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GOP hopefuls to test strength against Dole

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa Republicans meet tonight in caucuses that provide a keen test for political newcomer Steve Forbes and other candidates jockeying furiously to challenge front-runner Bob Dole in the 1996 GOP presidential campaign.

Pat Buchanan, Lamar Alexander and Phil Gramm were expected to battle Forbes for second place after pre-caucus polling showed Dole, the Senate majority leader from Kansas, leading in support from his farm-state neighbors.

At a campaign breakfast this morning, Gramm told his precinct chairmen that he expected a close vote and he urged them to get as many of his supporters as possible to attend the caucuses.

"We believe at this point we are almost in a tie, and it's going to depend on who gets their people out," said Gramm, who noted he won his first congressional race by only 122 votes.

A relative handful of Iowa Republicans — perhaps 130,000 or so — held enormous influence in the first big event of the GOP nominating process.

Most of the candidates planned last-minute campaigning before party activists headed to fire stations, church basements and schools for 8 p.m. EST caucuses in each of Iowa's 2,142 precincts.

The campaign organizations set up phone banks and car pools to deliver the activists who will decide whom to anoint as the leader — or second or third — in the crowded Republican field.

Forbes, making the rounds of network talk shows this morning, sought to dampen expectations after his dramatic rise this past month from the ranks of the unknown.

"I hope to finish in the top four," Forbes said, explaining his 4-3-2-1 strategy — fourth in Iowa, third in New Hampshire's primary next week, second in Delaware then first in the Feb. 27 primary in Arizona, where he enjoys front-runner status in the polls.

The full field of nine contenders is matched for the first time in the caucuses, and late polls appeared to give Dole some breathing room at the top. His hope was a "strong first" to solidify his standing.

Dole portrayed himself as the veteran statesman, in contrast to his rivals. But that's left him vulnerable to outsider appeals from other candidates. Today, he defended his long tenure in Washington.

"Some of us have never gotten Potomac fever," Dole said on a Des Moines radio talk show. "We know precisely where we're coming from. I can spot the so-called entrenched politicians."

On the same program, Gramm said he's betting on a well-regarded political machine that helped him win a summer straw poll in Iowa. "We did it with good grassroots organization. I think we're going to do it again tonight."

Forbes, publisher of Forbes magazine, emerged in the closing weeks as a major challenger to Dole with a self-financed advertising blitz. There were suggestions he was slipping as the caucus campaign wound down, but Forbes sounded a defiant theme on Sunday, casting himself as an Louisiana caucuses.

Exxon layoff is unconfirmed

A news report that up to 30 percent of the Exxon work force in the Permian Basin may be subjected to a layoff announcement Tuesday was neither denied nor confirmed by an Exxon official in Houston this morning.

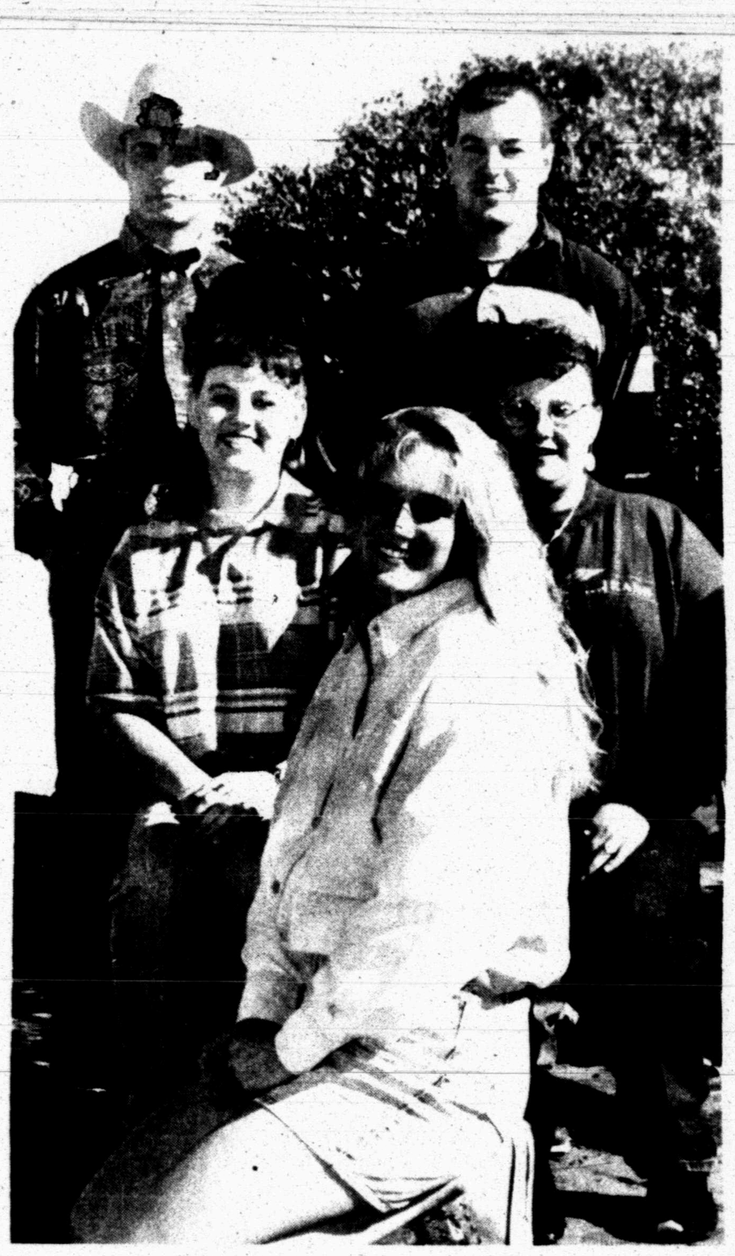
Bruce Tackett, with Exxon public affairs in Houston, termed a news article in Saturday's Midland Reporter-Telegram as "excessive," but also reiterated that it is not company policy for Exxon to speculate on possible restructuring.

The Midland newspaper stated that 20 or 30 percent of Exxon's total labor force in the Permian Basin would be subjected to layoffs. The article further stated that employees were told Friday to expect a company meeting to discuss operations in the oil-rich region.

Exxon employs more than 300 people at its Midland office and about 150 others in the field.

Tacket confirmed that a meeting is scheduled Tuesday, but added, "We routinely have meetings. We have not talked to any employee or made any

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TRAILHAND NOMINEES — Candidates for Western Texas College's Mr. and Miss Trailhand are, from left, bottom row, Emily Schaffer of North Platte, Neb.; middle row, Tonya Diersing of Hamlin and Nikki Gholson of Aspermont; top row, Pete Ellis of Fort Worth and Cody Smith of Aspermont. Not pictured are Miles Bell of Plainview, Guy Smith of Wimborne, Canada and Tona Wright of Moriarty, N.M. Winners will be announced during the Lady Westerners' game tonight at the coliseum.

People still trapped...

Blast fails to budge large slab

FURUBIRA, Japan (AP) — Despite a blast from a quarter-ton of explosives, crews today failed in their second attempt to topple a massive boulder off a crushed highway tunnel where 20 people were trapped.

A bus carrying 19 people and a passenger car with one person have been buried in the tunnel since Saturday morning, when a slab of mountainside the size of a 20-story building peeled away and came crashing down on the tunnel roof.

The rescue drama, on the outskirts of a remote fishing village about 550 miles north of Tokyo, has captured national attention, with banner headlines and live TV coverage.

The satellite trucks of news crews outnumbered emergency vehicles clustered outside the tunnel at the base of a jagged mountain that rears up out of the sea. Flashing red lights reflected off the snow and a salty wind whipped off the water.

Freezing temperatures had already dampened hopes for survivors, and today's failure to dislodge the boulder deepened the despair for relatives, who kept an anguished vigil at the accident scene.

"They're just playing around with the dynamite and the mountain like a toy," **Yukio Takahashi**, who had several close friends on the bus, said disgustedly.

Enrollment reports, resignation on WTC agenda

Approval of the 1996-97 calendar, by-laws revisions for the Senior Center, a retirement and an enrollment report are among the items of business for Western Texas College trustees, who meet at 7 this evening.

Also on the agenda are consideration of the May trustee election, tuition and fee variances for adult vocational education courses, a small class report, the financial report and pre-bid information on a 9-1-1 system.

Trustees are expected to formally accept the resignation of Shirley Leftwich, Scurry County Museum director. Her retirement, effective this month, was announced last year.

The board will approve the order and notice of the May 4 trustee election. Terms up for election are Place 1, held by Bill Wilson Jr., and Place 2, held by Carl Williams. The filing period to appear on the ballot is Feb. 19-March 20.

A significant change in the election code from past years is that if all candidates are unopposed, the election may be canceled.

Dr. Duane Hood will review enrollment for the spring semester; Mike Thornton will review adult vocational enrollment.

In other discussion, the board will consider setting a date for the March meeting. Currently, the board is to meet during the week of spring break.

At the start of tonight's meeting, the board will adjourn into executive session to discuss the dean of student services position. A five-person committee is currently interviewing applicants for the position, held by Dr. Hood, who has announced his retirement.

HISD board meets Tuesday

Hermleigh ISD trustees will consider an extension of the principal's contract and call for the May 4 trustee election in business set for Tuesday's 6:30 p.m. board meeting.

Trustee places up for election are those held by Milton Adams, James Rinehart and Jay Roemisch. Roemisch's position is to fill out the last year of an unexpired term.

The board will also consider an investment policy as required by Senate Bill I, a policy book update and review remodeling plans, costs and contracts.

Northwest flooding...

Relief crews break through

MIST, Ore. (AP) — In lush valleys turned to watery mush, their rivers running high, brown and mean, the rugged people of Oregon's north coastal mountains feel they are the flood's forgotten victims.

Tiny towns with enchanting names such as Mist and Jewell were cut off for days by high water and mud. Those driven from their homes tuned to Portland radio stations and heard the attention heaped on the city's waterfront and affluent suburbs 50 miles southeast of here.

"Nobody mentioned us," said Tami Bellingham, a rancher from Birkenfeld. "We felt lost."

The rivers and streams across the Northwest continued their slow retreat today, leaving behind a dispiriting trail of muddy destruction. The death toll stood at seven from the floods and mudslides in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Three people were missing in Oregon.

In downtown Portland, the Willamette had fallen 5 feet since cresting Friday but was still 5½ feet above flood stage today. The Columbia was down 4 feet, but still was 7 feet above flood stage.

Portland residents reduced their use of drinking water over the weekend, cutting demand on supplies severely restricted by flood contamination, so they probably won't be required to boil their water, the Water Bureau said today.

As they waited for someone to remember them, residents of Mist ran out of food, laundry and patience.

On Sunday, they were cleaning up, helping their neighbors and welcoming the National Guard and other relief workers when they finally came.

John Fitch, who bought the old Mist Store in September, said he told people in town this would happen. They didn't believe him.

"There have been people who've lived here all their lives and didn't think it was coming," said Fitch, who stood around smoking with a group of townspeople.

Now, many had lost the things most dear to them, including photos, clothing and china.

"It's just devastating, especially to the old people out here," said Bob Buccholz, who lives a few miles south of Mist. "It's all they got."

Baldness drug cleared for nonprescription sale

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration today allowed the hair-growth drug Rogaine to be sold without a prescription.

The move makes Rogaine the only medically proven drug to treat baldness to be sold over-the-counter. But don't expect miracles, the FDA warned. Not everybody will benefit from Rogaine, just certain people with the hereditary hair loss known commonly as male pattern baldness.

Hair regrowth is gradual and often takes at least four months before results are noticeable, said FDA spokeswoman Ivy Kupec. Rogaine helps about 25 percent of men and 20 percent of women see moderate hair growth, and they must continue using Rogaine indefinitely to keep the new hair.

People should try Rogaine only if hair loss runs in their family and isn't a sudden or mysterious type that might come from an endocrine imbalance or disease, the FDA said.

Some 40 million men and 20 million women suffer hair loss, and male pattern balding is the most common form.

Manufacturer Pharmacia & Upjohn said it will sell nonprescription Rogaine for about half the price of the identical prescription version, $29.50 for a month's supply.

Playoff game scheduled in coliseum

The Scurry County Coliseum will be the site of a Class 5A bi-district girls basketball game Tuesday night.

Abilene High will play Lubbock Monterey at 7 p.m.

Abilene High will be representing District 4-5A with a 17-11 record while Lubbock Monterey is from District 3-5A. The Lady Plainsman have a record of 23-7.

In the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll, Monterey is ranked 10th.

Tickets are $3 for adults and $2 for students.

Concert planned at Bethel Baptist

Ambassador Singer, a group of 25 singers touring the United States, will be in concert at Bethel Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The vision of the group is to glorify Jesus in each city in which they sing. The public is invited to attend. A free will offering will be taken at the end of the concert.

Bethel Baptist is located at 1708 Ave. E.

ASK US

Q—Has there been another meeting scheduled on possible highway routes from Lubbock to Interstate 10?

A—The next public meeting is projected to be in May, but an exact date has not been set, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 85; low, 35; high Sunday, 56; low, 29; 7 a.m. reading Monday, 30; no precipitation; total for 1996, .21 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, upper 30s. S wind 5-10 mph. Tuesday, becoming mostly cloudy. High 65-70. SW wind 10-20 mph.



Sunset: 6:28 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:03 a.m.

Of 42 days in 1996, the sun has shone 39 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Proverbs 16:7

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Police worry about cracks in 1992 law for mental patients

AUSTIN (AP) — A new state law to help protect mentally disabled Texans from abuse may not be working as hoped in Austin, home to three mental health institutions and more clients than any other Texas city, some advocates said.

The law, which took effect September 1992, created a state agency to investigate abuse and neglect of almost 170,000 people receiving state mental health and retardation services.

However, it did not give the agency authority to pursue criminal charges, leaving that task to law enforcement officers.

Police departments in other cities with state mental health hospitals report no problems. Officers in San Antonio, Rusk and Lubbock said they have good communications with protective service investigators who let them know as soon as a case appears to involve criminal intent.

But in Austin, police say they are unable to handle the load.

"It's like it's a whitewash," said police Sgt. Sam Bass, who specializes in investigating crimes against people with mental disabilities.

Criminal acts against vulnerable people can slip through the cracks of the legal system because "there's too much confusion in these institutions as to who to notify," Bass said.

"It's really scary," said Mary Dees of the Mental Health Association in Texas. "I think crimes can and probably are being committed, and they're not being validated."

Until the law took effect, the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation investigated abuse and neglect allegations against the people it served.

The new law transferred that duty to the new Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

Within one hour of receiving a complaint of abuse or neglect, the protective services agency is required to notify a local or state law enforcement agency.

In Austin, police receive a faxed message each time the protective services agency receives a complaint about abuse.

At the same time, the agency is required to begin its own investigation. It is up to law enforcement to initiate a separate criminal investigation.

Austin police officers say two problems often arise.

First, they lack the personnel to investigate the large number of allegations they receive — more than 700 a year from 1993 to 1995. Allegations range from a patient throwing hot coffee at a fellow patient to domestic violence involving mentally ill people living with their families.

FBI probes possible sabotage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mysterious evidence found at the scene has drawn the FBI into the investigation of a freight train derailment earlier this month that killed two people.

"We called the FBI to look at something that someone found in this pile of wreckage," National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Alan Pollock said Sunday.

Neither Pollock nor FBI spokesman John Hoos would discuss what was found or comment on the possibility of sabotage. Pollock said the NTSB often asks for the FBI's help on possible sabotage cases.

An unidentified source told the Los Angeles Times in Sunday's editions "there is concern whether a signal was set improperly, or that it may have been tampered with." The source added that the NTSB "uncovered evidence as the wreckage was being cleared away."

Another anonymous source told the newspaper: "They've seen something odd. They want the FBI to check it out."

How a failed signal would have caused the Feb. 1 derailment wasn't clear.

The Federal Railroad Administration has said there was evidence that the brakes on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight train had failed as the train started down a steep grade.

New Year-New You

Easing the risks of dining out

Americans spend almost half their food dollars eating out, according to a recent survey by the National Restaurant Association. And nothing can derail your fitness plan faster than a few big restaurant meals.

The good news is that you can eat out healthfully. Many menus give you an idea of how a food is prepared. The terms "crispy," for example, are tip-offs for fried, high-fat dishes. In contrast, "grilled," (also "lite") usually means that a food is lower in fat and calories. Be sure to ask your server to explain any terms that are unclear.

Some restaurants include nutrition details on the menu. But to get what you want in a restaurant, be assertive. Always ask your server the following:

•How big are the portions? Why: Quite often, an appetizer is large enough for a meal, or an entree is large enough to share. You want to eat about a 3-ounce cooked portion of meat, chicken or fish.

•Is the sauce made with cream, butter or olive oil? Why: These can add unwanted fat and calories. Even the lightest sounding sauces can be dripping with fat, particularly on pasta.

•May I have the sauce or dressing on the side? Why: Ordering dressing, or sauce, on the side gives you control over how much goes on your food. Add it sparingly. Otherwise, it's easy to add as much, or even more, than the chef would have used as a garnish.

•Can this be grilled instead of sauteed or fried? Why: Grilling allows fat to drip off, while sauteeing, frying, or even roasting cooks food in fat. Marinated, grilled items are good, because the flavor stays while the fat cooks off.

•Would you bring us extra forks with dessert? Why: Since desserts are often two and a half times as fattening as other foods, sharing a dessert allows you to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Eat slowly with this quick question: Which is most likely to be lower in calories and fat, commercial chocolate layer cake or carrot cake? The chocolate cake may be, as long as it is not extremely dense. Most carrot cakes are made with a lot of oil, nuts and even coconut, all high-fat ingredients that add calories.

Action Point: Order an appetizer in place of an entree.

Next: "New Year, New You" concludes.

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Livestock move makes room for Bush presidential library

HOUSTON (AP) — A potential smelly problem is driving neighbors of Texas A&M University to federal court this week.

At issue is the agriculture school's relocation of a livestock center to make room for George Bush's presidential library.

"We've worked all our lives for what we have," said homeowner Ruby Ellis, whose Brushy Community neighborhood is the new location for Texas A&M's Animal Science Complex.

"I'm thankful for A&M. It gave us work. But now it looks like they're trying to take our lives."

Ms. Ellis and other residents have taken the matter to federal court. If a mediator doesn't help Texas A&M and the community reach a compromise this week, a federal judge will settle the issue for them.

Texas A&M officials insist that plans for its Animal Science Complex, which will house hogs, goats, sheep and cattle, have been in the works for some 10 years.

It was only five years ago that the College Station school, about 100 miles northwest of Houston, was selected to house the former president's papers.

Because the current livestock center was more than 20 years old and in need of a new complex, the move southwest of the campus and near Brushy residents seemed logical.

Neighbors of the new complex are worried that once the center is in operation, however, the stench of manure will replace their sweet country air. They have formed a coalition of longtime residents and university professors and researchers to take the issue to court.

"There's not going to be a problem," insisted John R. Beverly, deputy vice chancellor and associate dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

He noted that the university already has agreed to put the two most objectionable parts of the complex — a swine center and a dairy processing facility — elsewhere.

Brazoria C. sheriff's deal to house inmates probed

ANGLETON (AP) — A member of the district attorney's office is questioning an arrangement in which Brazoria County's sheriff would OK a $24,000 bonus for himself in exchange for housing Oklahoma convicts in his jail.

Sheriff Joe King may not be able to accept the payment because he would be receiving benefits from a contract over which he exercises discretion, an apparent violation of the Texas public servant gift law.

Capital Correctional Resources Inc., a private company, wants to pay King the salary supplement to monitor the private jail operation.

King's approval of the rental agreement is required by law before county commissioners can rent jail space to the company.

"In our opinion it's potentially, or arguably, a violation," said Hank Prejean, head of the district attorney's civil division.

King has insisted that he receive the salary supplement if the jail space is to be rented, the Houston Chronicle reported, citing unnamed sources.

That potential hurdle could be avoided, however, if the company pays the county the salary supplement in a lump sum, which would then be doled out by the Commissioners Court during its budgetary process in October, Prejean said.

After meeting in executive session Friday, county commissioners agreed to begin negotiating with the company and submit a bid to Oklahoma prison officials Monday.

Commissioner Billy Joe Plaster of Alvin said Brazoria County is losing money because of unused jail space.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1996

There could be some positive changes in your lifestyle in the year ahead that might benefit not only you, but other family members as well. Try to strengthen domestic bonds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today your greatest success will come from a group involvement. You can act as the catalyst who draws everyone together for a common purpose. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Remain confident today if you find yourself in a competitive situation. Actually, the odds will be in your favor, but you will have to convince yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Usually, you can come up with bright ideas. Today, however, if you listen carefully to a friend's comments, you may hear some beneficial advice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone may ask you today to help sort out a critical development. You will not receive a reward immediately, but something nice may come your way later.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It may be beneficial to do something fun today instead of sticking to your routine. Pick a perky companion who also desires to flee from boredom.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will perform best today when involved in some type of creative endeavor. Try to find a worthwhile project that tests your imagination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) One of your best assets today will be your ability to impress everyone you encounter. Even people you meet for the first time today will want to keep in touch.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Instead of launching a new endeavor today, try to finish two old projects to your satisfaction. Both will be worth finishing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you've been hoping to hear from certain people, stop waiting for them to get in touch with you. Take the initiative today and re-establish contact.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Some material compensation you've hoped for may come your way very soon under pleasant circumstances. You might even get more than you anticipated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Liberate yourself today from any restraints that inhibit your independence. Focus your efforts on objectives which gratify your need to move around.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will be more effective in joint ventures today if you stay in the background. Keep in touch with events, but don't try to get out front and lead.

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Date Book

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Today is the 43rd day of 1996 and the 53rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1554, Lady Jane Grey, the queen of England for only nine days, was beheaded for treason.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), U.S. president; Charles Darwin (1809-1882), naturalist; George Meredith (1828-1909), writer; John L. Lewis (1880-1969), labor leader; Omar Bradley (1893-1981), U.S. general; Bill Russell (1934-), basketball great, is 62; Judy Blume (1938-), writer, is 58; Arsenio Hall (1958-), entertainer, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, San Antonio's George Gervin scored 23 points in the fourth quarter against Golden State; the entire Warriors team only scored 22 in the quarter, but won the game in overtime.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Man with all his noble qualities... with his godlike intellect which has penetrated into the movements and constitution of the solar system... still bears in his bodily frame the indelible stamp of his lowly origin." — Charles Darwin

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1935, a sudden gust of wind buffeted the dirigible U.S.S. Macon off the coast of California, killing two of 83 crew members.

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TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

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Oil Patch News

Borden County

Hat Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 2 Johnson in the Clayton Ranch north field, 10 miles north of Gail. Planned for a depth of 6,600 feet, drill site is in Section 22, Block 32, T6N, T&P survey.

GECKO Inc. has completed the No. 1-2 Edna Miller in the Just Right field, 10 miles southwest of Justiceburg. The well was finaled to produce 126 barrels of 38 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 8,511-530 feet, and location is in Section 2, Block 29, T5N, T&P survey.

Union Oil of California has completed the No. 1-W Wolf, a wildcat located seven miles northwest of Vincent. The well was finaled to produce 366 barrels of 42.9 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 8,612-629 feet, and location is in Section 40, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Lomack Production Co. will drill the No. 1314 Mills-Strain unit in the Sharon Ridge field, eight miles northwest of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 1,700 feet, drill sit is in Section 1, G.Y. McWilliams survey.

Lomack Production Co. will drill the No. 806 Mills-Strain unit in the Sharon Ridge field, eight miles northwest of Colorado City. Also contracted for 1,700 feet, drill site is in Section 18, C.H. McGinnis survey.

Garza County

Brothers Production Inc. will drill the No. 8-41 Lott in the Happy field, 10 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 8,350 feet, drill site is in Section 41, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Rocker A Operating Co. Inc. will drill the No. 7-OB Adobe-Franklin in the PHD field, 11 miles northwest of Post. Planned depth is 4,250 feet, and location is in Section 1248, P.H. Talley survey.

Palmer Oil Properties has completed the No. 1 Huber-Lott in the Coulter field, 12 miles southwest of Post. The well was finaled to produce 21 barrels of 39 gravity oil and 160 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,423-443 feet, and location is in Section 13, Block 2, Jasper Hays survey.

Palmer Oil Properties has completed the No. 2 Huber-Lott in the Coulter field, 12 miles southwest of Post. The well was completed to produce 36 barrels of 39 gravity oil and 160 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,377-397 feet, and location is in Section 13, Block 1, Jasper Hays survey.

Howard County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1 Barr in the Vincent field, 17 miles northeast of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 8,000 feet, the re-entry project is located in Section 7, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Cobra Oil and Gas Corp. has completed the No. 1-37 Clara Adams unit in the Middleton field, four miles north of Knott. The well was finaled to produce 145 barrels of 45.3 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 9,112-258 feet, and location is in Section 37, Block 34, T3N, T&P survey.

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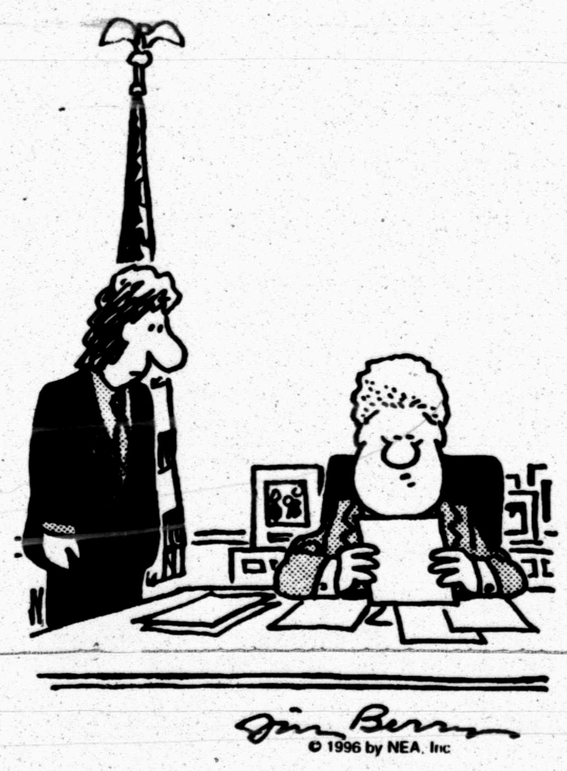
Robertson Resources Inc. will drill the No. 4 Cochran Estate, a 4,120 re-entry project located five miles southeast of Maryneal. Location is in Section 105, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Clear Fork Inc. will drill the No. 1 McLeod, a 7,200-foot wildcat located eight miles south of Maryneal. Location is in Section 17, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Fisher County

Hardin Co. will plug and abandon the No. 1 J.C. Barley, a 4,591-foot wildcat located 1.5 miles northwest of Hamlin. Location was in Section 181, Block 1, BBB&C survey.

Berry's World



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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room of Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M, for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

Daughters of the American Revolutioan; country club; program by Jo Flynn; ancestor sketch, Tizzie Hall; hostesses, Ann Smartt, Lois Bartels; noon.

Plainview TFCEC; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; 6 p.m.; call 863-2702 for meeting place;

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Defensive Driving Course; community room of Snyder Savings & Loan; 6 to 9 p.m.

Snyder Christian Women's Club; "Hearts & Beans" guest night dinner; Snyder Country Club; reservations necessary by calling Doris at 573-3996 or Nan at 573-3440; 7 to 9 p.m.

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

Xi Alpha Alpha Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi; MAWC; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; country club; noon.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th.

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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

New medicines to fight superbugs sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 60-year-old man lay burning with fever as bacteria ate into his heart valve and then infested his bloodstream, defeating every powerful antibiotic sold today.

Dr. Marcus Zervos spent six weeks pumping an experimental drug through the man's veins before he recovered — and the medicine's success has doctors eagerly anticipating a new generation of antibiotics to fight bacteria's deadly comeback.

Antibiotic drug resistance "is very frightening," said Zervos, who is testing the new medicine, Synercid, at Wayne State University in Detroit. "If we hadn't had the experimental Synercid, the chances are 100 percent that my heart patient would have died."

When antibiotics hit the market in the 1950s, doctors jubilantly predicted an end to infectious diseases — and by the 1980s, half of all drug companies had stopped developing antibiotics, believing the battle won.

But the bugs fought back.

Today, many bacteria are impervious to medicine. A common form of staphyloccocus, which causes everything from pneumonia to wound infections, is resistant to all antibiotics except vancomycin, considered the drug of last resort. Even vancomycin is fast losing its effectiveness against the enterococcus bacteria that spreads in hospitals, leaving doctors helpless.

More than 13,000 Americans are dying each year from drug-resistant bacteria — and doctors warn the problem is steadily worsening.

Now drug companies are furiously brewing new antibiotics:

—Rhone-Poulenc Rorer's Synercid could be the first to hit the market. Although still in the final phase of testing, the Food and Drug Administration considers Synercid promising enough to give free to patients with severe infections that resist all other antibiotics. Under the special program, 700 patients have taken Synercid so far.

Derived from an old French antibiotic and made 100 times more potent, Synercid helped 70 percent of the first 115 patients treated, Dr. Robert Moellering Jr. of Harvard University told international experts in Portugal last month.

—Within weeks, Pharmacia & Upjohn Inc. will begin testing two drugs known as oxazolidinones on severely infected patients. Test-tube and animal studies show the drugs fight all of the most common and deadly drug-resistant bacteria.

—Eli Lilly & Co. is testing in animals a chemical cousin of vancomycin that appears 100 times more potent.

The FDA considers bacterial drug resistance threatening enough that it is planning incentives to encourage development of new antibiotics. One proposal is a special program to speed antibiotic testing and review so companies can sell the drugs as quickly — and with as little expense — as possible.

"By the time (drug-resistance) happens at significant enough levels that the antibiotic manufacturers feel the crunch ... it's going to be too late to harness it," said Dr. Mary Fanning, the FDA's antibiotics chief. "It's our intent to create special circumstances so we can promote their development."

But the question is how long these new antibiotics will last.

Rhone-Poulenc acknowledges that Synercid, despite its unique chemical combination, will have a limited lifetime before bacteria evolve to resist it. "You can count on a few years during which it should work," said Rhone-Poulenc's Dr. Francois Bompart.

Some scientists are more hopeful that Upjohn's oxazolidinones will last longer because they work in a unique way. The drugs interrupt the earliest biological process necessary for bacteria to grow and spread, far earlier than any other drug, explained Upjohn senior researcher Charles Ford.

"They probably would not be affected at all by existing resistance mechanisms," said Ford, who spent years researching these chemicals in "a backroom, low-key project" before Upjohn agreed to invest in a new antibiotic.

FDA scientists say there's another option: Dusting off very old antibiotics shelved decades ago in favor of the newer ones that bacteria now resist. There's little profit in drugs whose patents have expired, so the FDA is considering whether a special "orphan drug" law that protects unprofitable treatments could provide companies the financial incentive to see how well the old medicines work.

Sixteen are wounded in gang shootings

PASADENA (AP) — Police are trying to sort out what happened at an apartment complex to prompt a gunfight between two rival gangs that sent 16 people to hospitals.

"It's a pretty complicated situation because of the number of people involved and the confusion going on at the scene," Sgt. Kelly Payne said today. "We're trying to find the parties responsible for the shooting and anybody else who might have been a conspirator."

Pasadena police continued to hold eight suspects in the Sunday shootout, but said charges likely wouldn't be filed until later today.

Of the injured, nine were male and seven were female. Eight people remained hospitalized Sunday, including two critically, police and hospital spokesmen said.

The 16 victims were members of the Pasadena Homies and the Latin Kings, ranging in age from 14 to 22, Payne said.

All were attending parties at the Bentley Apartments about 2:55 a.m. when shooting between the two gangs erupted.

Although different residents at the complex said they believed the gunfire lasted anywhere from 5 minutes to 20 minutes, Payne said it lasted about 10 minutes and was still going on when the first officers arrived.

"There was quite a cross-fire going on in the courtyard, and they couldn't immediately rush in because not only did they not want to get shot, they didn't want to start shooting and strike bystanders."

Investigators say two members of rival gangs exchanged words in the courtyard between apartments No. 250 and No. 257, where some 30 people were attending the two parties.

One member returned to his group and then a shotgun was fired across the courtyard.

"I was awakened by my son yelling," apartment resident Ray Salazar told the Houston Chronicle. "There was so much shooting I couldn't believe it. My wife ran into the living room and I grabbed her and pulled her to the floor, but she was shot before I could get her down."

The shotgun, a revolver and a semiautomatic pistol were retrieved from the scene.

Payne said both predominantly Hispanic gangs are well-known to police in this suburb of 120,000 people, east of Houston. Gangs were first spotted in this working-class town, home to the petrochemical industry, about five years ago, he said.

The Latin Kings have about 100 members, he said. The other gang has 50 to 60 members, Payne said.

"They're not new," Payne said. "Unfortunately, they've been around for a while."

Most of the injured were treated and released from area hospitals, but the six most seriously injured were transported to Hermann Hospital in Houston.

The two 19-year-olds in critical condition suffered single gunshot wounds, said Lee Farrell, hospital spokesman.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



NORTH 02-12-96
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♥A Q 7 6
♦A Q 9 8 6
♣A 2

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♥10 8
♦5 4
♣Q 8 3

EAST
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♥9 5 3 2
♦K 3 2
♣K 7 5 4

SOUTH
♠7 6 3
♥K J 4
♦J 10 7
♣J 10 9 6

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
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1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠J

Call out for advice

By Phillip Alder

A woman whose cat regularly wanders off has attached her collect calling-card number to his collar. Now, anyone who finds Cagney, a Burmese, can make a free phone call to tell its owner where she must go to retrieve the peripatetic animal.

It would be good to have a calling-card number when you are playing at the bridge table. Faced with a difficult problem, you could call your favorite expert for advice. I doubt, though, that many experts would permit use of their 800 numbers for this purpose. Yet perhaps a 900-number service could be formed.

Would you have needed to make a call during this deal? You are East, defending against three no-trump. Your partner leads the spade jack, and when you top dummy's king with the ace, South is clearly unhappy. After you cash the spade queen, though, you cannot play a third spade. What do you lead instead?

Perhaps North should have rebid two hearts, a reverse, promising extra strength. However, five diamonds is a long way off (and probably goes down here). Having only two spades, East was right not to make a takeout double over one diamond.

You must try to get partner on lead to run his spades. But which entry card can he have? There is only one: the club queen. And to establish that as an entry, you must switch at trick three to the club *king*.

This play, sacrificing an honor to establish an entry for partner, is called the Deschapelles Coup, after Guillaume Deschapelles, a famous whist player of eons gone by.

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3 dead in plane crash in Puerto Rico

MANATI, Puerto Rico (AP) — A twin-engine plane crashed into a marsh Sunday, killing three people.

The plane went down at about 4:40 p.m. in Laguna Tortuguero near Manati, about 30 miles west of San Juan. Rescuers spotted three bodies in the wreckage, said Manati police spokesman Antonio Colon.

The Aerocommander AC-50 was owned by a charter company, Hill Aviation of San Juan. Three company employees were on board, said Bill Duncan, Hill's general manager.

Duncan said the plane was on a company flight, but that he didn't know its origin or destination.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On January 17, 1996, in Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) Docket No. 13575, Texas Utilities Electric Company (TU Electric) filed its Petition and Statement of Intent seeking to implement changes to its Rider PCR - Power Cost Recovery that would permit the recovery under said Rider of the cost of purchased power capacity from qualifying facilities pursuant to contracts executed on or before September 12, 1994, the cost of purchased power capacity and energy from qualifying facilities and other entities pursuant to contracts executed after September 12, 1994, as a result of Commission-approved solicitations or as otherwise approved by the Commission or as authorized by Section 2.051(x) of the Public Utility Regulatory Act of 1995 (PURA), including an incentive amount, and the cost of demand-side management resources for such resources approved by the Commission in connection with TU Electric's integrated resource planning process or acquired from Commission-approved solicitations or as authorized by Section 2.051(x) of PURA, including an incentive amount, in excess of the amount included in TU Electric's base rates for demand-side management resources. All of the revenues recovered under the proposed Rider PCR will be subject to reconciliation by the Commission. While TU Electric does expect that, over time, approval of the proposed changes to its said Rider PCR would increase its revenues, it is impossible to quantify any such increase, although it is reasonably anticipated that the increase would not be a "major change" within the meaning of Section 2.212(b) of PURA. The impossibility of quantifying the increase is because it is unknown at this time what resources or types of resources will be selected in the solicitations to be conducted after the Commission's Order on TU Electric's said filing, the costs of which and the applicable incentives would be eligible to be recovered under said proposed changes to said Rider PCR. TU Electric proposes to implement the proposed changes to its said Rider PCR on February 21, 1996, or as soon thereafter as permitted. All of TU Electric's customers and classes of customers in all territories over which the Commission exercises original jurisdiction will be affected by the proposed changes to said Rider PCR. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Consumer Affairs Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221 for text telephone. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

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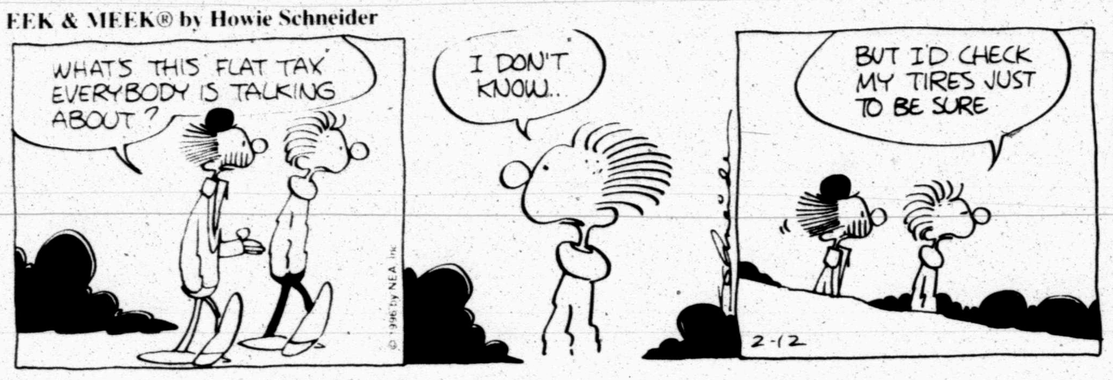
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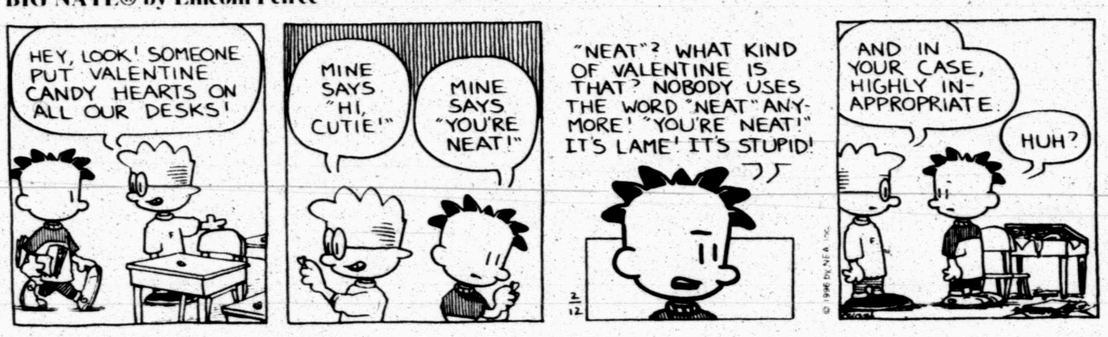
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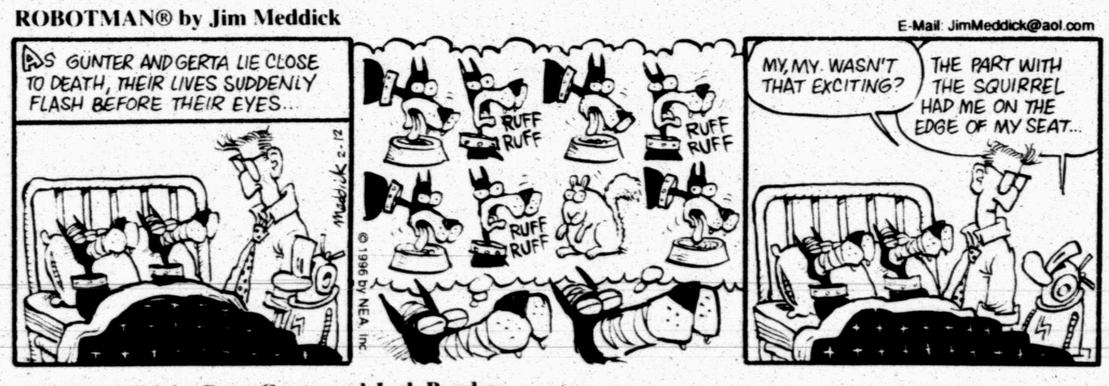


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1 Rounded lump
5 Turfs
9 Type of oil
12 Written defamation
13 Canadian capital
14 Male logger
16 Like a model
18 Ms. Ono
19 Groove
22 Actress Bo —
24 Fixed
25 Actor Montand
27 More certain
29 Fable writer
31 Support (a cause)
35 Not artificial
37 Shades
38 Black-and-blue
40 Geological division
41 Floor covering
44 Musical half note
46 Nautical rope
47 Coffee vessels
49 Once more
51 Selfish person
53 Closer
57 Talk-show host
58 Indefinite person
59 Astronaut — Slayton
60 Stride

DOWN

1 Sgt., e.g.
2 Grain
3 Aug. hours
4 And others (2 wds.)
5 Ice-hockey team
6 Follow orders
7 New performers' tapes
8 Quench
10 Was indebted to
11 Furies
12 Coats of paint
15 Negative word
17 Punishing
19 Baseballer Nolan —
20 Part of the eye
21 Exam
23 Retained
26 — food
28 Make muddy
30 — and proper
32 Single part
33 Remain
34 Abstract being
36 Navigate the air
39 Singer — Ross
41 Regret
42 Encouraged
43 Folklore creature
45 Manner
48 Ill
50 Negative votes
52 Regard
54 Decay
55 Chemical suffix
56 Agt.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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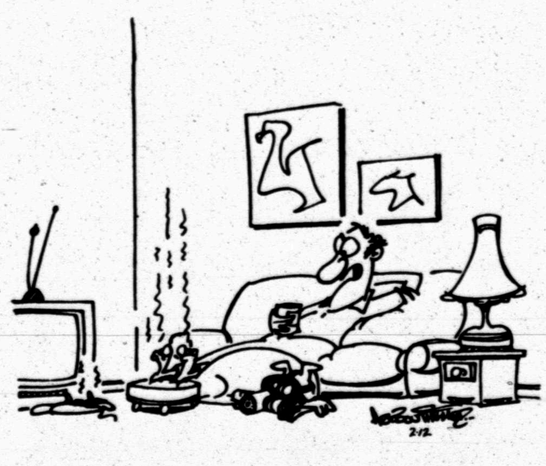
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SPORTS

Jordan named MVP...

Sloppy, flat all-star game ends with boos

By WENDY E. LANE
AP Basketball Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — There were 46 turnovers, a bunch of airballs and the game was a blowout by the end of the third quarter.

The NBA's All-Star show didn't get many rave reviews from its participants or a very lively response from its spectators.

"It didn't seem that there was as much enthusiasm as we've seen in past games," Chicago's Scottie Pippen said.

"I don't think it was very good for the fans," said Utah's Karl Malone.

A number of those fans left the Alamodome unhappy Sunday, disappointed that the Most Valuable Player trophy didn't go to Shaquille O'Neal, who attended high school here. Quiet and uninvolved during most of the game, they booed when commissioner David Stern presented Michael Jordan with the crystal trophy.

Jordan did score 20 points in just 22 minutes on 8-for-11 shooting, but he wasn't the Eastern Conference's leading scorer in Sunday's 129-118 victory. The high-scorer was Shaquille O'Neal, with 25 points and 10 rebounds in his best performance in four All-Star games.

"I felt kind of strange standing out there with the MVP trophy and the crowd making their own selections with the way they responded," Jordan said.

Jordan, ever the relentless competitor, doesn't even like to lose a popularity contest. Or an All-Star Game.

Playing in his first All-Star Game since 1993, Jordan was clearly glad to be back.

"I just wanted to come out and have a good time," he said. "I hadn't experienced this in a couple of years. I relived a lot of memories."

In the third quarter, Jordan put on the kind of show expected of him, helping the East turn a 61-58 halftime lead into a double-digit blowout.

There he was driving through the lane, picking up a perfect bounce pass from Anfernee Hardaway and soaring in for a dunk. A short time later, he was curling around the right side for a one-handed jam, tongue hanging out.

That basket, with 4:14 remaining in the third quarter, was his last of the game and gave the East an 88-71 lead. He sat out the last 16 minutes of the game, content to watch the younger players close out the victory.

Down by 22 at the end of three quarters, the West opened the fourth quarter with a 23-9 run, with David Robinson scoring eight points, and pulled to 111-103 on Mitch Richmond's fastbreak layup with 4:10 to play. But Hardaway hit two straight 3-pointers, only the third and fourth for the Eastern Conference, to stretch the lead again.

O'Neal capped off a 20-point second half with a thunderous dunk in the face of Robinson, who led the West with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

But the West, which beat the East by 27 last year, shot poorly. Charles Barkley, who said he had a touch of bronchitis and wasn't feeling well, had just eight points and Hakeem Olajuwon four, and neither played more than 16 minutes. Last year's MVP, Richmond, missed 7 of 10 shots.

Both teams, however, were guilty of sloppy play. Too many no-look passes went into the seats instead of into a teammate's hands, and too many would-be alley-oops were simply oops. The West turned the ball over 26 times, the East 20.

"We started passing up shots and we were passing the ball too much," said Jason Kidd, the West's starting point guard. "Then we got down by 20 points, and in an All-Star Game that makes it hard to come back. We just turned the ball over too much, and Shaq's play in the second half was the reason they were able to pull away from us."

Kidd, the Dallas Mavericks' first-ever starter, was dazzling in his All-Star debut even if his teammates weren't.

He connected with Seattle's Shawn Kemp on a behind-the-back pass that Kemp took in for a thunderous dunk on one play. On another, he passed to Clyde Drexler under the basket and the Rockets guard sent a nifty touch pass to Barkley on the wing for a layup.

Kidd had five assists in the first quarter, finishing with 10 assists and seven points.

"Everything went right for me at the start, and I was thankful for that," he said.



DISTRICT CHAMPS—The Ira Junior High boys' basketball team won the district championship this year. Team members are front row (L to R) Clint Brasuel, Ramon Perez, Richard Wilkins, Drew Wall and Blake White, manager. Middle row, Bryce Wilkins, Terry Jamison, Josh Long, Trey Shirley, Shade Everton. Back row, Coach Russell Gee, managers Justin Green and Jenson Gainer, Jerek Brown, Logan Davies, Moses Williams, Jarrett Green and Seth Sterling. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHS golfers finish sixth in Big Spring

The Snyder High School boys' golf team opened the spring season by finishing sixth in the Big Spring tournament. There were 22 teams competing.

Snyder shot a two-day total 660 (323-337). Borger won the tournament with a 623, Lamesa was second with 637 and San Angelo Lake View fired a 647 for third place.

Next action for the golf team will be Friday when they host the Snyder Invitational. The two-day tourney will be played on the Western Texas College golf course and the Snyder Country Club.

The boys will play Friday at the country club and Saturday at WTC. The girls will have the opposite schedule, playing Friday at WTC and Saturday at the country club.

Tee times begin at 9 a.m. both days.

BIG SPRING TOURNEY
TEAM TOTALS

Borger	304-319—623
Lamesa	310-327—637
Lake View	315-332—647
Permian	321-326—647
Snyder	323-337—660

Snyder Individuals

James Pilgrim	79-84—163
Carl Strlelcki	80-86—166
Shane Robinson	82-87—169
John Purcell	85-84—169
Matt Parker	87-83—170

Geiberger wins again

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — It's been a while — a long while, actually — and Al Geiberger was wondering if it would ever happen again.

"Yeah, I wondered," said Geiberger, who in 1977 became the first PGA Tour player to shoot 59. "I felt, 'Geez, will I ever win again?' I'm struggling so much just to finish in the top 10. If I'm struggling this much, how can I ever expect to win again?"

On Sunday, the 58-year-old Geiberger shot a 1-under-par 71 and captured his first title since 1993 when he won the Senior PGA Tour's Greater Naples IntelliNet Challenge by one stroke over Isao Aoki (67). Geiberger finished the 54-hole event at 14-under 202, earning $90,000 for his 10th senior title.

Simon Hobday shot a 69 and finished third, two strokes behind the winner. Raymond Floyd, who began the day three shots back of Geiberger, missed a 4-foot birdie attempt on 16 and bogeyed 18 for a 71. He finished in a fourth-place tie with Jimmy Powell at 11-under.

WTC to take on Odessa tonight

The Lady Westerners will be looking for their third consecutive win over the Odessa College Lady Wranglers tonight. The two teams will face off at 7:30 in the Scurry County Coliseum.

The Lady Westerners defeated Odessa back in November, 59-58, in the coliseum and then went to Odessa last month and won, 77-67.

At halftime of tonight's game, Mr. and Miss Trailhand will be announced.

In other conference games tonight, it will be the battle for first place between Midland and Howard. That game will be in Big Spring. New Mexico Junior College will be at Frank Phillips in Borger.

Softballers take two

The Snyder Lady Tiger softball team defeated two Class 5A schools in scrimmages Saturday.

Snyder scored nine runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to help defeat Lubbock Coronado, 15-6. The Lady Tigers hammered out 10 hits.

In the second game, it was a 10 run first that propelled the Lady Tigers to a 19-6 win over Lubbock Monterey. Snyder got 13 hits off Monterey pitching.

The JV was also victorious with a 14-4 win over Monterey's varsity and 17-9 over Coronado's varsity.

The softball team opens the regular season Tuesday in Abilene against Cooper. The games will be played at Red Bud Park with the JV at 4:30 p.m. and the varsity at 6:30 p.m.

U. Mass is No. 1 for 8th straight week

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

The top five teams in the college basketball poll had held the same order for the past three weeks. Things changed among them today, although Massachusetts was still No. 1.

The Minutemen (23-0), the country's only unbeaten team, held the top spot for the eighth straight week, the longest run at No. 1 since Duke spent the entire 1991-92 season there.

Massachusetts received 59 first-place votes and 1,619 points from the national media panel, while Kentucky (20-1) was runner-up for the eighth straight week with five No. 1 votes and 1,563 points.

Then came the changes.

Connecticut (20-3), which received the other first-place vote, moved up one spot to third and Villanova (20-3) moved up two spots to fourth. Kansas (19-2), which had its 12-game winning streak snapped by Missouri on Saturday, dropped two places to No. 5 and Cincinnati (18-2), which had a six-game winning streak broken on Sunday by Arizona on a 65-foot shot at the buzzer, dropped one spot to sixth.

Utah held seventh and was followed in the Top Ten by Wake Forest, Penn State and Virginia Tech.

Purdue, which jumped from 14th to 11th, led the Second Ten and was followed by Texas Tech, Arizona, Georgetown, Memphis, Syracuse, North Carolina, UCLA, Iowa and Stanford.

The last five teams in the poll were Boston College, Iowa State, Eastern Michigan, Louisville and Mississippi State, the only newcomer this week.

The Bulldogs (16-5), who were ranked ninth in the preseason poll, returned to the rankings after a three-week absence. They came in on a five-game winning streak that followed a five-game run where they lost four, including consecutive road losses to Arkansas and South Carolina.

Mississippi State replaced Michigan (15-8), which fell out of the poll for the first time this season. A loss Saturday at Purdue was the Wolverines' fourth in their last five games.

The biggest jump of the week was Stanford's move from 25th to No. 20. The Cardinal (15-5) swept their homestand with California and UCLA this week.

By The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 11, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1.Massachusetts(59)	23-0	1,619	1
2.Kentucky(5)	20-1	1,563	2
3.Connecticut(1)	22-1	1,495	4
4.Villanova	20-3	1,383	6
5.Kansas	19-2	1,335	3
6.Cincinnati	18-2	1,283	5
7.Utah	19-3	1,246	7
8.WakeForest	16-3	1,147	9
9.PennSt.	18-2	1,065	10
10.VirginiaTech	18-2	1,025	11
11.Purdue	19-4	900	14
12.TexasTech	20-1	871	13
13.Arizona	18-4	847	16
14.Georgetown	19-5	778	8
15.Memphis	17-4	742	15
16.Syracuse	18-6	643	18
17.NorthCarolina	16-7	477	12
18.UCLA	16-6	455	17
19.Iowa	17-6	407	19
20.Stanford	15-5	341	25
21.BostonCollege	15-5	309	22
22.IowaSt.	17-5	303	21
23.E.Michigan	18-2	203	24
24.Lotisville	17-7	152	20
25.MississippiSt.	16-5	118	—

Other receiving votes: Wis.-Green Bay 103, Georgia Tech 62, George Washington 49, Michigan 38, Arkansas 35, Auburn 26, Marquette 21, New Mexico 18, Texas 14, Coll. of Charleston 13, Washington 12, California 8, Missouri 5, Michigan St. 3, Providence 3, Tulane 3, Clemson 2, Indiana 2, Bradley 1.

Powerlifters fourth at WTA&M meet

It was a fourth place finish for the power lifting team from Snyder High School over the weekend in the West Texas A&M meet in Canyon.

Levelland came in first place followed by Pampa and Plainview.

L.S. McClain won first place in the 181-pound class with a total lift of 1,235 pounds. That represented a 65-pound increase.

David Wagner took third in the same class with 1,150 pounds and Bryan Fisher was fourth with 1,125.

John Border was third in the 165-pound class with 985 pounds. Dan Pulattie lifted 1,095 pounds for third place in the 220-pound class.

In the 148-pound division, Jerry Burton lifted 745 pounds for fifth place.

Other lifters who competed were Chris Post, 1,035 in the 242 class; Shawn Duncan, 975 in the 181 class; Mark Cave, 875 in the 165 class; Casey Doyle, 715 in the 132 class; Chris Fuentes, 880 in the 220 class; and Joe Bilano, 760 in the 132 class.

Netters take third in tournament

Snyder High School team tennis brought home third place from the Lubbock tennis tournament held over the weekend. The tournament was the first for the local netters.

The host school, Lubbock Monterey won the tournament. Lubbock Coronado finished second.

"This was a great tournament to start out with," said coach Chad Redwine. "We had some very good play and extremely hard fought matches."

The boys' doubles teams of Salvador Aguirre and Jason Crow took first place and Todd Hall and Brett Gibson won second place. Zack Briseno and Nicholas Means finished in 11th place.

Jamie Juarez finished third in singles and Mark Rodriquez won the consolation side for eighth place. Anthony Martinez and Tommy Wilson finished 13th and 14th respectively.

On the girls' side, Michelle Spencer and Laura Gonzales brought home third place in doubles. Vicki Vargas and Anglea Sanchez took 13th.

In singles play, Lidia Rodriguez won eighth and Cynthia Fennell finished in 14th.

Next action for the tennis team will be this weekend in San Angelo and Colorado City.

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NMJC	6	7	.461	12	12	.500
South Plains	4	9	.307	15	10	.600
WTC	2	11	.153	7	17	.291
Odessa	2	11	.153	7	18	.280

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Source: Company Reports — NEA Graphic

In 1993, Hasbro and Mattel were almost dead even in total sales for toy companies. At distant Nos. 3 and 4 were Sega and Nintendo.

Gramm's White House future hinges largely on outcome of voting in Iowa

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fifty weeks ago, on a gusty day in College Station, Texas, Phil Gramm stood before family, friends and a boisterous audience and formally declared his candidacy for the White House.

Since then, the Texas Republican has spent thousands of hours crisscrossing the country from Alaska to Florida and points in between, with frequent forays into Iowa and New Hampshire.

He's shaken thousands of hands, made hundreds of fund-raising pitches, eaten innumerable bland banquet meals and repeated his standard stump speech again and again and again.

As in any campaign at the top rung of American politics, the effort is a mind-numbing, physically grueling test of endurance interspersed with a handful of defining moments.

For Gramm, tonight's Iowa caucus is shaping up as the crucial moment above all others that have unfurled to date.

Iowa will mark the moment of rebirth for a slumping campaign dogged by a couple of embarrassing setbacks. Or it will deal an all-but-fatal blow to Gramm's White House hopes, sending him back to Texas to campaign for a third six-year term in the Senate.

Gramm, himself, isn't downplaying Iowa's challenge.

"I think it is clear that if I don't get first, second, or third, that is going to knock me out of the race," he acknowledged Wednesday, a day after a stunning loss to Pat Buchanan in Louisiana's caucus.

In a restaurant a day later, with a reporter watching, Gramm explained to his questioning wife why a poor showing in Iowa would mean the end of the road for his campaign.

"The reason is the momentum involved, the ability to raise money, a combination of all those things," he said.

But after a week of saying he'd bow out with a poor showing, Gramm changed his tune over the weekend. While conceding it would be "very difficult" to recover from a bad Iowa performance, Gramm said Saturday: "I'm heading to New Hampshire and I'm heading to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue."

His momentum was stalled during a punishing 24-hour period last week. Gramm had to contend with both a loss in a made-to-order Louisiana beauty pageant where he long had promised victory — and a rash of criticism in agriculturally inclined Iowa for missing a key Senate farm bill vote.

Bruised — but unbowed — Gramm shrugged off the missteps and hit the campaign trail with a vengeance and the prediction that he would emerge from Iowa in good shape.

The results won't be known until late into the night, when Iowa's caucus-goers will have spoken.

Texas Republican Party Chairman Tom Pauken declines to predict how quickly Gramm would exit the race in the event of a poor Iowa showing. "I think he's not the type of person to engage in a Don Quixote quest," Pauken said.

"If it doesn't look like the presidential campaign has a chance of taking off, I anticipate he's enough of a realist to say, 'Let's come home and ... focus on the Senate race.'"

Well aware of Gramm's reputation as a tireless campaigner and prodigious fund-raiser, the Democrats vying to take him on in the Senate race hope he stays in the presidential race as long as possible.

"Texas Democrats hope that Sen. Gramm continues his quixotic campaign until he uses up all his time, energy and money," Texas Democratic Party spokeswoman Anne Marie Kilday said last week.

University of Texas political scientist Walter Dean Burnham suggests Gramm is feeling little pressure to abandon the presidential trail and begin his Senate campaign — where he faces only token primary opposition and an as-yet undetermined Democratic rival from a field of four hopefuls.

"This is not a major theme or factor in his campaign considerations at the moment," Burnham said. "It's hard for me at the moment to see how a Democrat is going to stop him in the (Senate race) in the fall."

But Democrats contend that Gramm's dual candidacies, permitted under Texas' "LBJ Law," anger voters and hand Democrats an opening to suggest that he's ignoring Texas.

Half-dozen people arrested on weekend

Six people were arrested over the weekend in Snyder and officers are also investigating reports of assault and threats.

Officers arrested two people at 12:06 a.m. Saturday, a 20-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and an 18-year-old female on a county warrant for assault.

At 12:25 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 25-year-old male for public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 29-year-old male at 2:29 a.m. Sunday for public intoxication.

At 8:18 a.m. Sunday, a 24-year-old male was arrested for family violence and driving while license suspended.

Following a report of a fight in the 3700 block of Avenue U at 7:16 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 21-year-old male for public intoxication. Also, an offense report for aggravated assault was submitted in the incident.

In other activity over the weekend, officers investigated a report of an assault at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. An offense report for Class C assault was submitted.

A person requested to speak to an officer at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in reference to having been assaulted by six people Friday night.

A person requested to speak to an officer at 7:27 p.m. Saturday in reference to a theft. The person declined to file charges at the time.

At 10:06 p.m. Saturday, a 17-year-old female was treated and released at Cogdell Hospital after suffering a left toe injury as a car rolled over her foot in a driveway.

At 11 p.m. Saturday night, a person reported to the police department that two people had been harassing him. An offense report for Class C assault/threats was submitted.

An offense report for family violence was submitted at 3:23 a.m. Sunday.

A report of a gas drive off was made at 4:28 p.m. Sunday from Rip Griffin's. The vehicle was later located and the subjects returned to pay for the gas.

An offense report for a dog bite was made at 9:07 p.m. Sunday after a deputy was requested at the emergency room. Treated and released for a dog bite was a 23-year-old female.

A report for possible prowlers was made at 11:42 p.m. Sunday in the 1800 block of 40th Street.

Officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident Friday at 8:21 p.m. in the 200 block of 33rd Street. Involved were a parked, unoccupied 1986 Buick owned by Eva Villa of 205 33rd St. and a 1993 Dodge pickup driven by Roosevelt Asberry of 2728 Alvin Ave.

Student suspended

A 14-year-old male student has been suspended from Snyder Junior High School for at least one day following his arrest Friday for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Additional punishment will depend on a hearing Tuesday by the Admission, Review and Dismissal Committee, which deals with special education students.

The youth was taken into custody at 3:20 p.m. Friday at the junior high school by the district's resource officer, city policeman David Holley. Principal Kellye Starnes found the marijuana on the youth following information received from teachers and other students.

The youth was the second SISD student arrested last week on a campus as Holley had taken an 18-year-old Snyder High School student into custody Thursday for possession of cocaine.

Alejo (Alex) Suarez Jr. was arrested in a restroom at Snyder High School.

Suarez was immediately suspended and has been expelled for two semesters by school officials. Suarez is free from jail on a $3,000 bond for the felony charge of possession of cocaine.

25 SJHS students win first division

LUBBOCK — Twenty-five solos and five ensembles from Snyder Junior High School received a first-division rating Saturday on the Texas Tech University campus.

Soloists receiving a first-division were Audra Reneau, Wade Ashby, Brandon Bolding, Josh Levens, Audra Lilly, Layne Scott, Trey Gorman, Josh Hall, Danny Early, Elizabeth Brown, Christy Tomlinson, Jeremy Stark, Seth Wood and Chris Shoemake.

Others were Cheyenne Courtney, Melinda Langham, Amber Schwertner, Ashley Baremore, Kelley Garner, Kevin Taylor, Crissida Tyler, Mandy Chambers, Amy Brooks, Eric Willis and Michael Gibson.

Ensembles receiving a first-division were:

Flute: Kelley Garner, Ashley Baremore, Mandy Chambers.

Clarinet quartet: Melinda Langham, Kara Babcock, Amber Schwertner, Cheyenne Courtney.

Saxophone quartet: Jeremy Stark, Seth Wood, Michael Gibson, Chris Shoemake.

Trumpet trio: Trey Gorman, Elizabeth Brown, Christy Tomlinson.

Percussion: Wade Ashby, Brandon Bolding, Josh Hall, Josh Levens, Audra Lilly, Laura Canada, David Sutton, Layne Scott.

Directing the SJHS group were Cathi McFaul and David Trevey.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	81	80⅛	80⅛+ ⅛	
AT&T Corp	67⅛	67	67⅛+ ⅛	
AirTouch	32¼	32	32¼+ ⅛	
Albertsons	36⅛	35⅛	35⅛— ⅛	
Alldsignal	55⅛	54⅛	55⅛— ⅛	
Alltel	35⅛	34⅛	35¼+ ⅛	
AmStores	29	28¼	28¼	
Ameritech	65⅛	65	65⅛+ ⅛	
Amoco	71⅛	70⅛	71 + ⅛	
AndarkPtr	53⅛	52⅛	52⅛— ⅛	
ArmcoInc	6	5⅞	6 + ⅛	
AtlRichfld	116⅛	116	116⅛+ ⅛	
ATMOS Egy	22⅛	22	22⅛+ ⅛	
Aviall	7⅛	7	7⅛+ ⅛	
BakerHughes	26	25¼	26 + ⅛	
BellAtl	73	72⅛	72⅛+ ⅛	
BellSouth s	44⅛	43⅛	44⅛+ ⅛	
BethSteel	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞— ⅛	
BritPet	101⅛	100⅛	101⅛+ ⅛	
BurlNoSFe	84¼	83⅛	84 + ⅛	
Caterpillar	66	64¼	66 +1⅛	
CenSoWst	27⅛	27⅛	27⅛+ ⅛	
Chevron	55⅛	55¼	55⅛+ ⅛	
Chrysler	57⅛	56¼	57 +1⅛	
Coastal®	38⅝	38⅜	38⅝	
CocaCola	79¼	79	79⅛— ⅛	
ColgatePalm	78⅛	77⅛	77¼—2⅛	
ComclMetals	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	
CooperIn	39⅛	38⅛	38¾— ⅛	
CyprusAmax	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	
DallSemicn	22	21⅛	21⅛— ⅛	
DeltaAirl	72⅛	71⅛	72 + ⅛	
DigitalEq	74⅛	74⅛	74⅛— ⅛	
Dillard	31⅛	30⅜	31⅛+ ⅛	
DowChem	78	77⅛	77⅛— ⅛	
DresserInd	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛— ⅛	
DuPont	79¼	78⅜	79 + ⅛	
EastmanChem	69⅛	68¼	69¼+ ⅛	
EstKodak	76⅛	76	76⅛— ⅛	
EljerInd	9⅝	9⅜	9⅜	
Enserch	15⅛	15¼	15⅛	
Entergy	29¼	29¼	29¼+ ⅛	
Exxon	83¼	83	83¼+1⅛	
FstBksAm s	11⅛	11⅛	11¼— ⅛	
Flowers s	15	14¼	14¾+ ⅛	
FordMotor	31	30⅛	30¾+ ⅛	
GTE Cp	48⅛	48¼	48⅛+ ⅛	
GenDynam	61⅞	61¼	61¾+ ⅛	
GenElec	79⅞	79¼	79¼+ ⅛	
GenMills	59⅛	58⅜	58⅜—1	
GenMotors	53	52⅛	52¾+ ⅛	
GenMotors E	56⅛	55⅛	55¼— ⅛	
GaPacif	70⅛	69¾	69¾+ ⅜	
GlobalMar	9	8¼	8¼+ ⅛	
Goodrich	74⅛	73⅜	74¼+ ⅛	
Goodyear s	49⅛	48⅜	48¼+ ⅛	
GtAtlPac	23⅝	23¼	23⅜	
Haliburtn	53⅛	53¼	53¼+ ⅛	
Hanson ADS	14⅛	14¼	14¼— ⅛	
HoustonInd s	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛— ⅛	
IBM	114⅛	113⅛	114¼+1⅛	
IntlPapers	40⅛	40⅛	40⅛— ⅛	
JohnsnJns	99⅛	99	99⅛	
K mart	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛— ⅛	
Kroger	36	35⅛	35¼+ ⅛	
Litton	49¼	49	49 — ⅛	
Lówes Cos	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛	
Lubys	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛— ⅛	
MayDeptStrs	46	45⅛	45½— ⅛	
Medtronics	61⅛	60⅛	61 +1⅛	
Mobil	114⅛	113⅛	114⅛+1⅛	
Monsanto	130⅛	129⅞	130⅛+ ⅛	
Motorola	56⅛	55⅞	56⅛+ ⅛	
Nationsbk	74⅛	73½	73¾+ ⅛	
Navistar	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛+ ⅛	
NoramEngy	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛	
Norwest	36⅛	35⅞	36¼+ ⅛	
Nynex	56⅛	56⅛	56⅛+ ⅛	
OryxEngy	13⅜	13⅛	13⅛+ ⅛	
PacTelesis	32⅛	31⅞	32⅛+ ⅛	
PanhECp	30⅛	30⅛	30⅛+ ⅛	
Penney JC	47½	47⅛	47½	
Pennzoil	40⅞	40⅜	40⅜+ ⅛	
PepBoys	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛— ⅛	
PepsiCo	64⅜	63⅝	63⅝—1⅛	
PhelpDodge	63⅛	63⅛	63⅛+ ⅛	
PhilipPet	33⅛	33⅛	33⅛+ ⅛	
Polaroid	46⅞	46⅛	46⅛— ⅛	
Praxair	36⅛	35⅞	36 + ⅛	
ProctGamble	88⅛	87	87⅛— ⅛	
PubSNwMx	18⅛	17⅞	18	
RoyalDutch	143⅛	142⅞	143⅛+1⅛	
SBC Comm	59⅛	59	59¼— ⅛	
SaraLee	35⅛	35⅛	35⅝— ⅛	
SearsRoebs	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛— ⅛	
SherwinW	43⅛	42⅞	43 + ⅛	
SmthBchADS	55⅛	55⅛	55⅛	
SmthBc eqt	56⅛	55⅞	55⅝— ⅛	
SouthernCo	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	
SwstAirlines	27⅜	27	27⅛— ⅛	
Sprint	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛	
SterlingChm	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛— ⅛	
SunCo	28⅛	28	28⅛+ ⅛	
TNP Ent	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛	
Tandy	43⅛	43⅛	43⅜+ ⅛	
TemplInl	44⅛	43⅞	44⅛+ ⅛	
Tenneco	54⅞	54⅜	54⅝— ⅛	
Texaco	82⅞	81⅞	82⅜+ ⅛	
TexasInd	61⅞	61⅛	61⅛— ⅛	
TexasInsts	51⅞	50⅞	51 + ⅛	
TexUtil	42	41⅞	42 + ⅛	
Textron	81⅛	79⅞	80 — ⅛	
Travelers	66⅛	65⅛	65⅝+ ⅛	
TrinityInds	34⅜	34⅛	34⅛+ ⅛	
TritonEngy	54¼	53¼	53⅜—1⅛	
Tyler	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛— ⅛	
US WestCm s	36⅛	35⅞	36⅛— ⅛	
USWstMda n	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛— ⅛	
USX-Marathn	19	18⅞	18⅞— ⅛	
USX-USS	35⅛	35	35⅛ — ⅛	
UnCarbde	43	42⅞	43 + ⅛	
UnPac	69⅛	68⅞	69	
UnitedTech	103¼	102	102⅝+ ⅛	
Unocal	31	30⅞	30⅞ — ⅛	
WalMart	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛+ ⅛	
WstnGasRs	12⅛	11⅞	12⅛+ ⅛	
WestghEl	19⅜	19⅛	19⅛+ ⅛	
WinnDixie s	37⅛	37⅛	37⅛+ ⅛	
Woolworth	12⅞	12⅛	12⅞	
XeroxCp	132⅛	131¼	131½— ⅛	
ZenithE	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛	

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Vera Jones, Snyder Oaks Care Center; Nora Ochsner, 2801 34th; Camelia Sosa, 2405 30th; Isaac Flores, P.O. Box 73; Marvin McHaney, 2006 35th; Earlene Brooks, 3200 Ave. A; Robin Roberts, Hermleigh; Tommy Strickland, 3797 Sunset.

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CENSUS: 55 (Med., Surg.-13, Long-term Care-38, CCU-2, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Camelia Sosa of Snyder announces the birth of her son born at 8:59 a.m. on Feb. 10 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, three ounces.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES.

You are hereby notified that **PRICE CONSTRUCTION, INC.** has applied for renewal of Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) Air Quality Permit No. **5828** to continue the operation of a **Rock Crusher Facility** in **Fluvanna, Scurry County,** Texas. The location of the facility is **5 miles North of Fluvanna on FM 1269 East side of road.** This facility will emit the following air contaminants: Particulate matter (rock and road dust).

A copy of all materials in the public file is available for inspection and reproduction at the **TNRCC Abilene Regional Office, 2095 Danville, Suite 200B, Abilene, Texas 79605, telephone (915) 698-9674,** and at the TNRCC Central Office, Office of Air Quality, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building C, Austin, Texas 78753, telephone (512) 239-1000. The Facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Regional Office of the TNRCC. Inquiries about the permit application and any information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing **Mr. Earl Jones,** TNRCC Office of Air Quality, New Source Review Division (MC-162), P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or the TNRCC **Abilene** Regional Office.

You may submit written comments concerning the permit renewal to the Office of Air Quality, New Source Review Division in Austin. All written comments received within 15 days after the second publication of this notice shall be considered by the TNRCC Executive Director in determining whether to renew the permit. All written comments will be made available for public inspection at the TNRCC Central Office in Austin. This notice is to be published on **2-12-96** and **2-13-96**

Any person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from this facility may request the Commission to hold an informal public meeting and/or contested case hearing on the permit renewal pursuant to Section 382.056(d) of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The Commission is not required to hold a contested case hearing if the basis of a request is determined to be unreasonable. All requests for a contested case hearing must be received in writing within the 15 day comment period regardless of whether an informal public meeting has been held or scheduled on this matter.

If you wish to request a public hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime phone number; (2) the permit number or other recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you, or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application; (5) a description of the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustment to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing. Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to Office of the Chief Clerk (MC-105), Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, telephone (512) 239-3300.

Before a permit can be renewed for this facility, the applicant must demonstrate that all emission sources are in compliance with all TNRCC air quality rules and regulations and all applicable federal regulations.

FD reponds to five calls

Snyder Fire Department was busy over the weekend, responding to five fires.

At 5:52 p.m. Saturday, the department extinguished a grass fire some 11 miles south of Snyder when a controlled burn began to rapidly spread on land owned by Kim Billingsley.

A heater-treater was reported on fire near Ira on the Cochran Lease at 5:45 p.m. Saturday. The department was assisted by the Colorado City and Westbrook fire departments in extinguishing the fire at a tank battery owned by the Gende Corp.

A grass fire was reported at 12:46 a.m. Sunday west of Rip Griffin's near Highway 84. A vehicle had lost a tire and sparks from the axle or wheel apparently caught the grass on fire.

At 1:53 p.m. Sunday, a grass fire was reported east of the West Texas Animal Clinic. It was extinguished by the fire department.

At 2:17 p.m. Sunday, the fire department was called to a garage fire at 209 35th Street in a residence occupied by Charles Holloway. Minor damage was reported to the contents of the structure. The fire was apparently started by children playing with matches.

Police still trying to unravel what caused baby girl to die

HOUSTON (AP) — Skyla Kerr's 6-month-old life left behind few traces.

But those traces, in the wake of the baby's mysterious disappearance sometime in the fall, finally have been pieced together by child abuse investigators here.

The infant's Houston grandmother inadvertently brought the case to the attention of officials in December, when her son and his wife returned from a trip without the baby born to them the previous April.

The couple, 22-year-old Richard Marburger and Meegan Kerr, 21, have steadfastly refused to cooperate with police investigating the case.

Marburger's mother confided to a co-worker that she was told by her son and Ms. Kerr the baby "just died," and was buried "in a peaceful valley under a tree."

That co-worker called Harris County Children's Protective Services and with that tiny shred of information, police and CPS began trying to unravel what had happened to Skyla.

Marburger has a criminal history here, including minor weapons, drug and burglary arrests.

Ms. Kerr was wanted in New Mexico for violating parole stemming from a narcotics conviction.

Skyla was not the first child born to the couple. Their first daughter, Raven, is now in the custody of California child welfare workers.

The couple told California authorities they belonged to a religious group that forbade their seeking medical attention.

Houston police investigator John Kelly said the first baby apparently suffered severe medical problems at birth, possibly brought on by Ms. Kerr's fasting during her pregnancy.

Ms. Kerr's New Mexico parole officer told investigators the baby was born at a private home in Glorieta, a small town east of Santa Fe, on April 23 without medical assistance and without any official record.

Marburger's mother has given to police photographs of Skyla she had taken on a visit to her son's home in New Mexico over the July 4 holiday.

Based on information from other witnesses, police believe Skyla died in late October. Investigators feel she could have been buried in or around a national park near Healdsburg, Calif., where the couple were staying at the time.

Kelly pointed out that if the baby really just died and was buried without notification of authorities, the worst the couple are guilty of is a misdemeanor in California.

The girl's mother waived extradition proceedings and was sent back to New Mexico to finish serving her parole. Marburger pleaded guilty to the felony charge against him, in return for probation.

Since neither parent will cooperate with investigators, photos of Skyla have been sent to police departments and coroner's offices in hopes that the baby or her body will turn up somewhere and be identified.

Marburger must stay in Houston for three years to serve his probation. Ms. Kerr's parole is up in March, when she can return here.

Repeated attempts by the Houston Chronicle to contact Marburger failed. Ms. Kerr could not be reached. Marburger's mother refused comment, as did their attorney, L.T. Bradt.

In these politically correct days, saying you have a cuckoo clock is a no-no. What you have is a mentally challenged chronometer.

'Broken Arrow' earns first place at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Broken Arrow," John Travolta's new action thriller, booted the Chris Farley comedy "Black Sheep" from the top box office perch over the weekend with an estimated $15.4 million in ticket sales.

"Black Sheep" was a distant second with an estimated $7 million in sales, edging "Mr. Holland's Opus" at $6.8 million, according to studio and industry sources Sunday. Final figures were to be released today.

"Broken Arrow," about a turncoat stealth bomber pilot and the theft of nuclear weapons, was made by famed Hong Kong director John Woo and co-stars Christian Slater.

"The Juror" was fourth with $4.5 million and Academy Award contender "Leaving Las Vegas," in greatly expanded release, was fifth with $3.5 million.

The only other new film in the top 10 was "Beautiful Girls," which placed eighth with an estimated $2.7 million.

The weekend top 10 and their estimated three-day box office gross:

1. "Broken Arrow," $15.4 million.
2. "Black Sheep," $7 million.
3. "Mr. Holland's Opus," $6.8 million.
4. "The Juror," $4.5 million.
5. "Leaving Las Vegas," $3.5 million.
6. "Dead Man Walking," $2.98 million.
7. "Bed of Roses," $2.9 million.
8. "Beautiful Girls," $2.7 million.
9. "Sense and Sensibility," $2.5 million.
10. "White Squall," $2.4 million.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



If cholesterol counts don't add up

DEAR DR. GOTT: Three or four years ago, I had my blood cholesterol checked and it was 215. I decided to lower it by changing my eating habits: no more junk food, fried foods, butter, cream, bacon, etc. When my cholesterol was rechecked, it was 248! I cannot help but envy my overweight friends who eat trash and have cholesterols below 200. What's happening?

DEAR READER: The amount of cholesterol in our bloods is governed by genetic factors. As a general rule, those people with high levels (above 250 milligrams per deciliter) have inherited this tendency, as have those below 200 mg/dL, the accepted normal cut-off.

In many cases, however, the genetic tendency to high cholesterol can be worsened by consuming a diet that is rich in saturated animal fat. This is the reason that most such individuals, young or old, should attempt to reduce dietary fat, thereby lowering their risk of cardiovascular disease.

However, the situation is more complex than it seems. Most people with genetically low blood cholesterol levels will not increase these levels by eating more fat. Conversely, those with high levels may not be able to lower cholesterol concentrations by avoiding greasy food. Exercise, which tends to lower cholesterol, may be a factor, but authorities are far from having all the answers.

You'll notice from the figures I mentioned above that there is a "gray area" between 200 and 250 mg/dL that may or may not be abnormal, depending on a person's age. For example, a cholesterol of 250 could be normal for an elderly woman, whereas all young adults and children should be below 200.

In addition, the cholesterol blood test is not 100 percent perfect. Perhaps your rise from 215 to 248 was a lab error.

Therefore, I suggest the following:

1. Continue your low-fat diet.
2. Exercise regularly.
3. Repeat the cholesterol test in a couple of months. At that time, ask your doctor to order an HDL (high-density lipoprotein, the "good" cholesterol), because it's the ratio of HDL to LDL (low-density lipoprotein, the "bad" cholesterol) that is more important than the total count. That ratio should be about 1:3.

Let me know the result.

To give you more information, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Understanding Cholesterol" and "Eating Right for a Healthy Heart." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report 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(s).

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Fugitive family behaved very secretively as they ran school

DALLAS (AP) — When the families of the students at the Trinitaria School of Santiago found out founders Jose and Monica Batista had been living a secret life, peculiarities about the couple began making sense.

They ran the school in the Dominican Republic until they were arrested last week by Dominican police and FBI agents. Their names were really Mark and Patricia Hall, and they were wanted for interfering with the custody of Mark Hall's daughter.

People familiar with the couple known as the Batistas recognized some inconsistencies about the white, English-speaking couple who claimed to be natives of the Caribbean island republic.

"There were things they used to do that we found unexplainable," Rita Dominguez, the school's Dominican attorney, told The Dallas Morning News for an article in its Sunday editions.

The Halls turned out to be living an elaborate lie.

Hall, a former City Council member in the Dallas suburb of Carrollton, and his wife were arrested at their school after U.S. authorities received a tip.

The husband and wife are charged with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution of a 1993 charge of interfering with child custody. They are in federal custody in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and will be returned to Denton County.

Mrs. Hall's daughter, Alicia, was in the legal custody of her father, Denton resident Pete Connell, when the Halls vanished with her in June 1993. Mrs. Hall had been fighting for custody since 1985.

Also gone was Hall's son from a previous marriage, Jonathan, breaking his mother's parental rights, authorities said.

The children, both 10, have been reunited with their custodial parents.

The Halls had passed themselves off as the Batistas, born to American missionaries in the Dominican Republic, a Spanish-speaking land populated largely by people of African descent.

Their Christian school is located in one of the more affluent neighborhoods in Santiago, the second-largest city with about 500,000 residents.

The Halls always were concerned about keeping a low profile, especially Mrs. Hall, said Ms. Dominguez.

"Whatever we spoke about, she (Mrs. Hall) said, 'Remember, Rita, don't comment on this. Don't say anything.'"

Mrs. Hall jumped every time the telephone rang, Ms. Dominguez said, demanding of her secretary, "Who's calling? What do they want?"

Neither Alicia nor Jonathan mentioned a life before coming to Santiago, faculty members said.

Parents and school faculty interviewed by The News said they found little reason to suspect the identities of the couple so devoted to the school and its students, from kindergarten through 12th grade.

The Trinitaria School is housed in a sparkling, four-story stucco building festooned with flowers.

The Halls used a mixture of strict discipline and rewards for good behavior, such as a recent field trip that included a baseball game and a stop at a Burger King.

"Our son really likes and respects them," said Ariosto Rosado, a doctor whose 6-year-old child attends the school "They not only feel that they have to prepare our son academically, they also teach him morals and ethics."

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Baby Shower for Unwed Teen Brings on Storm From Readers

DEAR ABBY: I've read your column for years and you are usually "right on," but in a recent column you goofed royally.

A teen-aged girl was invited to a baby shower by the mother of one of her young friends. The girl's grandmother advised her not to attend the shower because the pregnant friend was unmarried. The girl asked for your advice, and you advised her to go to the shower because the baby needed gifts whether the mother was married or not.

Abby, I think there's a bigger picture to consider here than whether or not the baby needed things. A baby shower is a party celebrating the future arrival of a baby. In attending such a party, the guests are honoring the mother and celebrating the coming event. In my opinion, an unwed teen-aged mother hasn't anything to celebrate.

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Our society has supported unwed mothers for two or three decades. Now look at the epidemic we have. I don't suggest shunning these girls, but my attitude is: "This is a problem you created; now you and your family will have to handle it."

As a schoolteacher, I see babies born to girls who are neither emotionally nor financially able to handle motherhood.

Through the years, when I've been invited to baby showers for unwed mothers, I politely decline. I've never felt guilt and the people about whom I really care have respected me for declining.

If one of my grandchildren ever became an unwed parent, I would never put my friends on the spot by inviting them to a baby shower. And if their friends gave one, I would send a gift but would not attend.

MICHIGAN MOM

DEAR MICHIGAN MOM: Judging from the feedback, more readers agreed with your point of view than with mine:

DEAR ABBY: Your reply to the girl about whether it's improper to hold a baby shower for an unwed mother is way off base.

A baby shower is a celebration first and a financial event second.

When someone they know is involved in a tragic car accident, friends typically give extensive contributions of food, services and other assistance to the family. But they don't do it in the form of a celebratory party.

A baby whose mother is an unwed high school girl, and whose father doesn't want to accept any responsibility, is a tragedy — not a cause for celebration.

If friends of the girl want to help out financially, fine. But don't do so in the "isn't it wonderful" atmosphere that accompanies a baby shower.

CAROL SANDERS, SAN DIEGO

DEAR CAROL: Perhaps an unwed mother doesn't "deserve" a baby shower in the form of a celebration — but she needs it more than the married mother who has everything going for her.

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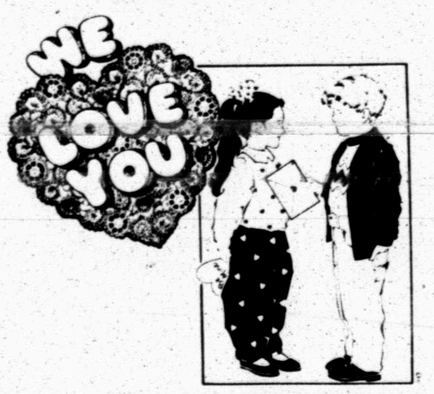
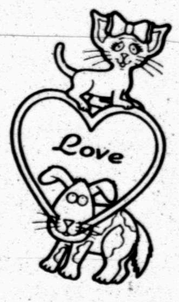


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Pilgrim's Pride determined to build new chicken facility

LONGVIEW (AP) — Texas poultry giant Pilgrim's Pride is determined to build a chicken plant near the East Texas city of Pittsburg even though it hasn't secured the rights to buy or dispose of the water it would need.

The company settled on a Pittsburg area site after residents in and around Mount Pleasant rallied against plans to build a plant that is projected to dump 2.5 million gallons of water per day.

But the Franklin County Water District rejected Pilgrim's Pride's plans to buy water, and the city of Longview is among those fighting the company's intention to release wastewater into a tributary of Lake O' the Pines.

"It is a substantial discharge," Austin attorney Jim Mathews told the Longview News-Journal last week. He filed Longview's protest of the Pilgrim's proposal on Dec. 29.

The Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission has received more than 500 letters from residents and officials objecting to a permit to allow such dumping. Both sides have requested a hearing, tentatively set for March 25, said TNRCC spokesman Terry Hadley.

"We felt like the TNRCC would rule that we would need one (a hearing) anyway," Cliff Butler, chief financial officer with Pilgrim's Pride, told the newspaper.

Butler said he's "confident" the plant will be built and its water needs fulfilled. Another route the company might try is to buy the state's interest in the lake, though the FCWD is also interested in buying the share.

Lake area residents are skittish about the plant. "We just are aware of Pilgrim's past record, environmentally speaking, and are concerned," said Susan Nugent of Gilmer, referring to the $500,000 TNRCC fine imposed on the company last year for violations of air, water and waste standards.

Empathy among similar small East Texas cities struggling to attract industries has limited the outcry from other towns in the region.

"Smaller cities feel like we have to get what industries we can get," said Jefferson Mayor Charles "Bubba" Haggard. "Pittsburg has a hometown boy (Bo Pilgrim) that wants to put an industry in there," he said. "But we wouldn't want Pittsburg to take a stand against our (International Paper) plant."

The Northeast Texas Water District has no qualms about taking a stand against Pilgrim.

"The official position of the board is that we oppose the issuance of a wastewater discharge permit because of water quality concerns it might cause and the impact it might have on Big Cypress Creek and Lake O' the Pines," Bill Dean with the NTWD told the newspaper.

Pilgrim's water treatment systems will pose no threat, Butler said.

"We will treat the water and the water will be in better condition when it goes back into the creek than when we pull it out," he said. "We're responsible corporate citizens, and we're going to stay that way."

Area residents vow to help the company and state officials monitor the plant if it is built.

"It seems that we individuals, we're going to have to stay after that boy," said Bob Beavers, a member of the Lake O' the Pines Civic Association.



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS — Senior class officers at Hermleigh include from left, Donnis McHaney, president; Bridget Moore, vice president; Tammie Holder, treasurer; and Michelle Gray, secretary. (SDN Staff Photo)

13 percent of undergraduates need remedial college courses

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than one in 10 college undergraduates need remedial courses to catch them up on material they should have had in high school, and among minorities the figure is nearly twice as high, says a report issued today.

At the same time, budgetary pressure is causing some states to examine the possibility of eliminating these courses to save money.

About 13 percent of all undergraduates — 1.6 million students — took at least one remedial course in the 1992-93 school year, according to the report released today by the American Council on Education.

The report said these students often hail from lower-income families, were born outside the United States and do not speak English at home.

"If you eliminate these courses, you are going to cut off their access to college," said David Merkowitz, a spokesman for the Washington-based council.

Nineteen percent of all black, Hispanic and Asian American undergraduates and 15 percent of American Indian students took remedial courses in the 1992-93 school year, the report said. That compares with 11 percent for white undergraduates, the report said.

Most institutions plan to continue offering remedial classes, the report said.

But the report said educators in some states facing budget constraints want to offer these catch-up classes only at junior colleges, cut the number of remedial course offerings or limit them to first-year students.

Some states are tightening college admission requirements to lessen the need for remedial lessons, the report said. Others want high schools to pay for the remedial work their graduates must have before they can tackle college studies.

Nearly 70 percent of first-time students at Florida community colleges needed at least one remedial reading, writing or math class in the 1993-94 school year, said Linda Bradley-Long, a spokeswoman for the Florida House of Representatives' Committee on Higher Education. The courses cost the community colleges $53 million a year, she said.

An idea to transfer the costs back to high schools was discussed, but discarded, last year by Florida lawmakers. They decided instead to study ways to lessen the need for remedial college courses by strengthening academic requirements in lower grades, she said.

Hispanics angry over new scholarship rule

HOUSTON (AP) — Youth scholarships have always been at the center of the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

But a new requirement this year that applicants for the scholarships must be U.S. citizens has outraged Hispanic leaders.

The League of United Latin American Citizens announced Saturday it would pass resolutions condemning the new citizenship requirements.

Houston LULAC Director Johnny Mata called the rodeo executive committee "ignorant" and "lacking in cultural understanding" in establishing the new criteria.

"We want to be rational in our thinking," Mata said at the LULAC board meeting, held during Saturday's rodeo parade.

Mata said LULAC is pushing to get the standard changed to legal residency, but he said the group has not decided on a qualifying requirement that the young people be seeking U.S. citizenship.

The concern that students worldwide might try to take advantage of the rodeo scholarships is what rodeo officials said spurred the new policy.

"I have no response to anyone who would call us ignorant," said Leroy Shafer, the rodeo and livestock show's assistant general manager.

"Our decision was well thought out, well explained and well-intentioned," he said. "Quite frankly, we're getting tired of name calling and we're not going to engage in any. We're not going to bow to pressure on this."

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Bridges selling mountain getaway

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The empty nest syndrome has hit the Lloyd Bridges clan.

The 83-year-old patriarch of the acting family is selling his $1.8 million mountain getaway in the Sierra Nevada mountains, partly because his famous sons have scattered.

"It breaks our hearts to sell it, but we aren't using it enough," said Dorothy Bridges, Lloyd's wife of more than 50 years.

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Bomb rocks hotel in Bahrain

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — A bomb exploded in the lobby of a luxury seafront hotel in Bahrain on Sunday, injuring at least four people. There were conflicting reports about whether a militant Islamic group was responsible.

The blast followed weeks of anti-government unrest in the Persian Gulf island state, a financial hub in the region and host to a key U.S. Navy base.

A government source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a bomb exploded at 9 p.m. (1 p.m. EST) at the 15-story downtown Diplomat Hotel, which overlooks the Gulf.

Two security sources, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said at least four people were injured and that the bomb was placed in the lobby, between the reception desk and the elevators.

Witnesses said several employees of the hotel were rushed to hospitals in ambulances. A Pentagon spokesman said he had no reports of American casualties.

A man claiming to speak for the Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain, the most militant of several groups representing the country's poor Shiite Muslim majority, claimed responsibility we will destroy every place."

He was referring to the three-day feast ending the current Muslim holy fasting month of Ramadan. The feast begins Feb. 19 or 20, depending on the sighting of the crescent moon.

BBC World Service radio later quoted an unidentified spokesman in London for the Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain as denying that the organization was involved.

Guests at the Diplomat said they heard a deafening blast, then were showered with glass and ceiling tiles as the lobby filled with smoke.

An 42-year-old Indian businessman who was in the hotel restaurant, just off the lobby, said the explosion was close to where he had been sitting.

"If I hadn't moved to the salad bar, I'd have had it," he told The Associated Press. He declined to give his name.

Guests streamed out of the hotel, crying and hugging each other.

Carol Mason, an American guest, said she and her husband just "grabbed our luggage and ran" as the lobby filled with smoke.

Major still presses for elections

LONDON (AP) — A deadly IRA bombing will not sway Britain from its proposal to elect a special assembly to negotiate peace in Northern Ireland, Prime Minister John Major said today.

But in the wake of the Irish Republican Army bombing that killed two people in London on Friday, government ministers will not talk to leaders of the IRA's political ally, Sinn Fein, Major said.

"The ball is in the court of Sinn Fein and the IRA, if indeed that distinction means anything," he told the House of Commons. "It is for them to show through their words and actions whether they have a part of play in the peace process or not."

Two people were killed and 37 wounded in the Irish Republican Army's first attack since it suspended its violent, 24-year campaign against British rule of Northern Ireland on Sept. 1, 1994. Shortly before the explosion, the IRA served notice that it was suspending its cease-fire.

Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams has suggested that the IRA viewed the election plan as more stalling by the British to avoid all-party peace talks, and thus a reason to call off the cease-fire.

Despite clear differences, the prime ministers of Britain and Ireland tried to hold the peace-making together, agreeing in a telephone conversation Sunday that the immediate priority is to stop the violence over the British-ruled province.

Major told parliament he expected to meet with Prime Minister John Bruton of Ireland in London "soon" but he did not give a date.

Bruton said Sunday that elections "would pour petrol on the flames," and called for loosely structured talks, based on the Bosnian peace talks in Dayton, Ohio.

He has said his government will not meet with Sinn Fein until the IRA restores its cease-fire, although Irish officials remain in contact with Sinn Fein.

Traffic snarled today in the bombed district, on the Isle of Dogs, as police with submachine-guns guarded all 12 routes into the area.

Officers stopped cars and questioned drivers as thousands of office workers streamed into the Docklands area for the first business day since the bombing.

Investigators were still searching the area for clues, and it was virtually impossible to get on and off the Isle of Dogs without some sort of security check.

Huge traffic jams formed as the security checks were carried out.

Police with sniffer dogs also patrolled sidewalks around the House of Commons as Major delivered his address.

Adams has suggested that the election plan was viewed by the IRA as more stalling by the British to avoid all-party talks, and led to the decision to call off the cease-fire.

Major said the election proposal had been misunderstood, and that it was intended to lead "directly and speedily to negotiations."

But Major said he was willing to consider other suggestions that would bring all parties together to negotiate on the future of Northern Ireland. "Our minds are not closed," he said.

"There are ways forward to negotiations with all the parties, and that these could include Sinn Fein, but only if there is an unequivocal return to the cease-fire," Major said.

Early elections said announced by Peres

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — In announcing he will call early elections, Prime Minister Shimon Peres has plunged Israel into one of its most decisive campaigns ever.

Peres, who is enjoying a wave of support among Israelis horrified at the recent assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, promised Sunday to "end the state of war in the entire region" if he wins.

Opposition leaders argue that if that means allowing the creation of a Palestinian state and returning the Golan Heights to Syria, it's not worth it.

And even many Peres supporters argue that if he loses the early election, negotiating time will have been sacrificed and the chance for a deal with Damascus will be gone.

Sunday's announcement ended months of speculation. Peres said he did not call a snap election immediately after Rabin's assassination Nov. 4 because he first had to ensure the government continued running smoothly.

But now, he told a news conference Sunday, "I am convinced I must renew my mandate and the government's." He said he would hold elections "at the earliest date permissible by law."

Israeli law requires a three-month campaign after the Knesset votes to dissolve itself, which most likely will happen in the next few days.

Rabin's killing — by an opponent of the Israeli-Palestinians peace accords — made Peres prime minister and turned public opinion strongly in favor of the government and its peace negotiations. In recent surveys, Peres has enjoyed 15-20 percentage-point leads over opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

Chess master evens series with computer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Stung for the first time by defeat to a machine, world champion Garry Kasparov battled back to beat the world's strongest chess computer and even the six-game series at one game apiece.

Matched against Deep Blue, an IBM computer that calculates 200 million moves per second, Kasparov triumphed in 73 moves Sunday with a masterly display of long-range tactical thinking.

Feng-hsiung Hsu, Deep Blue's architect and principal designer, ceded defeat after 5 hours, 45 minutes.

The third game is scheduled for Tuesday between Kasparov and the computer specially created to beat him.

Kasparov, 32, born in Azerbaijan but raised in Moscow, was a child chess prodigy who became the youngest world champion in history at 22 by defeating Russian rival Anatoly Karpov in 1985.

In 1989, Kasparov proved critics wrong by handily defeating Deep Thought, IBM's prototype for Deep Blue. IBM programmers went back to the drawing board to boost the computer's calculating power and refine its strategies.

"I think he's a tremendous good sport to take on this computer," said grandmaster Monty Newborn, who has worked 25 years with the Association for Computing Machinery. "That's the mark of a true champion, to answer all challenges."

Kasparov said after the match he felt he had discovered a key strategy for attacking the machine he referred to as "the monster."

By angling for safe positions rather than direct attacks, he felt he could lull the machine into opening its defense.

"If you threaten, the machine will counterattack. But if there is no threat, the machine will go about its business and eventually give you an opportunity," Kasparov said.

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announcement to our employees."

Local officials said Exxon employs 17 or 18 people in the Snyder area, but had no information regarding restructuring. Calls were referred to the Houston office.

Rebates hit record, but holiday sales said slow

AUSTIN (AP) — The state comptroller's office delivered $235.4 million in February sales tax rebates to cities and counties, a record total that nonetheless reflects a sluggish holiday sales season.

"Although we're delivering the largest single sales tax rebate in Texas history, monthly payments to Texas cities and counties this month reflect the slow holiday sales which many retailers experienced in December," Comptroller John Sharp said.

Statewide, the local rebates increased by only 1.9 percent over payments made in February 1995.

Cities received $215.7 million, up 2.4 percent from 1995, while county rebates were $19.6 million, down 2.7 percent from last year.

This month's payments include taxes collected on holiday sales in December and reported by businesses in January.

The rebates are returned to 1,080 cities and 115 counties.

Obituaries

Ellen Roberts

1910-1996

CLIFTON — Funeral service was held Sunday in the Clifton Funeral Home Chapel for Ellen Morgan Roberts, 85, who died Saturday, Feb. 10, in a Clifton nursing home.

Born in Scurry County, Mrs. Roberts was a homemaker and a resident of Eskota for 75 years. She also lived in Sweetwater before moving to Clifton in the late 1980s. She was a member of the Westside Baptist Church in Sweetwater.

Her husband, Birl Roberts, preceded her in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Ellen Hollowell Koury of Escondido, Calif., and Doris Hollowell Orton of Clifton; a stepdaughter, Dorothy Stevens of Rowlett; two brothers, Dick Morgan of Snyder and Johnny Morgan of Lubbock; and several nieces and nephews.

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Aubrey Traweek

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HEREFORD — Funeral service was set for 4 p.m. today in the Rix Funeral Directors Chapel for Aubrey C. "Dick" Traweek, 83. Burial was to follow in the West Park Cemetery.

Mr. Traweek died Saturday, Feb. 10, in Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona.

Born in Snyder, Mr. Traweek graduated from Y-L High School near Muleshoe, and he married Annett Van Eaton in 1941 in Roswell, N.M. She preceded him in death.

Mr. Traweek farmed in Riverton, Wyo., and was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran.

Survivors include a sister, Bonnie McCathern of Hereford; and several nieces and nephews.

What's Up?

Booster club to meet

Snyder All-Sports Booster Club will meet at 7 this evening in the high school student center.

Video series continues

A video series "Getting to know God" by Glenn Owen, is airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The fifth tape, "Getting to know God's Pardon," will be shown at 7 tonight.

United Way final report

A final campaign report for the 1995 United Way will be held at 6:30 this evening at the chamber of commerce office.

Lions Club sweetheart banquet

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet at its regular time Tuesday at noon, but will meet at 7 that evening for a Sweetheart Banquet at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

4-H Horse Club

The Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria.

SHS Coronation

The annual Sweetheart Coronation at Snyder High School will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Worsham Auditorium.

Volunteer appreciation brunch

Snyder Healthcare will have a volunteer appreciation brunch from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the center on the Big Spring Highway.

Candidate forum

A candidate forum, sponsored by the Scurry County Chapter of United We Stand, America, will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at the Towle Park Barn. The forum will include candidates who are opposed on the party primary ballots. The public is invited.

SHS Class of 1988

The Snyder High Class of 1988 is seeking addresses of classmates. Send addresses of class members to Meredith Goodwin, 210 32nd St. in Snyder or call (316) 626-8644.

Image workshop

"Image," The Process of Change is topic for the spring women and sef-esteem workshop sponsored by Western Texas College.

The workshop will be held Feb. 26 through March 29 with meeting times from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday and Fridays in the GED classroom in the Learning Resource Center.

Carolyn Osborn, licensed professional counselor, will conduct the workshop. Admission is free and persons intered should call 573-8511, Ext. 397, to register.

Pick 3

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

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(zero, nine, nine)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth $4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 13, 18, 26, 31, 34, and 45.

There were 75 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $2,175. There were 5,164 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $115. And there were 100,679 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $8 million.

Mediator reports success in easing peace plan crisis

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The government promised the top U.S. envoy to Bosnia today that it would not arrest any more people on suspicion of war crimes without authorization from a U.N. tribunal.

Bosnian Serbs broke off contact with the NATO peace force and Muslim and Croat officials last week in retaliation for the Muslim-led government's arrest of two Serb military officers it accuses of war crimes.

The Yugoslavia war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, said the two were under investigation and endorsed the arrests, but only after they occurred.

Under the agreement reached today, the Bosnian government is to send a list of suspects to the tribunal. Those certified as suspects can be arrested at will on federation territory, said Muhamed Sacirbey, the government ambassador to the United Nations.

"We feel that the better understanding of what we would call rules of the road is now in effect," U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke said. "And tensions that have risen in recent days should now begin to abate."

Serb Gen. Djordje Djukic and Col. Aleksa Krsmanovic were arrested Jan. 30 after straying into government territory.