom line? Don't smoke or chew.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." 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'm a medical transcriptionist who sits all day at a job I love. However, my ankles swell; by evening, I can hardly get my shoes on. This doesn't happen on weekends, when I am physically active, hiking and doing aerobics. Short of changing jobs, what can I do to prevent the swelling?

DEAR READER: Ankle edema (swelling) is common in middle-aged people who do a lot of standing or sitting. During the workday, such people may not move about, and gravity causes blood to pool in the feet and ankles, leading to an accumulation of fluid outside the veins, known as "dependent edema."

As expected, when such people exercise, there is little or no pooling, because the contraction of the leg muscles "milks" blood back into circulation.

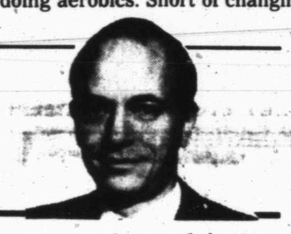
What you need is not a job change but a change in your hose. I believe much of your problem would be resolved if you wore elastic support stockings while at work. Such stockings exert external pressure on the tissues of the lower legs, in effect counterbalancing the pressure that causes edema fluid.

Some types of elastic stockings are quite sheer (SupHose and others), while others have to be specially fitted and are much heavier (Jobst and others). Start with the least-expensive option, walk around as much as you can during the workday, and continue to exercise (without wearing elastic hose) when you're out of the office.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	03-05-97
	♠ A 5	
	♥ A Q 6 5 4	
	♦ K 10 8	
	♣ A 3 2	
West		**East**
♠ K Q 9 8		♠ J 10 6 4 3
♥ 2		♥ 9 8
♦ J 6 5 2		♦ Q 7 4
♣ 9 8 5 4		♣ J 10 6
	South	
	♠ 7 2	
	♥ K J 10 7 3	
	♦ A 9 3	
	♣ K Q 7	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

Know your opponents

By Phillip Alder

At all forms of bridge, it is advantageous to know the ability of your opponents: in particular, to recognize their limitations. But it is most important at the rubber-bridge table, where local knowledge equates to financial success. As Johann Wolfgang von Goethe pointed out, "The important thing is not to know more than all men, but to know more at each moment than any particular man."

South's play in this deal was influenced by his having partnered East in the past.

North didn't hold back in the bidding, but he did have an impressive hand once partner had opened one heart.

After West had led the spade king against six hearts, South saw that he was faced with two losers: one spade and one diamond. Finding an opponent with a singleton diamond honor was possible, but improbable; picking up a doubleton queen-jack was even less likely.

South spotted a much better approach. After winning the first trick with dummy's spade ace, declarer drew trumps, cashed his three club winners, and exited with his remaining spade. East won the trick with his 10 and switched to the diamond *queen*.

This was good defense, trying to look like a man with the queen and jack. However, South knew that the honors were more likely to be split than found together in one opponent's hand. And — perhaps more compelling — he knew East to be an expert capable of leading an unsupported queen. So, South won with his ace and played a diamond to dummy's 10. When he won the trick, South nodded appreciatively to East and permitted himself a slight smile.

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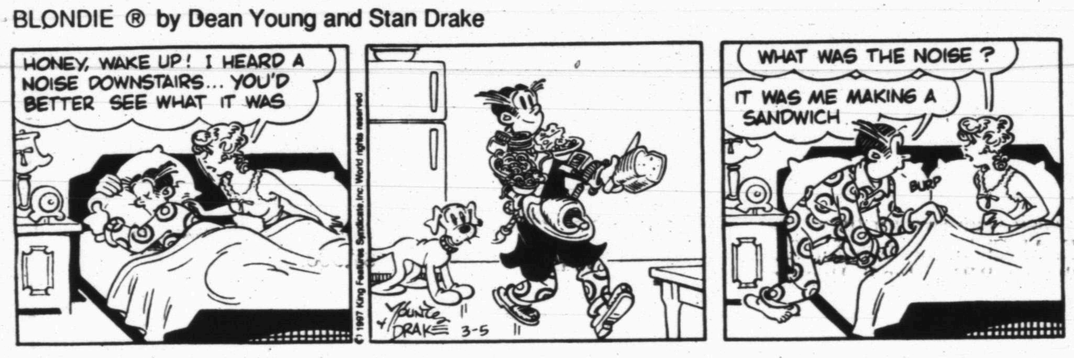
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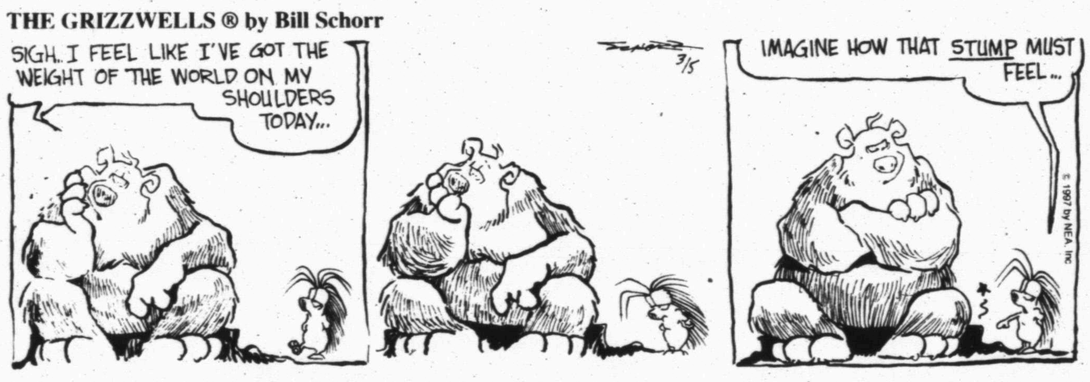
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33 — — of Two Cities
34 Opposite of cathode
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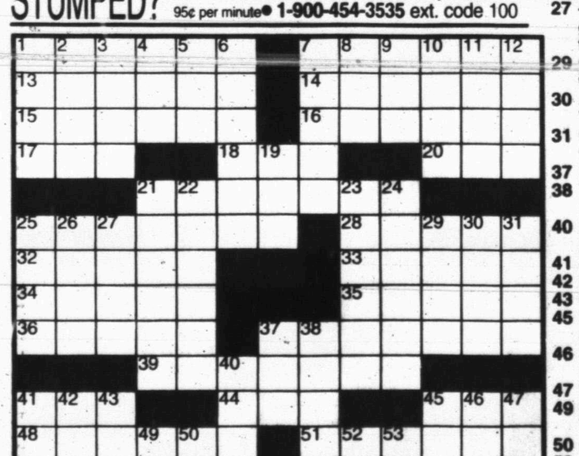
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SPORTS

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Inaugural women's Big 12 Tournament underway

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — After what Nebraska had been through late in the season, any victory was welcome, even a narrow one against a team it had been dominating.

Seventh-seeded Nebraska hung on after blowing an 11-point lead and beat 10th-seeded Missouri 62-58 Tuesday night to advance to the quarterfinals of the inaugural Big 12 women's basketball tournament.

It was just the third victory in the last 10 games for the Cornhuskers (19-8), who had beaten Missouri by 16 and 38 points during the regular season.

"I was afraid we had lost sight of how to win," Nebraska coach Angela Beck said. "But we did what he had to do down the stretch to win. It was a great victory for us to get over the hump and take us into the tournament."

The four higher seeded teams all prevailed in the first round, although Iowa State also staved off an upset bid. The sixth-seeded Cyclones turned back 11th-seeded Texas A&M 63-56 after beating the Aggies in the regular season by 28 points.

Also, fifth-seeded Kansas State cruised past 12th-seeded Oklahoma 81-56 and No. 8 seed Baylor beat ninth-seeded Oklahoma State 68-62.

That created the following matchups for today's quarterfinals: Baylor (15-12) against top-seeded Kansas (23-4), Kansas State (19-10) against fourth-seeded Texas Tech (19-7), Nebraska against second-seeded Texas (20-6) and Iowa State (17-10) against third-seeded Colorado (18-8).

The top four seeds didn't play Tuesday.

Nebraska got 27 points from Anna DeForge, the most by any player in Tuesday's games, but needed LaToya Doage's steal of an inbounds pass in the final minute to pull out its victory.

The Cornhuskers were leading 60-58 when Doage, who underwent arthroscopic knee surgery only nine days ago, stole the ball with 50 seconds left. Tina McClain sank two free throws 11 seconds later to secure the victory.

"Coach told us to trap them in the corner and go for the steal," said Doage, who had been the Cornhuskers' starting point guard before getting hurt. "I knew we needed a big play at that point."

Missouri fought back after trailing 40-29 early in the second half. The Tigers tied the score three times but never could get the lead.

"I think we should have beat them," said Missouri coach Joann Rutherford, who has no seniors. "I felt like we outplayed them in the second half scoring-wise, turnover-wise and rebounding-wise."

Kesha Bond led Missouri (10-20) with 12 points. McClain finished with 12 for Nebraska, which shot 58 percent in the second half and 51 percent for the game.

Iowa State 53, A&M 46

Tara Gunderson, who had missed 10 of 13 shots, hit consecutive 3-pointers to put Iowa State ahead with a little more than three minutes left.

The Cyclones, who had led by 11 points in the first half, also played tough defense down the stretch, holding A&M scoreless after the Aggies had taken a 46-42 lead on Prissy Sharpe's putback with 5:19 left.

"What you saw was a team that six months ago I don't think could have won that game," said Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly, who picked up his 200th career victory.

Jayme Olson led Iowa State with 22 points as the Cyclones won for just the second time in 16 postseason tournament games. Melissa Rollerson and Amy Yates led A&M (9-18) with nine points each.

KSU 81, Oklahoma 56

Missy Decker hit 3-pointers to start runs of 11-0, 10-0 and 19-6 that enabled Kansas State to take control against a team it had beaten only 49-47 in the regular season.

The Wildcats got outstanding balance on offense and came up with 13 steals on defense. Brit Jacobson led the way with 15 points, Decker scored 12 to go with eight assists and Andria Jones, Nicky Ramage and Angie Finkes each scored 11.

Roxanne Long and Phylesha Wahley each scored 15 to lead Oklahoma (5-22), which finished with 16 straight losses.

Baylor 68, OSU 62

Kacy Moffitt scored 15 of her 17 points in the second half to lead the Bears, who took charge with a 13-3 second-half run after trailing by a point at halftime.

Nicole Palmer added 15 points for Baylor. Freshman Jennifer Crow led Oklahoma State (15-12) with 19 points.

NCAA BASKETBALL SCORES

EAST
Princeton 86, Penn 73

SOUTHWEST
Oral Roberts 81, S. Utah 54

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Mid-American Conference
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E. Michigan 85, Ball St. 75
Miami, Ohio 75, Kent 65
W. Michigan 74, Ohio U. 68

Mid-Continent Conference
Championship
Valparaiso 63, W. Illinois 59

Midwestern Collegiate Conference
Championship
Butler 69, Ill.-Chicago 68

Sun Belt Conference
Championship
South Alabama 44, Louisiana Tech 43

Western Athletic Conference
First Round
New Mexico 103, San Jose St. 70
Southern Meth. 93, Colorado St. 89
Texas Christian 72, Wyoming 61
UNLV 71, Rice 61

Ewing, Knicks unable to overtake Miami for possession of first place

By The Associated Press

On a night when the New York Knicks had a reasonable chance to take over first place in the Atlantic Division, everything seemed to be turning terribly wrong all at once.

Patrick Ewing went to the locker room in the fourth quarter after bruising his knee, and the Knicks allowed the Milwaukee Bucks to score 15 consecutive points.

Several hundred miles away, the first-place Miami Heat were beating the Detroit Pistons, and it looked like the Knicks would be beaten, battered and another game behind in the standings.

Instead, however, Ewing returned to the court and made a key free throw to help New York beat Milwaukee 93-86 Tuesday night, keeping the Knicks a half-game behind.

In other NBA games, Miami beat Detroit 108-99, Orlando downed Seattle 101-89, Charlotte defeated San Antonio 105-98, the Los Angeles Lakers topped Dallas 102-92, Houston beat the Los Angeles Clippers 113-109, Portland rallied past New Jersey 123-118, Indiana edged Boston 98-95, Atlanta defeated Cleveland 93-88 and Washington nipped Philadelphia 107-106.

Ewing collided with Bucks point guard Sherman Douglas late in the third quarter and bruised his knee. He left the court to get treatment with 6:16 to play and the Knicks up 85-69, then watched from the locker room with Madison Square Garden president David Checketts as Milwaukee went on a 15-0 run to make it a one-point game.

"I said, 'Dave, it was good talking to you, but I've got to go back,'" Ewing said. "He (Dave) just told me that if it hurts too bad, sit your butt down," Ewing said.

Ewing returned just in time to see Larry Johnson make a three-point play.

"I saw that and said, 'Shoot, I may as well stay inside and rest up for tomorrow,'" Ewing said of tonight's game at Toronto.

Heat 108, Pistons 99

At Auburn Hills, Tim Hardaway had 28 points and a season-high 16 assists as Miami improved to 2-0 against the Pistons this season and handed Detroit just its second loss in 11 games. Detroit gave up 100 or more points for just the sixth time this season — but twice by Miami.

Detroit native Voshon Lenard added 21 points for the Heat, including five 3-pointers, and Jamal Mashburn and P.J. Brown had 18 each. Isaac Austin, starting in place of the injured Alonzo Mourning, had 14 points. The Heat is 3-2 since Mourning went down with a foot injury.

"This was a case of one team playing very well and one team playing great," Pistons coach Doug Collins said.

Hornets 105, Spurs 98

Anthony Mason had 19 points, 13 rebounds and a career-high 12 assists for his third triple-double of the season.

Glen Rice had 24 points and Dell Curry 20 to help Charlotte win for the eighth time in nine games.

The Hornets, coming off a five-game road trip, began a stretch in which they play 15 of their final 23 regular-season games at home. That run includes 14 games against teams with losing records.

Lakers 102, Mavericks 92

At Dallas, Nick Van Exel scored a season-high 37 points and tied his own club record with eight 3-pointers as the Lakers avoided their first three-game losing streak of the season.

Elden Campbell added 22 points and 10 rebounds for Los Angeles, which improved to 4-6 since Shaquille O'Neal injured his left knee Feb. 12.

Shawn Bradley was ejected with 2:55 to play after scuffling with Campbell. He just missed a triple-double, finishing with 12 points, nine rebounds and a club-record 10 blocked shots.

The scuffle occurred after they battled for rebounding position under the Lakers' basket. Campbell was called for a flagrant foul, his sixth. Bradley picked up a technical and received a standing ovation when he left the floor.

Rockets 113, Clippers 109

Hakeem Olajuwon recorded his 14th career triple-double and first of the season with 22 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists as short-handed Houston snapped an eight-game road losing streak.

WJCAC teams in Region V tourney

The Western Texas College Lady Westerners didn't make the Regional Tournament, but their conference is well represented.

Four teams from the Western Junior College Atheltic Conference, Howard, South Plains, New Mexcio and Midland, are competiting in the Region V Tournament in Cisco.

The Howard Lady Hawks, ranked number seven in the country, used a second-half run to defeat the Cisco Junior College Lady Lady Wranglers, 90-70.

The Lady Thunderbirds of New Mexico made an early exit from the tournament, falling 94-62 to the Weatherford Lady Coyotes. Weatherford will face the McLennan Lady Highlanders who defeated the Midland Lady Chaparrals, 103-98.

South Plains, champion of the WJCAC, defeated Grayson Junior College, 70-66. South Plains next opponent will be the Lady Hawks of Howard.

Snyder Tiger baseball squads journey to Frenship, Abilene

The SHS varsity baseball squad will journey to Abilene Thursday through Saturday to vie for title in the Cougar Tournament.

Snyder is 2-1 on the season due to the Tigers' success at the plate. In its three previous games, Snyder has produced 45 hits to its opponents 16.

The Tigers whalloped Big Spring, 11-7, Monday.

The JV team will travel to Frenship to compete in the Frenship Tournament.

The JV squad dropped Lubbock High, 2-0, Monday.

Odessa drops varsity, hands JV first loss

The Odessa High Lady Bronchos took both the varsity and the JV games from the Snyder Lady Tigers Monday night at Cates Field.

The varsity Lady Tigers dropped a close 5-3 contest to Odessa, falling to 3-8 on the season.

Snyder scored their only runs in the first inning. Odessa was held scoreless for the first three innings, but the Lady Bronchos scored two runs in the fourth and fifth innings, and put one on the board in the fifth to come away with the win.

Brittany Drummond scored the loss on the mound for the Lady Tigers to drop her season record to 1-3.

Starla Davis and Drummond each hit doubles, while Shannon Fisk and Davis each ripped singles.

The JV team ended a six-game winning streak, losing their first game of the season, 11-10, in a squeaker against Odessa.

The Lady Tigers were up 8-5 in the fourth, but Odessa exploded for six runs to Snyder's two in the final two innings.

The JV is 6-1 for the season.

Renae Hall and Carrie Hernandez each went two for three, and K.K. McClain was two for four with two RBIs. Randi Haggard went one for two with four RBIs.

The varsity squad travels to Fort Worth Friday and Saturday to compete in the Cowtown Classic. Snyder will meet Arlington Lamar Friday at 5 p.m.

The JV will host the Snyder JV Tournament Saturday at Cates Field. The Lady Tigers will face Midland Greenwood at an undetermined time.

NBA at glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Miami	44	15	.746	—
NewYork	44	16	.733	½
Orlando	31	26	.544	12
Washington	27	31	.466	16½
NewJersey	17	41	.293	26½
Philadelphia	15	43	.259	28½
Boston	12	47	.203	32
Central Division				
Chicago	51	7	.879	—
Detroit	43	15	.741	8
Atlanta	39	19	.672	12
Charlotte	38	22	.633	14
Cleveland	32	26	.552	19
Indiana	29	29	.500	22
Milwaukee	25	34	.424	26½
Toronto	20	38	.345	31
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	42	16	.724	—
Houston	39	20	.661	3½
Minnesota	29	28	.509	12½
Dallas	19	38	.333	22½
Denver	18	41	.305	24½
SanAntonio	13	45	.224	29
Vancouver	11	50	.180	32½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	41	17	.707	—
L.A.Lakers	40	19	.678	1½
Portland	32	28	.533	10
Sacramento	27	32	.458	14½
L.A.Clippers	25	31	.446	15
Phoenix	22	36	.379	19
GoldenState	21	36	.368	19½

Monday's Games
Boston 107, Toronto 103
Chicago 108, Milwaukee 90
Utah 111, Golden State 104
Sacramento 108, New Jersey 95

Tuesday's Games
Charlotte 105, San Antonio 98
Miami 108, Detroit 99
Atlanta 93, Cleveland 88
New York 93, Milwaukee 86
Washington 107, Philadelphia 106
Indiana 98, Boston 95
Orlando 101, Seattle 89
L.A. Lakers 102, Dallas 92
Portland 123, New Jersey 118
Houston 113, L.A. Clippers 109

Wednesday's Games
New York at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 8 p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Atlanta at Philadelphia 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Orlando vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 9:30 p.m.

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Splits and special mentions: Barney Tate 4-5, 3-10; David Carroll 4-7-9; Harold Kornegay 2-7-8; Strick Posey 3-10; Bob Motley 3-10; Roger Pavlik 2-7.

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High series scratch: Ginger Moore 531
High series handicap: Donna Smith 629
High game scratch: Wanda Johnson 206
High game handicap: Laurie Jordan
Splits and special mentions: Debra Wells 3-10; Darlean Rankin 5-10, 4-5; Ginger Moore 3-0; Mildred Baze 6-7-10; Cara Lindsey 2-7-6-10; Wanda Johnson 3-10, 2-7; Paula Beurlein 2-7; Sherry Walker 2-7; Lynn Maldonado 4-5; Sherry Beal 2-7.
200 games: Wanda Johnson 206
500 series: Ginger Moore 531; Wanda Johnson 516

Transactions

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FOOTBALL
National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Re-signed P Chris Mohr.

CHICAGO BEARS—Named Tim Bream head athletic trainer; Eric Sugarman assistant trainer; Tony Medlin equipment manager; Randy Knowles assistant equipment manager; Eric Studesville quality control coach; Phil Handler assistant director of public relations; and Scott Hagel to the public relations staff.

DENVER BRONCOS—Named Ricky Porter offensive assistant coach.

DETROIT LIONS—Re-signed FB Eric Lynch. Signed FB Brad Baxter, QB Mike Cawley and WR Mike Horacek.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed WR-KR Desmond Howard to a four-year contract.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed RB Craig Heyward to a four-year contract.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed Norv Turner, coach, to a three-year contract extension, through the 2001 season.

JV lady golfers take first place

The SHS JV girls golf team took top honors at the San Angelo Tournament Monday.

The Lady Tigers shot a 409 and finished first out of seven teams, including 5A Abilene Cooper and Midland High.

Stephanie Alderetti and Adrienne McJimsey both fired a 97 to pace the Lady Tigers. Amber Rich shot a 104, and Lori Marshall and Janette Allen each fired a 111.

Abilene High took second with a 418 and Midland High finished third with a 423.

San Angelo Central's Erika Murphy shot an 86 to garner the first place medal. Abilene High's Cathey Romero and Central's Meagan Shelburne tied for the second place medal with a 95.

The JV girls team will journey to Andrews Friday and Saturday to compete in the Andrews Tournament.

Rodman out for one game

CHICAGO (AP) — Dennis Rodman head-butted a referee, used profanity on live TV and kicked a cameraman. Now he's found yet another way to draw a suspension — by elbowing Milwaukee's Joe Wolf in the groin.

"We understand why the league did it. We also understand that Dennis goes 100 percent every game and gives all he has," Chicago Bulls general manager Jerry Krause said Tuesday. "He's just going to have to control himself in a better way."

Rodman's latest suspension, resulting from an incident in Monday night's win over Milwaukee, is for one game. He must sit out tonight's meeting with San Antonio and was also fined $7,500.

It's his fourth suspension — totaling 20 games — since joining the Bulls prior to last season.

During Chicago's 108-90 victory over the Bucks, Rodman elbowed Wolf in the groin with 2:10 left in the third quarter.

"The league thinks the hit below the belt was not an accident, the league thinks it was deliberate," Krause said. "And that's something that happened. There was contact below the belt and that's not supposed to happen."

After the groin shot, Rodman followed with an errant punch toward Wolf's head. On the next possession, Wolf got Rodman in a head lock and a double foul but no technical was called. Rodman was then removed from the game by coach Phil Jackson. Wolf was not punished.

When Rodman returned from his 11-game suspension after the All-Star break, a penalty assessed for kicking Minneapolis court side cameraman Eugene Amos, NBA commissioner David Stern said further violations could result in a lifetime ban from the league.

A league source said Tuesday that Stern considered the warning to be based on off-court incidents. This was strictly a game-related matter, and the source, who asked to remain unidentified, said Stern did not intend to get involved in this case.


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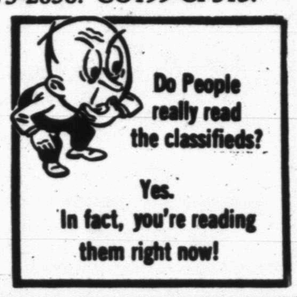
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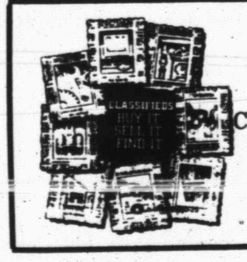
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Breast self-exam has no effect on deaths, according to study

WASHINGTON (AP) — A rigorous program to encourage women to routinely examine their own breasts for lumps has not reduced the rate of breast cancer deaths among more than 133,000 Chinese women, researchers report.

The study, published today in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, found that a rigorous, five-year effort to train women to routinely check themselves did not result in earlier detection of cancer nor cause more women to survive after the tumors were found.

Final answers from the study done in China, where few women ever have breast X-rays, are another five years away. But experts say the preliminary findings suggest that public health programs may eventually put even more emphasis on mammography and less on breast self-examination.

Dr. David B. Thomas of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, first author of the study, said that in comparing 133,000 Chinese women who received intensive training in breast self-examination and a similar number who did not, "we found there was no difference" in breast cancer outcome.

"So far, we don't have a hint that it does any good," Thomas said. "But in order to get a final word on this, we will have to follow this group for five more years."

Some public health groups push self-examination and have proposed starting large-scale programs to train women in techniques, Thomas said. Private companies even sell self-exam products and instruction videos.

If in five years the final Chinese study results confirm that self-exam does little good, he said, "then those kinds of efforts would need to be re-evaluated" and "scarce public health resources could probably be better used for some other purpose."

Epidemiologist Robert A. Smith of the American Cancer Society said his group will continue to recommend breast self-examination as part of a program that includes regular medical exams and periodic X-ray mammography.

"Breast self-examination's value is not so much as a screening technique, but as a means of raising awareness of changes that could be abnormal in the breast," he said. Self-exam, said Smith, "doesn't offer nearly the potential to prevent death as mammography does," but it can still save lives.

"For a small percentage of women, their cancer can grow and be detected between mammographies," said Smith. "Breast self-examination gives them the chance to become aware of changes that are abnormal and bring those to the attention of a doctor."

In the study, Thomas and his co-authors organized a self-exam training program at the Shanghai Textile Industry Bureau, a Chinese organization that includes more than 500 factories or work units and many thousands of female workers.

X-ray screening is uncommon among these women, said the researcher.

Angioplasty offers about same effect as heart bypass

CHICAGO (AP) — Angioplasty offers about the same quality of life and relief from symptoms after five years as heart bypass surgery, according to the biggest comparison of the artery-unclogging procedures.

The study in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association also noted that angioplasty patients often must undergo the procedure more than once during those five years because the arteries clog back up.

Dr. George Sopko of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute in Bethesda, Md., who headed the research, said it shows the two approaches are both very good.

Other doctors were quick to criticize it, however, saying it did not take into account state-of-the-art refinements in treating clogged arteries and did not fully consider the need for repeat angioplasties.

Microsoft announces fix to security flaw in Internet browser

SEATTLE (AP) — After frantic work by its programmers, Microsoft Corp. says it has come up with a fix to a flaw in its Internet Explorer browser that could allow a Web site operator to ruin files in someone else's computer.

A "software patch" to correct the problem was made available late Tuesday for users to download for free from the company's World Wide Web site.

"This update is an immediate response to ensure that Microsoft customers continue to have a safe Internet experience with Microsoft Internet Explorer," the company said in a news release.

Microsoft said it had no reports from customers of security breaches.

The defect could allow a Web site operator to secretly run programs on someone else's computer or severely damage software stored on a hard drive.

Someone could also prevent another person's computer from starting up or send e-mail from another person's account, computer security expert Simson Garfinkel said.

Although Microsoft responded quickly, the incident demonstrates the need to emphasize security, said David Sobel, legal counsel at the Electronic Privacy Information Center.

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Haliburtn	66⅝	65	66⅜	+1⅛
Hanson ADS n	23¼	22⅞	23¼	+1⅛
HarteHanks	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	— ⅛
HomeDepot	56	55⅛	55⅜	+ ⅛
HoustonInds	23⅜	23⅛	23⅛	— ⅛
IBM	146	144⅜	144⅜	— ¼
IntlPaper	42⅜	41⅜	41⅜	— ⅛
JohnsnJn s	58⅜	57⅜	58⅛	+1⅛
K mart	13¼	13	13⅛	+ ⅛
Kroger	52⅛	51⅛	52	— ⅛
Litton	43¼	42⅞	43¼	+ ¼
LockhdMart	89⅜	88⅛	89⅛	+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	37⅛	36⅜	37⅛	+1⅛
Lubys	20¼	20¼	20¼	
LucentTech n	54⅜	53⅛	54⅛	+ ⅛
MayDeptStrs	47⅛	47	47⅛	+ ⅛
Medtronic	64⅛	63¼	63⅛	+ ⅛
Mobil	129¼	128¼	129⅛	+2¼
Monsanto s	37⅞	37⅛	37⅜	+ ⅛
Motorola	58⅛	57⅝	57⅞	+ ⅛
NCR Corp q	35⅛	34⅛	34⅛	+ ⅛
NationsBk s	63⅜	62⅝	62⅛	+ ⅛
Navistar	9¾	9⅝	9⅝	+ ⅛
NoramEngy	15⅛	15	15	— ⅛
Norwest	51⅛	50⅝	50½	— ⅛
Nynex	50⅜	50¼	50¼	— ⅛
OryxEngy	20⅛	20	20	— ⅛
PacTelesis	40⅝	40⅛	40⅛	
PanEnergy	43¼	43⅛	43⅛	
Penney JC	49	48¾	48¾	— ⅛
Pennzoil	56⅛	56⅛	56¼	+ ⅛
PepBoys	34	33⅞	33⅞	+ ⅛
PepsiCo s	32⅜	32	32	— ¼
PhelpDodge	72⅛	71⅞	71⅞	+ ⅛
PhilipPet	42½	41¾	42¼	+ ⅛
PilgrmPrd	10⅜	10⅛	10⅛	— ⅛
Polaroid	41⅞	41⅜	41⅜	+ ⅛
Praxair	48¾	48⅛	48⅜	+ ⅛
ProctGamble	120¾	119⅛	120¼	+1¼
PubSNwMx	18⅜	18⅛	18⅛	
RoyalDutch	175¾	174⅜	175	+2¼
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SaraLee	39¼	38¾	39	+ ⅜
SearsRoeb	55⅛	54⅝	54¾	+ ⅛
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TemplInl	54¼	54	54¼	
Tenneco	39⅛	39¼	39⅜	+ ⅛
Texaco	101¼	100⅞	101	— ⅛
TexasInds	28⅜	28⅛	28⅜	+ ⅛
TexasInst	82¼	80⅜	81⅝	+ ⅛
TexUtil	40⅜	39¾	40	+ ⅛
Textron	101¼	100⅝	100⅝	+ ⅛
Travelers s	53⅜	52¾	53⅜	+ ⅛
TrinityInds	32⅜	32¼	32¼	— ⅛
TritonEngy	42⅜	41¾	41¾	
US WestCm	34¼	34⅛	34⅛	
USWstMda	19	18⅝	18¾	
USX Delhi	15	15	15	
USX-Marathn	27	26¾	26¾	+ ⅛
USX-USS	30⅜	30	30	— ⅜
UnCarbde	47⅞	47⅜	47⅜	— ⅛
UnPac s	62⅛	61¼	61⅜	— ⅛
UnitedTech s	74¾	73⅛	74¼	+ ⅛
Unocal	39⅞	39	39¼	+ ⅛
WalMart	26⅝	26⅜	26½	
WstnGasRs	19¼	19	19¼	
WestghEl	19⅞	19⅛	19¼	+ ⅛
WinnDixie	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛	— ⅜
Woolworth	21⅜	21⅛	21⅜	— ⅛
XeroxCp s	62⅛	62	62⅛	— ⅛
ZenithE	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝	+ ⅛

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CENSUS: 54 (Med., Surg.-17, Long-term Care-35, CCU-2).

Man arrested on indictment

A 28-year-old Snyder man indicted by a Scurry County grand jury Monday was arrested Tuesday on charges for failure to stop and render aid following an accident.

Richard Sosa of 2103 Ave. O was arrested at his residence at 9:55 a.m. by city officers.

Sosa was involved in an accident on the afternoon of Feb. 5 in the 800 block of 26th Street, but left the scene, according to the indictment.

Walter Chaney, 70, was injured in the accident and required hospitalization.

Sosa's bond was set at $5,000.

Officers arrested a 22-year-old male at the Law Enforcement Center at 10:12 a.m. Tuesday on warrants out of Municipal Court for expired motor vehicle inspection sticker and for failure to appear.

In other activity Tuesday, a report of a possible forgery was taken by deputies at 1 p.m.

At 1:22 p.m., Mike Angleton reported a Limousin heifer was missing from his pasture west of Ira.

The fire department responded to a report of a house fire at 4:09 p.m. at 600 28th Street. Damage was minor.

A person notified deputies at 6:41 p.m. that a bicycle was missing from a residence in the 1600 block of Huffman Avenue.

At 7:33 p.m., officers were notified of the front door and several windows being damaged at the Masonic Lodge.

Joe Castillo requested an officer at 7:53 p.m. at 2901 W. 23rd St. in reference to someone breaking into his garage. An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

A report of a gas drive-off from Skinny's on Coliseum Drive was made at 8:17 p.m.

Scurry County Country



Town & Country Topics

By.Kathryn Roberts,
County Extension Agent

Consequences as a parenting tool

Consequences can be a useful tool for parents to have in their parenting tool box. Parents need to know how to use consequences for molding and shaping children's behavior.

Consequences are at work all the time. We run into them everyday — on our job, at home, with friends, and so on. If we don't remember to let the dog outside, he leaves a calling card. Consequences affect all of us, positively and negatively.

As parents, it helps to understand why giving consequences to our kids is so essential. Consequences teach kids to think. Consequences help children learn that their actions lead to results, both positive and negative. They learn that life is full of choices and the choices they make greatly influence what happens to them.

Knowing how to use consequences to teach kids is so important. If consequences have the power to change behavior, it makes sense that we should use them to benefit our kids.

The basics of using consequences with children include the following.

Be clear. Make sure your child knows what the consequences are and who and what he or she did to earn or lose it.

Be consistent. Don't give a big consequence for a behavior one time and then ignore the same behavior the next time.

Be brief. This is especially true with younger children. Clear messages ususally get lost when you lecture.

Follow through. If you set up a deal for your child to earn a positive consequence, be sure he gets the reward after he's done what he needs to. Likewise for a negative consequence.

Be as pleasant as possible. This is generally easier when you give positive consequences. But, when you give negative consequences, keep it in mind, as well. Yelling and screaming are not effective. Kids can't hear your words, they can only hear your anger.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardles of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Colorado City Livestock Auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a 674 run Saturday, March 1. Feeder steers and heifers under 600 lbs., were $3 to $7 higher; steers over 600 lbs were steady to $4 higher. Heifers over 600 lbs., were steady. Slaughte cows and bulls were $3 to $4 higher. Bred cows were $25 to $50 higher; pairs were $20 higher. Trade was active and demand good.

Heifers:
200 to 400, 73 to 92
400 to 600, 71.50 to 77.50
600 to 800, 66.50 to 69.50.
Steers:
200 to 400, 87 to 103
400 to 500, 84 to 89
500 to 600, 79 to 86
600 to 800, 72 to 82.

Young bred cows: 540 to 620.
Medium age to older bred cows: 410 to 510
Young cows and calves: 610 to 730.
Medium age to older cows and calves: 490 to 610.
Packer cows: High cutter and utility 37 to 43.75; cutter canners 30 to 36.75.
Packer bulls: 49.75 to 52.25.

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CFSA Report

By Joe Hefner, CFSA Executive Director

There will be a meeting about the Conservation Reserve Program on Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre on the Western Texas College campus.

FSA and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are working together to provide assistance to interested individuals said Joe B. Hefner, FSA county executive director.

The 15th Conservation Reserve Program sign-up will began Monday and will run through March 28.

"FSA will be sending out a newsletter with details about eligibility requirements this week," said Hefner.

"The eligibility requirements are site specific for every farm, said Kevin Wright, district conservationist with NRCS said. "Rental rates are based on soil productivity, land value and cropping history. Bid caps will be made for each county and are posted in the local FSA office."

According to both FSA and NRCS, priority areas have been designated at the national level and within each state to better address conservation and environmental issues in a planned and coordinated manner.

All of Scurry County has been designated as a conservation priority area. Other priority areas in Texas include all of Bexar, Callahan, Deaf Smith, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Medina, Nolan, Randall, Stonewall, Swisher, Taylor and Uvalde counties.

Texas priority areas also include portions of Armstrong, Borden Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Crosby, Dickens, Gray, Hale, Hutchinson, Lubbock, Motley, Oldham, Parmer, Potter and Roberts.

Another important priority area in Texas is a 1,000-foot strip along the Rio Grande in Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr counties.

"Land enrolled into a CRP high priority area, however, does not mean a producer will automatically be accepted into the program," cautioned Wright. "Other requirements must still be met before an application is accepted."

The CRP also considers environmental benefits such as the protection of wildlife habitat, wetlands and streams. Locations are site specific and must meet specific criteria to be approved.

Both Hefner and Wright stated they anticipate making the 15th CRP sign-up as easy as possible for producers in Scurry County.

Interested persons should call the FSA office in Snyder for an appointment at 915-573-0171. The telephone number for the NRCS office in Snyder is 915-573-6317.

Boman replaces Hake as SP cotton specialist

LUBBOCK — A veteran agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has joined that agency's faculty as cotton specialist for the South Plains District.

Dr. Randal K. (Randy) Boman is replacing Dr. Kater Hake. Boman will provide leadership for educational programs and assist county Extension agents in working with area cotton producers and all elements of the area's cotton industry.

A native of Frederick, Okla., Boman holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in agronomy and a Ph.D. in soil science, all from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla.

Boman, 39, comes to Lubbock from the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundaiton in Ardmore, Oklahn., where he served as soil fertility and crop specialist. Prior to that he served as Extension Service agronomist for the Rolling Plains District at Vernon.

At Vernon he provided agronomic leadership for county Extension agents in 25 North Central Texas counties and conducted interdisciplinary cotton and wheat research and demonstration projects funded by Cotton Incorporated and the Texas Wheat Producers Board.

He also has served as assistant superintendent and supertendent of OSU's three Southwest Agronomy Research Stations, headquartered at Altus, Okla.; as a graduate research assistant at OSU, and as a soil and fertility specialist with a commercial farm and garden supply firm.

He is a member of the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America. He has completed state and national requirements for designation as a certified crop advisor with the American Society of Agronomy.

Boman and his wife, Dayna, have three children.

Crop Report

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — The weather is warming and farmers and city dwellers alike are gearing up for spring planting, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Gardeners in Central and East Texas may experience a delay in spring planting preparation due to excessive soil moisture and heavy rains.

"It is not a good idea to plant when the soil is still heavily saturated," said Dr. Frank Dainello, Extension horticulturist.

Planting in wet soil will cause clods which are extremely hard to work out, said Dainello. Gardeners in these regions should wait till soils become drier before planting.

"Raised beds solves the problem of excessive moisture," said Dainello.

He said gardeners should make soil beds as high as possible and artificially fill with peat moss or other porous materials.

Soil preparation is important for creating a successful garden. Turning the soil and adding compost after harvesting fall vegetables is best, said Dainello.

Gardeners may benefit from soil sample testing in combination with observing the trends in their garden from one year to the next.

When it comes to gardens, Texans usually favor planting tomatoes, said Dainello.

"The vine-grown flavor is unequaled to any tomato found in the supermarket," said Dainello.

Gardeners have various other favorites such as new potatoes, black-eyed peas, peppers, cucumbers, squash, and sweet corn. These are hardy vegetables that will do well in any garden but the size of garden must be taken into consideration before planting.

Sweet corn is a larger vegetable and tends not to do as well in smaller gardens, said Dainello. This may be a vegetable to avoid for apartment gardens.

Yet living in the city does not prohibit growing a garden. Most city dwellers can create a 20- by 20-foot garden, said Dainello. He explained that this size garden is not large enough to reduce the food bill but can still produce fresh vegetables for snacks and meals.

City dwellers can transform their concrete patios into flourishing gardens by planting in pots.

"Planting the garden in pots on the patio can be decorative as well as productive," explained Calvin Finch, county Extension agent for horticulture.

In order for farmers and city dwellers to reap the maximum benefits from their gardens they should use both transplants and seeds, said Finch.

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

PANHANDLE: short to adequate. Range in fair to good condition. Cattle in good condition. Supplemental feeding continues; calving in progress. Wheat is fair to good. Top dressing with fertilizer. Army cutworms reported.

SOUTH PLAINS: short. Recent moisture has helped wheat and pastures, but additional moisture is needed. Supplemental feeding of livestock still required. Land preparation, herbicide and fertilizer applications under way.

ROLLING PLAINS: adequate to surplus. Pastures, ranges in good condition. Supplemental feeding of livestock continues. Wheat crop outlook is good. Producers encouraged to scout for insects. Top dressing with fertilizer should increase as fields dry.

NORTH TEXAS: surplus. Pastures, ranges in very poor to excellent condition; need dry weather. Livestock in good condition. Wheat suffering from heavy rainfall. No planting; widespread flooding in fields. Peaches showing buds.

EAST TEXAS: surplus. Winter pastures fair. Some greening in early season grasses. Cattle in good condition; haying continues. Garden preparations and planting delayed due to excess moisture. Early variety peaches in bloom.

FAR WEST TEXAS: very short to adequate. Pastures, ranges showing improvement with recent rains. Livestock in good condition; supplemental feeding continues. Wheat in poor to fair condition. Field preparation for cotton under way.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: adequate to surplus. Pasture, range conditions excellent subsoil moisture. Livestock conditions good to excellent. Oat stands progressing well. Wheat benefiting from rains. Dormant oil applications and pruning applied to pecan trees.

CENTRAL TEXAS: surplus. Pasture and ranges suffering from extremely wet conditions. Wet conditions affecting supplemental feedings. No field work due to wet soils. Wheat yellowing because of wet soils and foliar disease.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: surplus. Excessive rainfall has not been advantageous to all counties. Cattle feeding continues. Surplus soil moisture has delayed soil preparation and planting. Peach trees in full bloom.

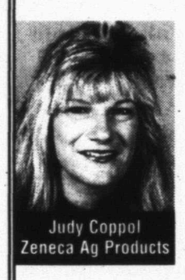
SOUTHWEST TEXAS: adequate. Pastures, ranges have greened-up due to recent rains. Livestock in fair to good condition. Wheat and oat fields benefiting from rains. Corn planting slow due to wetness. Harvesting of cabbage and spinach continues.

COASTAL BEND: adequate to surplus. Varied rainfall across the district; most fields too wet to work. Livestock supplemental feeding continues. Corn planting progressing well. Wheat flourishing with rains. Peaches blooming; pecans still dormant.

SOUTH TEXAS: very short. Pasture and range in poor condition; need moisture. Livestock condition fair; continued supplemental feeding. Sorghum planting this week. Melons being planted, carrots, cabbage nearing harvest.

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The spring planting season is the busiest of the year for this area's producers. Weather often dictates fieldwork timing, so each job must be accomplished quickly and efficiently.



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High water forcing more to evacuate

WARSAW, Ky. (AP) — Humps of high water miles long snaked down the Ohio River today, pushing water levels higher than they have been in decades and forcing even the most stubborn residents to evacuate.

Ollie Perdue and his wife, Mary Lee, moved into Unity Fellowship Church outside Warsaw after church members persuaded them to leave their small riverside home in this small town about 35 miles southwest of Cincinnati.

"The '37 flood run us out," Perdue said Tuesday. "The last time we got run out was '64," mentioning the two floods along the Ohio by which most others are measured.

"We don't like to tear up and move. We had to."

The river was expected to crest Friday in Louisville, the state's largest city.

About 300 miles upriver from Louisville, the river crested early today at Huntington, W.Va., at 8 feet above flood stage, its highest there since 1955, the National Weather Service said. Huntington, like Louisville, is protected by a flood wall.

More rainfall moved into the Ohio and Tennessee valleys today, with a possibility of 1 to 2 inches. Flash flood warnings were posted for small streams in parts of Kentucky but the weather service said it probably wouldn't make much difference on water levels in the Ohio.

Tennessee officials said today's rain might be enough to prolong flooding along some streams. People already evacuated "may not get home for a couple of days yet," said Hank Koebler of the state Emergency Management Agency.

The floods already had forced thousands of people from their homes along the Ohio and smaller streams in Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. Floods and tornadoes were blamed for a total of 51 deaths, including a 66-year-old man whose body was found Tuesday behind the wheel of his half-submerged pickup near Millersburg.

On the other side of the Ohio River from Kentucky, in the southern Indiana town of Utica, residents hoped that the already overflowing waterway would not rise any higher.

"I've got tons of stuff up in my upstairs. I just figured if it was like that in '64, it wouldn't get up there," said Dorothy Hall, 75. "I'm just taking a chance and saying a prayer."

In West Virginia, residents of Clendenin were cleaning up damage from flooding earlier this week.

President Clinton declared 14 counties disaster areas in Ohio and nine in Kentucky, making them eligible for federal assistance.

Israel and Palestinian problems...

'Direct dialogue' picked best solution

NEW YORK (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and American Jewish community leaders agreed today that "direct dialogue" was preferable to outside pressures in solving problems between Israel and the Palestinians.

In the hour-long meeting, Arafat also gave assurances that Palestinian tenets no longer call for the destruction of the Jewish state, participants said.

"He told us that the 29 offending paragraphs in the (Palestinian) covenant have been annulled as inconsistent with the peace process," said Howard Squadron, a spokesman for the 11-member Jewish delegation.

He said that and the need for direct communications were the dominant topics in the closed-door meeting at a hotel near the United Nations.

"We agree that there should not be a resort to external pressures, but communications should be conducted directly between the parties. (Arafat) was totally in agreement on that idea, so we are very much consistent on that idea," said Squadron, a former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. The conference represents about 50 groups.

Participants in the meeting also discussed the controversial housing complex that Israel plans to build in east Jerusalem. Palestinians fear the Har Homa project, as a Jewish settlement, could scuttle their hopes of establishing a capital in east Jerusalem.

Arafat, once condemned by Israel as a terrorist but now accepted as president of the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and Gaza, has called on other governments, including the United States, to support his position on the settlement dispute.

Squadron quoted Arafat as saying the housing complex might not have become an issue if Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had consulted with him beforehand.

He said the two sides had a "very cordial meeting that explored lots of issues." It was at least the third meeting for Arafat and some of the participants.

The meeting kicked off a tightly scheduled day for Arafat, who will see ambassadors of the United Nations' 15 Security Council member states before the council's formal meeting this afternoon on the Har Homa project.

Administration confers with lawmakers on fixing the CPI

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senior citizens don't like it and neither do some members of his own party, but President Clinton has given the go-ahead to exploring ways to achieve billions of dollars in budget savings by trimming the Consumer Price Index.

The administration's top economic officials have begun conferring quietly with key lawmakers from both parties to see how much support can be gathered for appointing a panel of outside experts to correct reported biases in the CPI, the government's key measure of inflation.

"We're in a period where we are considering and consulting about whether it's possible or advisable to do some form of a panel of experts to take a look at where broad-based agreement is on the cost of living," said Gene Sperling, director of the president's National Economic Council.

The effort holds out the potential of huge savings. If the increase in the CPI were lowered by 1.1 percentage point annually, the amount of upward bias found last December by a panel of experts led by Stanford economist Michael Boskin, it would result in $1 trillion in savings over 12 years.

Such a change would mean lower cost-of-living increases for 60 million Americans who receive Social Security and other government benefits. It would also raise income tax bills by reducing the annual inflation adjustment in tax brackets.

The American Association of Retired Persons estimates that trimming the CPI by 1.1 percentage point annually would result in the loss of $5,000 in benefits for the average Social Security recipient over a decade.

For this year, that would have meant the monthly cost-of-living increase for the average beneficiary that went into effect in January would have been $15 instead of $23.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, the most prominent supporter of the CPI adjustment, is urging a two-track approach. He said the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which produces the CPI, should accelerate its efforts to correct problems that can be readily fixed.

"This is not a question of helping to cure the deficit instability problem," Greenspan told the National Association of Business Economists today. "It is a question of getting the numbers right."

In testimony on Tuesday before the House Banking Committee, Greenspan said the second portion of his two-track appoach should be creation of an independent commission.

The commission's job would be to produce an annual estimate of the amount of bias remaining, in such hard-to-determine areas as the amount of a price increase that reflects improved quality of a product. The experts' estimate would be used to adjust the CPI downward for the purposes of pension benefits and tax tables.

"The best available evidence suggests that there is almost a 100 percent probability that we are overcompensating the average Social Security recipient for increases in the cost of living," Greenspan told the House Budget Committee.

Martin Corry, chief lobbyist for the AARP, said his organization strongly objects to the idea of taking CPI adjustments away from the BLS.

"The Bureau of Labor Statistics is where the expertise lies," he said. "To pick an arbitrary, political number would be the wrong way to go."

Obituaries

Shirley Lawrence

1954-1997

ANDREWS — Shirley Ann Lawrence, the sister of E.J. Moore of Snyder, died Tuesday, March 4, in Permian General Hospital.

Service for Mrs. Lawrence, 42, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Calvary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Andrews North Cemetery.

Born in Morton, she married Bobby Ray Lawrence on Jan. 7, 1982 in Seminole. She moved to Andrews from Odessa in 1991.

A homemaker, Mrs. Lawrence was a member of the New Jerusalem Church in Denver City.

Other survivors include her husband, Bobby Lawrence of Andrews; two daughters, LaTrechia Ervin of Odessa and Feleshia Lawrence of Andrews; two sons, Roy Ervin of Andrews and Kevin Lawrence of Andrews; her father, Eddie Moore of Austin; her grandfather, Willie Wilson of Andrews; three sisters, Faye Foster and Patricia Jackson, both of Lemoore, Calif. and Christine Shumaker of Illinois; and four grandchildren.

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Tardy for jury duty...

Woman freed after serving two days

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — A Graham woman who reported late for jury duty has been released after serving two days in a federal detention center.

U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall sentenced Judy Smith, 55, to spend three days in the federal detention center for women at Mansfield, south of Fort Worth.

He found her in contempt of court when she was tardy for jury duty in a trial last month in a federal courtroom at Wichita Falls.

Kendall announced his sentence on Monday. She was released Tuesday.

The judge said he ordered her release early because he had made his point.

"Everyone there at the jail was happy they allowed me to leave," Ms. Smith told the Wichita Falls Times-Record News Tuesday. "No one thought I deserved to be there.

The judge said he hope that Ms. Smith and anyone else doubting the importance of jury service learned their lesson.

"After two days of the three-day sentence, I decided to be merciful and let her out early," Kendall said. "The purpose of contempt is to restore the authority of the court and to preserve the due administration of justice.

"Toward that end, courts are encouraged to use the least sanction felt necessary to achieve the purpose. I thought the purpose had been served."

"She served two-thirds of the sentence. That's more than a lot of the people coming out of TDC (prison)," he said.

"I just want people to do the right thing," he said. "Hey, it's like I told her. It's an imposition for everyone to come down here," the judge continued.

But Ms. Smith was still angry folowing her release.

"This has been a very horrifying thing for me. I do not want to talk to anyone," said Ms. Smith, who owns Smith's Photography in Graham. "I just want to get on with my life. It has hurt my family as much or more as it hurt me."

"I don't even have a speeding ticket to my name," she said Tuesday. "The judge got erroneous information that caused the whole thing. I believe he acted on erroneous information — that's what I believe."

Her troubles with the judge started on Feb. 21.

When she was late to serve on a jury seated in a federal case, she asked for a private audience with the judge but got a wide-open court proceeding and castigation by the angry judge.

"I wasn't trying necessarily to get out of jury duty," she said. "I was trying to be very honest about everything. The problem is not serving on jury duty.

"The hardship was that I was having a hard time juggling (the demands of her small business and her courtroom obligations)."

What's Up?

Model plane club to meet

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Winston Field. Visitors are welcome.

Ira ISD trustees to convene

Ira school board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday to consider a contract with architects for remodeling of the gym. Also on the agenda are teaching contracts and interagency agreements for food purchasing and commodity processing.

No school for HISD Friday

Hermleigh ISD will have a holiday Friday. Monday will be an early release day for students as teachers will have in-service. Classes will dismiss at 2 p.m. that day.

Senior Center eye clinic

Senior citizens may have their eyes checked for glaucoma and cataracts and have their glasses cleaned and adjusted free from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Friday at the Senior Center.

Rolling Plains group to meet

Tom Thomason, president of the Texas Emu Association, will be guest speaker at the Rolling Plains Ratite Association meeting, set for 12:30 p.m. Saturday at The Shack.

Senior Swimnastics

Senior Swimnastics is held each Tuesday and Thursday at the Western Texas College pool from 2:15-3:45 p.m.

SNS needs financial help

Snyder Neighbors Sharing, which repairs homes of persons over 65 or disabled, is in need of donations for the April 26 workday. Donations can be mailed to SNS, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, or dropped off at Sam Robertson's Insurance or the West Elementary School office.

Adult education classes

GED and ESL classes are available at Western Texas College. Times are 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact the college continuing education department for more information.

Free tax help provided

An AARP tax aide will be available on Wednesdays at the Senior Center from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. to help middle and low income older taxpayers prepare their personal income taxes. For information, call 573-4035 or 573-3822.

PFP to take applications

People For Progress will be at the Park Club March 11-12 from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. to take applications for utility bills payment and weatherizations.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series titled "Hope for Life's Journey." The third Bible tape, "The End of the World," will air at 7 p.m. Monday. It will be followed by "Finding the True God."

Scurry County Health Unit

Scurry County Health Unit will be open until 7 p.m. Tuesday for immunizations and WIC services. Hours will be 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-7 p.m. There will be no clinic on Thursday, March 13.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
7-4-4
(seven, four, four)

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-4-8-23-35.
Number matching five of five: three.
Prize per winnner: $57,899.
Winning ticket(s) sold in: Austin, Lake Dallas, Humble.
Matching four of five: 496. Prize: $525.
Matching three of five: 17,831. Prize: $24.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

3 hurt in drilling accident

KERMIT — A Patterson Drilling Company employee from Monahans was injured when a drilling rig collapsed near here Tuesday, sending three people to the hospital.

David Nunez suffered a cut on his elbow and injured ribs in the accident which occurred shortly before 7 a.m. as four-man crews from Patterson Drilling and Allan's Casing Service were installing casing in an oil and gas well.

Nunez was transported to Winkler County Memorial Hospital in Kermit for observation. He was released this morning and will be back for light duty work this afternoon, said Mark Cullifer, safety director for Patterson Drilling in Snyder.

"He was lucky," said Cullifer.

Two Allan's Casing employees were also injured in the accident.

Robert McBride, 27, was transferred from Ward Memorial Hospital in Monahans to Odessa Medical Center, about 40 miles east of Kermit. He was listed in stable condition.

James Kirby, 31, was transferred by helicopter from Monahans to University Medical Center in Lubbock. He was listed in stable condition with multiple leg fractures.

The well is about six miles southwest of Kermit, about halfway between Kermit and Wink near the southeastern corner of the Texas-New Mexico border.

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating the accident.

Cullifer said Patterson Drilling will have engineers try to determine why the 130-foot derrick collapsed.

"We don't know why right now. It would only be speculation. All we know is the derrick did fall. We're having the derrick brought to the yard and we'll have a team of engineers come in and try to determine what caused it," Cullifer said.

"It has picked up heavier loads the day before than we had picked up when the derrick fell," he added.

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Capitol Briefs

Fugitive apprehension funding eyed

AUSTIN (AP) — Redirecting some of the surplus in the state's Crime Victims' Auxiliary Fund could be one of the best ways to keep Texans from becoming crime victims, said Sen. Jerry Patterson.

The Pasadena Republican said the crime victims' fund, which gets money from court cases settled by the state and from donations, collected $48 million last year and spent $28 million.

The $20 million surplus brought the fund's balance to $90 million as of Aug. 31, 1996.

Patterson is sponsoring a bill to allocate some of that surplus to the Texas Department of Public Safety's Special Crimes Service, which is responsible for tracking down parole violators and the state's 10 most wanted criminals.

"The best assistance to crime victims is avoiding being a crime victim," Patterson said Tuesday. "If we apprehend parole violators, there won't be victims."

Patterson said the Special Crimes Service department works with local law officials but can't reimburse them for their services because its operating budget of $200,000 is too small.

"What we are is unfunded," said Enrique Garcia, assistant commander of the Special Crimes Service. "We're borrowing investigators from other services."

The bill would allow the department to have more officers in major metropolitan areas, such as Dallas and Houston, and pay overtime and expenses for local officers who aid in their search for fugitives.

Patterson's bill would appropriate 30 percent of the fund's surplus to a Fugitive Apprehension Account, created by the legislation.

The state has 14,002 parole violators of which 2,017 are considered violent and dangerous by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Caskey estimated the bill would help the state triple the 300 apprehensions it annually averages.

"You can find them," Patterson said. "You have to have dedicated resources to find them."

The Fugitive bill is SB918.

Senate passes college admissions bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Would-be students would face less paperwork under legislation that would require a standard admissions form for four-year universities and one-stop filing at university systems.

The measure by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, passed the Senate 31-0 Tuesday and now goes to the House.

"The goal ... is to increase access to higher education," Bivins said.

The bill would require the Higher Education Coordinating Board to adopt a uniform admissions application form to be used at four-year universities. The universities could require additional information from students, such as essays.

In addition, a student could apply to any or all campuses within a particular university system by submitting one form.

"With (submission of) two application forms, you could apply to every institution in the UT (University of Texas) and the A&M systems," Bivins said.

The UT System currently has centralized admissions for its medical and dental programs, in which the system informs prospective students which health-related institution they can attend.

UT-Austin also refers the names and addresses of applicants who aren't admitted at that campus to other UT system institutions. Those schools can ask for the applicant's OK for UT-Austin to forward the application file.

Different campuses in a university system may have different admissions requirements. For example, UT-Austin and UT-Dallas have similar admissions standards, but they are different from some other UT institutions that officials say fulfill different missions and roles.

Bivins said that under his bill, each campus likely would still respond to let students know whether they have been accepted.

"I originally thought the system ought to respond, but what the component schools pointed out ... is that that acceptance letter is kind of a marketing tool for them, to say, 'You've been accepted, and here are these great things about our school,'" Bivins said.

The university application bill is SB150.

Everybody's in for Texaco settlement

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — All 1,342 black Texaco employees covered by a $115 million landmark race discrimination settlement have apparently accepted the offer.

The past and current Texaco employees had until Tuesday to notify Texaco by mail that they would opt out of the settlement, giving them the right to sue separately. None had done so, plaintiff lawyer Dan Berger said.

Astro-graph



By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 6, 1997

Do not be reluctant to assume more responsibility and authority this year where your career is concerned. You have what it takes to help run the show and you'll be rewarded proportionately to your contribution.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions in general are rather unusual today. Projects over which you have no authority could work out better for you than situations where you rule with an iron hand. 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) You are in a beneficial cycle where new endeavors are concerned. Focus exclusively on how you intend to succeed, and dismiss any thoughts failure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not let others dissuade you today from establishing lofty objectives. You know your reach and your own abilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you should be able to pick up a little useful knowledge from everyone with whom you have personal dealings. What you learn will prove helpful later.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will be gifted with a greater range of vision than others today. Focus on things that appear to be opportunities, even if associates disagree.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you depend on getting compliments from cohorts, you'll be less effective today. You have to please yourself; live up to your standards and abilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There should be ample career opportunity around you today. It might be of a fleeting nature, however, so don't waste time overanalyzing developments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not be intimidated by persons who appear to have power and position today; most of this is likely to be a facade.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you believe Lady Luck favors you as much — or more — than others today, developments could turn out to support your premise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It isn't necessary for you to settle for the status quo today, even if situations are running reasonably well. Try to make good things better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Fiscal trends tend to favor you today, but you must move rapidly to capitalize on your advantage. Roll up your sleeves and get an early start.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Too much deliberation could impede your progress today and affect your judgment. Conversely, your spontaneous urges could lead you to success.

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Bush unfazed by comments that his plan is in trouble

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush on Tuesday was unfazed by lawmakers' comments that his property tax plan is dead on arrival in the Texas House.

Bush instead said he was enthusiastic about comments made by Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, chairman of the House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding.

Sadler has encouraged the committee to set aside the governor's plan and come up with a new proposal that would have the state pay 80 percent of the cost of educating Texas school children.

Bush said his plan would have the state provide 63 percent of public school funding. Currently, the state pays about $9 billion a year for schools — roughly 47 percent of the $19 billion spent each year.

"I think we made great progress yesterday in the House of Representatives. I'm most grateful to chairman Paul Sadler, who in essence said, 'Let's move forward,'" Bush said.

"My attitude toward the House and Senate members is that I want to work with you. If you've got a better way, let me know, so long as you cut the budget, cut the school taxes and fund our schools with a stable source of revenues for the long term," the Republican governor said.

Bush proposed lowering the $10 billion raised by local school taxes each year by $3 billion.

To do that, he recommended a new, 1.25 percent business activity tax, a half-cent increase to the state sales tax and motor vehicle tax and the use of $1 billion in extra state revenue.

Rep. Mark Stiles, D-Beaumont, said too many people are being nice about Bush's plan but it doesn't have the needed votes in the House.

Stiles, a member of the special House committee studying the issue, urged fellow lawmakers to thank Bush for starting the conversation and "then stab (this plan) in the heart."

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said the tax plan is in just as much trouble in the Senate as it is in the House.

Bullock told the Houston Chronicle on Tueday that two key elements of the governor's plan — a new business activity tax and an increase in sales taxes — will be opposed in the Senate if they survive the House.

"There doesn't appear to be any open support for the business activity tax" among Democratic or Republican senators, Bullock said. "And I think there is a genuine concern on the part of senators of both parties about a sales tax increase. We're beginning to really feel it (the sales tax) now. It's got a real bite to it."

Sadler said cutting taxes alone is not enough. "You cannot give a short-term tax break and not impact school funding," he said.

Bush said tax relief will require the efforts of the entire Legislature.

"A successful plan will have a thousand authors, and I look forward to passing all the credit," Bush said. "We are not here for ourselves. We are here for our state. Our mission can't be and shouldn't be a zero-sum game. I win. You lose."

Bush said he's focusing on both priorities.

"The two go hand in hand. I think Rep. Sadler wants to make sure that the schools are not forgotten and I've always supported Paul on that," Bush said. "There is not a clash of wills. There is an alignment of wills."

Members of the special House committee have studied Bush's proposal for weeks.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Woman Feels Like Cutting Ties With Family's Wagging Tongues

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago I found a lump in my breast. After a diagnosis of cancer, I decided to have a radical mastectomy. My husband and I told no one except our closest relatives.

My sister-in-law got up in church and announced to the entire congregation that I'd had surgery. My mother told all my acquaintances and even an old boyfriend.

I am very upset about this. No one should discuss someone else's medical matters unless given permission (and had I been asked, I would have said emphatically, "No!").

I feel betrayed and hurt, and I find it hard to be civil to my sister-in-law and mother now. I'd really like to move away and never see any of them again. I think they used me to get attention for themselves.

Please tell your readers to consider the person who is ill before talking about private family matters, and to ask before announcing them publicly.

HURTING IN KANSAS

DEAR HURTING: If you told your mother and sister-in-law that you wanted your surgery kept confidential and they betrayed your confidence, then what they did was wrong. You have my sympathy for your painful ordeal.

However, I hope that you will reconsider your stance on this and not let your anger stand between you and your family. You all need each other right now. Consider the idea that they were acting out of love, and were seeking prayers and support for you from the community, as well as trying to cope with their own fears.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for 2 1/2 years. We are both 22 years old and love each other very much and have been talking about marriage.

The problem is that Sam says that before we get married he would like to date other girls. He says he's had steady girls all through high school and never had a chance to "sow his wild oats."

I can see his point, but I'm worried that I might lose him forever. Am I crazy to agree to this?

SCARED IN DENVER

DEAR SCARED: If you are seriously considering marriage to a young man who's asking for permission to sow his wild oats, I advise you to postpone the wedding until he is completely done. That way, you won't have to pray for a crop failure.

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DEAR ABBY: I read your column daily and enjoy it very much. I have wanted to tell you about something my oldest son did that made me very proud.

When he was a junior in high school (a very small school in the Midwest), the mothers were asked to prepare the banquet dinner for the Junior-Senior Prom. While the students were dancing and enjoying the prom, several of us mothers stood near the door of the gym proudly watching our children.

To my surprise, my son came over and asked me to dance. He had a date, but he wanted to dance with me for one dance. I felt so honored and proud.

My son is now a prominent man in the business world and has a lovely family of his own.

I hope his loving gesture will inspire other young men to honor their mothers in similar ways.

PROUD MOTHER

DEAR PROUD MOTHER: You have reason to be proud of your sensitive and appreciative son. He is a credit to your loving parenting. You raised him well.

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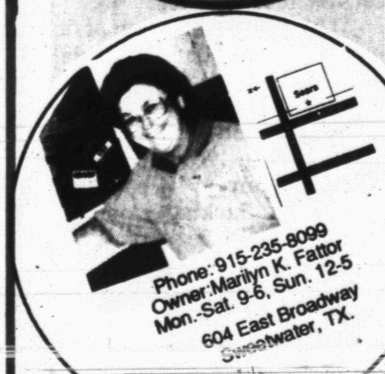
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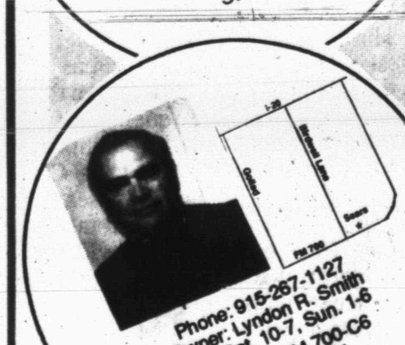
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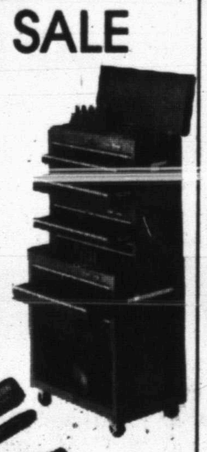


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