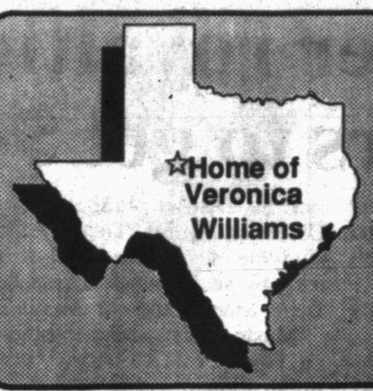
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Ask Us

Q—What is the salary for Precinct 1 constable?

A—The salary is $2,730.64 annually.

Local

Beautify

Snyder Beautification Committee will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in City Hall.

United Way

United Way board will meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday at the chamber.

Model planes

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday a A-1 Air Conditioning, 712 College Ave.

Guests and visitors are welcome.

Tourism

The chamber's Tourism and Retirement Committee will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday in the chamber board room.

Bill session

The Scurry County commissioners court will convene at 10 a.m. Thursday. The only item on the agenda, continued from Monday, is payment of bills.

Model trains

A reorganizational meeting for a local model train club will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Savings & Loan.

Anyone interested in model trains is encouraged to attend.

FFA alumni

Snyder High School FFA Alumni Association will meet to organize the chapter show at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the SHS ag building.

Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend.

Testing

Placement testing for new students will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Western Texas College. Students taking the test should go to the counseling center in the WTC Student Center.

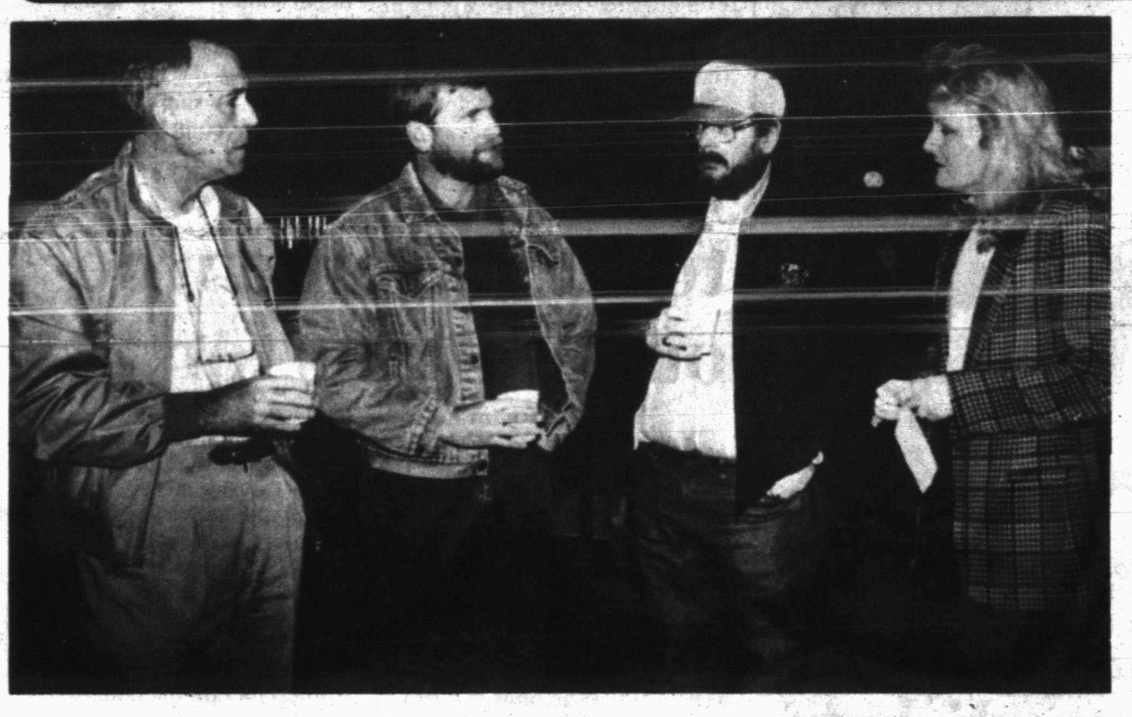
Placement testing is required of all students who have not taken ACT, SAT or TAST tests. Fee is $10. For more information, call the admissions office, 573-8511, ext. 394.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 57 degrees; low, 33 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 41 degrees; no precipitation.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clearing. Low in the mid 30s. Southwest to west wind 20-30 mph in the evening becoming northwest 10-20 mph late. Caution will be needed on area lakes. Thursday, sunny and cooler. High in the upper 50s. Northwest wind 10-20 mph and gusty.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:55. Sunrise Thursday, 7:43. Of 4 days in 1994, the sun has shone 4 days in Snyder.



WTC IN-SERVICE — Western Texas College in-service began this morning and will continue until noon Friday. Pictured at a reception held today in the student center are golf landscaping technology instructors Don Buckland, Steve Tate, director James Eby, and Darla Doty, director of college relations. (SDN Staff Photo)

State spends $24 million in Scurry over past year

The state of Texas spent more than $24 million in Scurry County during fiscal 1993, according to information from the State Comptroller's Office.

The expenditures included $5,703,736 spent by the Department of Human Services, $5,438,288 by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division, and $5,124,863 by the Department of Transportation.

Others in excess of $1 million were $2,285,130 by the Texas Education Agency and $2,103,172 by the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Some $581,882 was spent on the employees retirement system.

The total included $6,183,299 in public assistance. Most, of that $5,420,495, was by the Department of Human Services.

Public assistance is composed of Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Medicaid, grants-in-aid, child support payments and similar types of state services.

Also included in public assistance payments were $291,550 by the Texas Department of Health, $128,001 by the attorney general's office, $89,643 by TDCJ-ID and $84,996 by the Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Others were $77,263 by the Department of Protection and Regulatory Services, $42,704 by the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, $30,508 through the Texas Employment Commission, and $9,871 through MHMR.

Of the total $24,652,670 in expenditures by the state, $8.6 million was in labor costs, $6.1 million in public assistance, $4.7 million in intergovernmental payments, $4.3 in highway construction and maintenance, $207,000 in miscellaneous and $27,700 in capital outlay.

The state spent the following amounts in area counties.

—Mitchell County: $15,421,468, including $4,158,877 in public assistance.

—Nolan County: $30,621,100, including $11,776,252 in public assistance.

—Howard County: $71,329,021, including $13,574,402 in public assistance.

—Garza County: $6,822,881, including $2,640,517 in public assistance.

—Dawson County: $29,044,214, including $12,884,303 in public assistance.

—Borden County: $1,336,058, including $7,939 in public assistance.

Major storm dumps snow over 16 states

by The Associated Press

Vacationers were stranded today at Miami's airport, but skiers took gleeful advantage of a powerful storm that dumped snow — almost 3 feet deep in places — from North Carolina to Maine.

The year's first major storm closed schools in 16 states Tuesday, knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of homes and left at least 13 people dead.

In West Virginia, residents bombarded by as much as 2 feet of snow started digging out.

"I just came back from Florida right after Christmas," said Dixie Kennedy of Buckhannon, W.Va. "I wish I'd stayed down there."

Had she waited a week, Kennedy might have gotten her wish. Hundreds of passengers were stuck in Miami after the second storm in a week forced nearly all major airlines to cancel or delay flights to most Northeastern cities.

Some planned to spend the night at hotels. Others camped out next to their luggage at Miami International Airport, with blankets and pillows provided by the airlines.

Julia Hall worried she would be fired from her cashier's job in New York if she didn't get home quickly from her two-week vacation in Panama. "I lose my holiday pay, too, if I don't get to work tomorrow," she sighed.

Weather may have kept children out of school, but it didn't keep them home. Plenty got to the Wachusett Mountain Ski Area in Princeton, Mass.

"There are so many school

(See SNOW, Page 8)

Adult education classes underway

Adult basic education classes have resumed at Western Texas College.

Instruction is available to those needing to learn English, to those needing basic skills, and to those wishing to work toward a GED.

Day classes meet from 8 until noon Mondays and Fridays and from 1 until 4 p.m. Tuesdays. Classes began this week; however, it is not too late to enroll.

Evening classes meet from 6 until 9 o'clock Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Jan. 11.

Constable filing deadline Friday

The deadline for anyone wishing to file for Precinct 1 constable is 6 p.m. Friday.

The position became open when Bobby Goodwin resigned earlier this week to seek the Democratic nomination for county judge. The unexpired term will be placed on the March 8 primary ballots.

Anyone wishing to file must do so with Hassie Sneed, county Democratic Party chairman (573-7334), or Drew Bullard, county Republican Party chairman (573-4801).

Seeks director...

DCOS to begin review process

The Development Corporation of Snyder's board of directors will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday in American State Bank's board room to begin the review process for employment of the organization's executive director.

The search firm of Johnson and Associates of Austin will bring resumes and videos of some 11 applicants. Chloe Johnson said today that she expects the five-member board to trim the field of candidates to four or five with personal interviews starting around Jan. 27.

"We have four applicants that are highly qualified, that exceed the critera established by the board," Mrs. Johnson said. "And we have seven that meet the criteria."

Mrs. Johnson said there originally were 14 candidates, but three had accepted positions already. She said the four candidates that she feels are most qualified, based on resume, are all Texans. She said there were no applicants from Snyder or Scurry County.

In addition to resumes, the board will view a two-minute video prepared by each applicant that briefly describes the candidate's educational background and work experience.

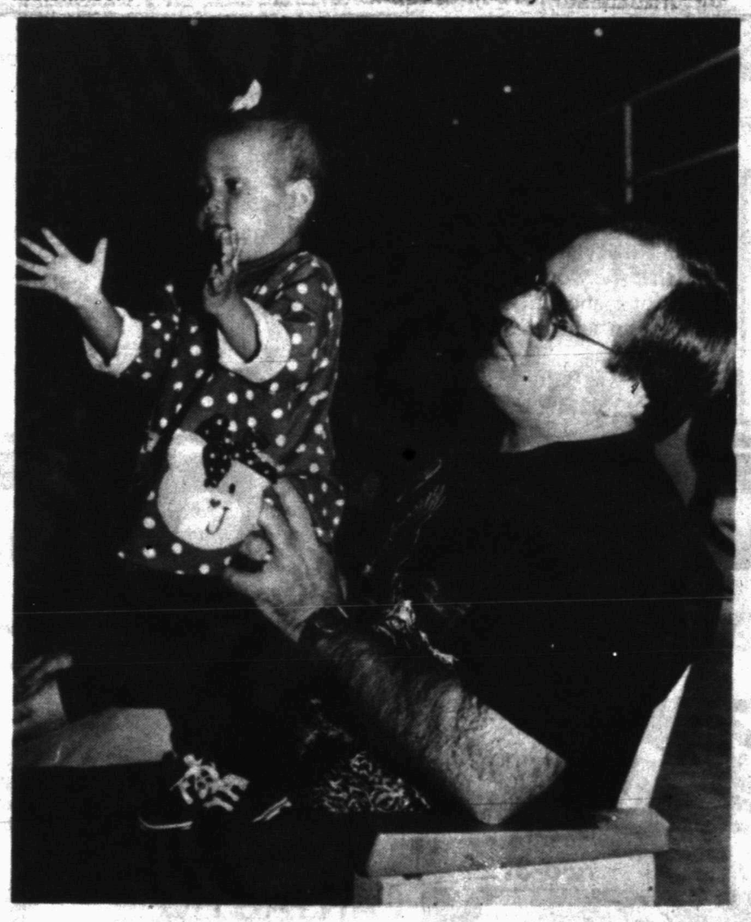
Johnson and Associates advertised nationally for the job, described as a point-person to lead in the community's economic development efforts.

The DCOS established a salary range of $40,000. The executive director's office will be located in the former mini-bank area donated by American State Bank.

The executive director will work under the direction of the DCOS board and the Unified Economic Developmement Committee that also includes the mayor, county judge, chamber manager and two representatives of the board of county development.

The DCOS board is composed of Bill Seale, chairman; Miller Robinson, Dan Cotton, Roy Baze and John Fagin.

The only other item on Thursday's DCOS agenda is a presentation by Joe Kelley, owner of Nathalie's.



YOUNG FAN — Deirdre Foree, one-year-old daughter of Daisey Braziel, frequently attends WTC Lady Dusters basketball games and Tuesday cheered her team to an 88-71 victory over Seward County Community College of Liberal, Kan. Deirdre is being held by another fan, Dennis Gartman. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rebels must cease before talks begin, Mexico says

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — The government offered today to negotiate an end to an Indian peasant uprising, but insisted the insurgents first disarm, free hostages and identify their leaders.

Indian rebels, who are protesting the conditions of peasants, have retreated into Mexico's southern jungles as thousands of governments soldiers fight to extinguish the New Year's rebellion.

At dusk Tuesday, army planes bombed a poor neighborhood near a military base south of this town. Witnesses saw five warplanes and counted seven bombs. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

Eloy Cantu Segovia, a top adviser to Interior Minister Patrocinio Gonzalez, told The Associated Press today that the planes were summoned by troops who had been surrounded by rebels. "Thus this means the army was only defending itself; it was not a punitive action," he said.

Cantu said that before talks could take place the rebels must cease hostilities, turn over their arms including 3,000 pounds of dynamite stolen from the state oil monopoly Pemex the day before the uprising, identify their leaders and release kidnap victims.

Another official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he imagined the rebels would hear terms of the offer by radio. So far they have made no public response to requests for talks.

A military statement said 93 people were killed in four days of fighting, including seven soldiers.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Half of being smart is knowing what you're dumb at."

Often, folks want to know what "they" are going to do about something. A clipping left on our desk is a reminder that "they" is really "us."

We may not be able to control what the other fellow does, but we can determine our own course of action to help make our community a better place to live. The article offered 24 tips for community betterment. We'll add number 25.

1. Read the local newspaper reguarly to become better informed and learn where help is needed.
2. Volunteer time at a senior center, hospital or other worthwhile organization.
3. Recycle household waste.
4. Vote in elections and encourage others to vote.
5. Be active in your child's school.
6. Patronize local merchants, especially those who support local organizations.
7. Tutor a child, or an adult.
8. Keep your own neighborhood clean.
9. Do something for somebody. Visit, or collect food or clothing for those less fortunate.
10. Organize car pools for work and for taking neighborhood children to activities.
11. Hold a flea market to sell unwanted items. Donate a portion or all to a local organization.
12. Volunteer time to a community organization.
13. Help out a newcomer to the community.
14. Organize a community cleanup day.
15. Keep your community looking good by planting a tree or colorful flowers.
16. Teach your children to respect and help others.
17. Start a program to help the elderly — run errands, clean house, etc.
18. Start a neighborhood watch program to prevent crime.
19. Get involved in a youth volunteer program such as sports or scouting.
20. Get to know your fellow citizens. Fellowship breeds contentment.
21. Join an Adopt-A-Highway program.
22. Support fund-raising drives of local organizations.
23. Keep your own yard and house neat, clean and mowed.
24. Take care of your health. If you feel good, you'll be able to do more for others — and yourself.
25. To make No. 1 more convenient, subscribe to the local newspaper, if you haven't already.

Airlines curtail smoking

NEW YORK (AP) — Airlines are curtailing smoking on more international flights — restricting the last refuge for flying smokers — in hopes of attracting more appreciative non-smoking passengers.

Since last summer, airlines have been slowly adding to the number of smokeless international flights by prohibiting smoking on certain routes.

Smoking has been banned on domestic U.S. flights for years and big European airlines like British Airways and Air France disallowed smoking on flights of less than 90 minutes within Europe.

Qantas prohibits smoking on international flights of less than four hours and leaves the no-smoking sign lit during three of its 10 weekly non-stop flights from the United States to Australia. On Monday, the Australian airline banned smoking on an additional 72 flights each week.

"As we got fewer and fewer requests to sit in the smoking section, we just said, 'OK, we'll just not have smoking,'" said Joan Boyd, a U.S. marketing executive for Qantas.

Since the first of the year, British Airways has forbidden smoking on its routes between London and Australia and New Zealand — trips that can take up to 24 hours. And Northwest Airlines, a large carrier to Asia, where smoking is more common, said Tuesday it was banning smoking in all its international first-class cabins.

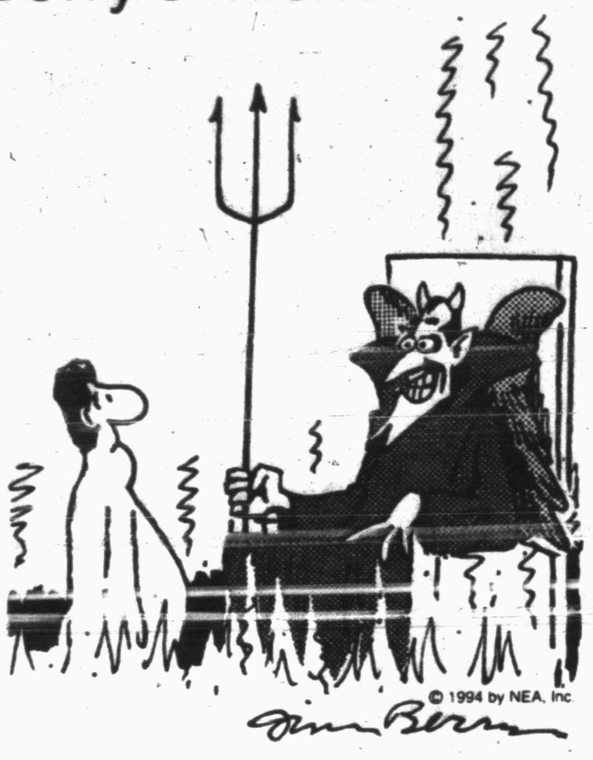
United, the largest U.S. international carrier, is considering curtailing or prohibiting smoking on some of its overseas flights and may announce a decision soon, spokesman Tony Molinaro said.

Even Freedom Air, which circumvents the federal ban against smoking on domestic flights by operating as a private charter, hasn't attracted enough passengers to fly since October.

Airlines have had to be selective about which routes on which to ban smoking and have frequently sought a way to appease smokers.

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Judicial candidate charged with DWI

FORT WORTH (AP) — Former Tarrant County assistant district attorney Lisa A. Ryan, a judicial candidate who has successfully prosecuted more than 30 DWI cases, has been charged with driving while intoxicated.

Police say Ms. Ryan, 32, was stopped at about 11 p.m. New Year's Eve after they observed her Chevrolet Suburban swerving between lanes. Ms. Ryan is free on $1,000 cash bail, officials said.

Ms. Ryan is a Republican candidate for the County Criminal Court of Appeals. She is now in private practice, but worked for the district attorney's office from 1987 to 1990.

According to the arresting officer M.S. Baggott and videotaped accounts, Ms. Ryan mentioned her former job and that she was running for office. She also warned officers against arresting her.

Baggott said he could smell alcohol on Ryan's breath. He also said that she would not listen to instructions about a field sobriety evaluation and became loud and belligerent.

"She was very argumentative and kept relating that she was an ex-Tarrant County district attorney and was running for judge," Baggott said. "She made several vague threats that it would be a mistake to arrest her and that an officer could get into trouble for that."

An initial court appearance on the misdemeanor charge has been set for March 16. The primary election is March 8. Ryan is unopposed in the GOP primary, but Mamie Bush Johnson will be her Democratic opponent in November.

Ryan released a statement Tuesday saying that she was swerving because she was talking to her husband on a car phone.

"There was miscommunication and misunderstanding between the police and myself," she said.

"I feel my strong background and record as a former district attorney ... successfully prosecuting more than 30 DWI cases affirms my commitment to the law and my respect for the police," Ryan's statement said.

A misdemeanor conviction does not hinder an officeholder from serving.

Fight over royalties ends with heirs to get $100,000

NEW YORK (AP) — The early bird may get the worm, but persistence paid off in a fight over royalties from "When the Red, Red Robin Comes Bob-Bob-Bobbing Along."

A federal judge said more than $100,000 in royalties generated by the 1926 hit song since 1982 belong to the heirs of composer Harry Woods, who sold the melody and lyrics to a music publishing company.

U.S. District Judge Richard Owen ruled on Tuesday after studying seven versions of the song by such stars as Doris Day, Dean Martin and Al Jolson.

Music industry lawyers said the ruling could have wide implications.

A lot of money can be made on an old song when it is released on records, cassettes or CDs, used in a movie or TV show or used in part by another composer.

Copyright law allows publishers to collect royalties for original songs for only a specified period. In Woods' time, it was 56 years. Changes in the law now give composers the rights to their songs again after 35 years.

But publishers are entitled to continue collecting royalties from "derivations" — versions substantially different from the original.

The judge, a composer of operas himself, ruled against music publisher Bourne Co. in deciding Wood is entitled to post-copyright royalties. Owen ruled that none of the versions of "Red Red Robin" was substantially changed by unusual vocals or additional lyrics.

The significance "is almost mind-boggling," said Robert C. Osterberg, an attorney for Bourne. "We expect it to be appealed. It's one of those industrywide test cases so it will be carried as far as it can be."

If upheld, the ruling could "require publishers to push aside what should be respect for an original author's product" so they can change it enough to keep the royalties for themselves, Osterberg said.

Louis M. Bachman, executive director of the Songwriters Guild of America, said the case could help other composers owed more than $600,000 in royalties from dozens of songs, including "The Best Things in Life Are Free," "If You Knew Susie," "Somebody Loves Me," "Yes Sir, That's My Baby" and "That Old Gang of Mine."

Hundreds of the guild's 5,000 songwriters contributed to legal fees in the case.

Fred Greenman, who represented the guild, said the ruling would especially help struggling songwriters who are likely to bargain away the publishing rights to a hit "for a mess of porridge."

Woods, who died in 1970 at age 73, was a farmer before "Red, Red Robin" led him to change professions. He wrote more than 360 songs, including "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover" and "Try a Little Tenderness."

White House wants to leave some woes out of plans for '94

By Tom Raum
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is on a New Year's public relations offensive, hoping a blizzard of activity will divert attention from topics it wants to leave back in 1993.

In this first working week of the year, President Clinton has been everywhere: prepping for next week's NATO summit and trip to Moscow, ordering an investigation of Cold War radiation experiments, praising the intelligence community at the CIA and getting a top-secret briefing, planning strategy for advancing health-care legislation.

On Thursday, he goes to Milwaukee for a foreign-policy address. On Sunday, he's off to Brussels. Then to Prague. Then to Moscow. Then to Minsk. Then to Geneva.

The activity is helping the White House force to the back pages questions about Clinton's personal and financial life that erupted in late December. The allegations frustrated the administration's efforts in the closing weeks of 1993 to trumpet his first-year accomplishments.

"The fact that we were unable to spend the holidays bragging about his record does not deter him," said White House political adviser Paul Begala.

"Bill Clinton was hired to run the country," Begala said. "He's trying to get things moving. ... A little bit of vacation goes a long way with him."

White House aides deny being manipulative. But they agree it doesn't hurt to keep attention focused where they want it focused.

And at that, they've been fairly successful.

Officials worked hard over the past few days to minimize exposure to questions on the controversy over the Clintons' Whitewater Development Co. partnership with the owner of a failed Arkansas savings and loan.

The Whitewater controversy, and salacious allegations by several former members of then-Gov. Clinton's security detail involving marital infidelity, put Clinton uncomfortably on the defensive last month.

The White House retains considerable power to shape and steer messages. After all, spin control was one reason David Gergen — who helped guide messages in two Republican administrations — was hired as a top White House strategist.

The White House has been using all the tricks of the presidential trade to get across the image of an activist president, hard at work.

Growing public alarm about radiation experiments conducted by federal agencies in the 1940s and 1950s was a ready-made issue for the White House — enabling it to demonstrate concern for victims and to criticize two Republican administrations at the same time.

"Two administrations have failed to answer these questions," White House communications director Mark Gearan said. "And we intend to step up to the plate and to do our very best to get to the bottom of the facts at hand."

The administration also was busy lining up briefings for reporters on Clinton's upcoming NATO summit in Brussels and the visit to Moscow that follows.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Tom Raum has covered the White House for The Associated Press since 1989 and has reported on national government and politics since 1973.

Pick 3

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

7-8-2

(seven, eight, two)

DATE BOOK

Jan. 5, 1994

Today is the fifth day of 1994 and the 16th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1914, Henry Ford announced that all Ford employees of "good personal habits" would receive a minimum wage of $5 a day.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Stephen Decatur (1779-1820), U.S. naval hero; Zebulon Pike (1779-1813), explorer; Konrad Adenauer (1876-1967), German statesman; Jeane Dixon (1918-), clairvoyant, is 76; Walter Mondale (1928-), U.S. politician, is 66; Alvin Ailey (1931-1989), choreographer; Robert Duvall (1931-), actor, is 63; Diane Keaton (1946-), actress, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, the Harlem Globetrotters lost to the New Jersey Reds, 100-99, to end their winning streak at 2,495 games.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "They have a tourniquet on the brain." — Robert Duvall, on some soap-opera producers

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1988, a second straight day of snowfall left Highmarket, N.Y., under 69.5 inches of the white stuff.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter (Jan. 4).

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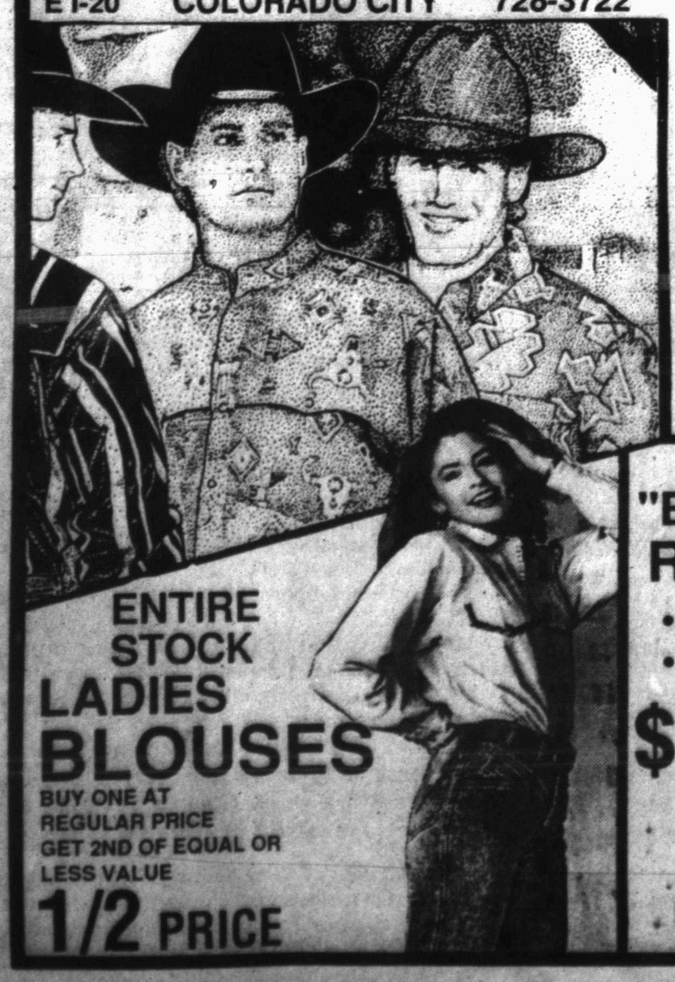
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Dear Abby



Children in Danger Must Learn to Scream for Help

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Yesterday morning at breakfast, I was startled by the sound of a child's screaming. From the intensity, I thought the child might be in trouble and in need of help. I flew out the front door and found the 6-year-old girl across the street being terrorized by a stray dog. Her mother, who had accompanied her to the bus stop, tried to comfort her with little success.

I crossed the street and got the dog to head down the road, away from the child. As I started to return to my house, her mother thanked me, then turned to her daughter and told her that it wasn't necessary for her to have screamed. It stopped me in my tracks.

I politely corrected the mother, saying her daughter had done the right thing in screaming, because her screams had attracted my attention, causing me to come to her rescue.

Screams are meant to alert others to danger, whether real or imagined. We do our children a great disservice when we teach them not to scream. Are we more worried about the possibility of disturbing the neighbors than we are about the safety of our children?

I would prefer to answer a hundred "false alarms" than miss the opportunity to protect a child in danger.

With the Polly Klaas tragedy so fresh in our minds, would the outcome have been different had she and her friends screamed when the intruder entered her room? No one knows the answer, but one thing is certain, she wouldn't have died alone without someone attempting to save her life.

Do your children a favor. Encourage them to scream. It is an important defense tool. Don't raise a silent victim. You owe this to your children.

STAN ZIEGLER, HOUSTON

DEAR MR. ZIEGLER: Thank you for an enlightening and worthwhile letter.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: My fiancee and I [illegible] each other a year ago, along with love, sex and all the good things in life. We both have equal incomes from Social Security; in addition, we each have weekly supplements, job-wise.

She has no mortgage or car payments, which I do have. The problem is, she thinks that I should pay for all the outside activities, such as entertainment, dinners out, and gas for the automobile trips we take together in my car.

Abby, in these days of liberated women, am I asking too much to expect her to go 50-50? I do all her household repairs and maintenance, besides my own.

Please advise a fair solution to this problem.

LOVE IN THE CAROLINAS

DEAR LOVE: A fair solution would be for her to go 50-50 with you on entertainment, dinners out, and gas for your car on your trips together. (If she has a car, how about using hers half the time?) Women who want equal rights should share equally in the expense of shared entertainment.

* * *

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Anxious astronauts await first images from Hubble

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The Hubble Space Telescope repair squad did all it could to rehabilitate the nearsighted instrument last month. All there is to do now is wait.

"We knew when we did our part that that was not enough. A home run does not win the ball game. You've got to win the game," astronaut Story Musgrave, who led Hubble repairs, said at a news conference Tuesday.

"Every single morning we call the Hubble project to find out how the check is going."

The $3 billion Hubble was hauled aboard the shuttle Endeavour Dec. 4 and four spacewalking astronauts spent the next week installing 11 new parts, including two sets of optics designed to correct the telescope's myopia. New guidance and power systems and an upgraded computer memory also were put in.

Hubble scientists say tests so far have found the instrument in perfect working order, but it will be late this month or early February before final results are in.

"We have good indication that it works," astronaut Claude Nicollier said. "I expect good news about the optical components, but we don't have the final answer yet."

Health reform takes precedence...

U.S. welfare reform may have to wait

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton may let his plan to overhaul the nation's welfare system slip this year as he pursues health care reform, administration officials and welfare experts say.

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, says the president is "genuinely undecided" about how aggressively to push welfare reform while Congress is wrestling with health reform.

"There are ongoing decisions within the administration about the timing of welfare reform and no decision has been reached," the official said Tuesday. "One possibility is to pursue both concurrently. A second possibility is to delay introduction of a welfare reform bill until health care reform is at least through the major committees."

But a source familiar with administration deliberations says Democratic leaders in Congress have advised the president to chose between health care and welfare reform, warning that it would be too tricky to move both at the same time.

The same congressional committees that have jurisdiction over welfare — Senate Finance and House Ways and Means — also have jurisdiction over health care reform.

The administration, the official said, decided it would avoid doing anything to jeopardize health reform, which tops its domestic agenda.

There have been other signs recently that welfare reform may be taking a back seat: When Clinton outlined his agenda for the new year, he spoke of his commitment to guaranteed health care, safer streets and a stronger economy. He mentioned the need to reward work over welfare, but without the same kind of commitment.

The Los Angeles Times reported last week that White House officials have quietly shelved plans to announce the president's welfare reform proposal in his State of the Union speech later this month. Also, the 1995 federal budget, due to be unveiled in February, is likely to lack any allowance for starting a welfare reform plan.

Clinton's call to "end welfare as we know it" and cut off welfare benefits after two years for able-bodied parents was one of his most popular campaign promises and helped define him as a New Democrat. Delaying welfare reform could be politically risky in 1994, an election year.

"They really seem to be flirting with disaster by procrastinating and doing everything to avoid carrying that pledge out," said Robert Rector, a welfare expert with the conservative Heritage Foundation. "They're looking for a minimum fig leaf cover."

Moderate and conservative Democrats in the House see welfare reform as a sure-fire re-election issue and have been pressing the president to keep his campaign promises and to take up welfare reform this year.

House Republicans already have introduced their own bill, while liberal and urban House members have cautioned the president against any plan that punishes the poor.

"They can't go into the elections with a Republican bill on the table and no administration plan," said the source familiar with the discussions.

The senior administration official said health reform is a prerequisite to welfare reform since many single mothers chose welfare over work because it comes with Medicaid health coverage.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 1-5-94
♠ 9 8
♥ J 2
♦ A K Q 10 7
♣ J 9 8 6

WEST
♠ Q J 7 5 3
♥ A 6
♦ 5 3
♣ K Q 10 4

EAST
♠ K 6 4
♥ 10 9 5 3
♦ J 6 2
♣ 7 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A 10 2
♥ K Q 8 7 4
♦ 9 8 4
♣ A 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ??

Greatness nearly thrust upon them

By Phillip Alder

Every now and then an outstanding bridge book is published. It covers a subject of interest to most players; it is lucidly written, is easy to understand and often contains material not seen before in the literature of the game. The book becomes a classic, praised throughout the world.

That nearly happened last year. The English experts Andy Robson and Oliver Segal wrote "Partnership Bidding at Bridge: the Contested Auction," published by Faber & Faber ($15.50, The Bridge World, 39 West 94th Street, New York, NY 10025-7124).

It would have been widely acclaimed except that it is neither lucidly written nor easy to understand. But if you and your partner want to enhance your competitive bidding, and you are willing to plow perseveringly through the 400 pages, your results will undoubtedly improve. The authors make many excellent suggestions.

Look only at the West hand in the diagram. What is your opening lead?

From the auction, it looks right to lead the club king, doesn't it? But with this full deal it is less than successful.

Partner gives you a withering look and makes a sarcastic remark about fourth-highest from your longest and strongest.

"How was I to know?" you ask.

"I suppose I should have bid two spades," partner comments with heavy irony.

Yet the authors rightly argue that East *should* have bid two spades. When you and your partner know the opponents have you outgunned, you should strain to support partner if you want him to lead his suit.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; program, Tom Martin, landscape architect for City of Abilene; hostesses, Mable Covey, Lanette Patterson; 9:30 a.m.

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; Golden Corral; 6 p.m.

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

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308 or 573-1141.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-1141. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-1141, 863-2348, 863-2349 or 573-8110.

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

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

SNYDER CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE- ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1993

Data Control Codes		Governmental Fund Types: 10 General Fund	20/30/40 Special Revenue Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only): 98 August 31, 1993	97 August 31, 1992
	REVENUES:				
5700	Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State	$ 13,212,776	$ 239,790	$ 13,452,566	$ 12,150,158
5800	State Program Revenues	941,434	13,943	955,377	1,155,465
5900	Federal Program Revenues	4,674	1,096,674	1,101,348	1,015,328
5030	Total Revenues	14,158,884	1,350,407	15,509,291	14,320,951
	EXPENDITURES:				
0011	Instruction	8,954,952	544,558	9,499,510	9,136,269
0022	Instructional Resources and Media Services	369,999	41,050	411,049	260,255
0023	School Administration	826,774		826,774	821,507
0025	Curriculum and Personnel Development	127,096		127,096	124,253
0031	Guidance and Counseling Services	275,678		275,678	247,480
0033	Health Services	63,109		63,109	51,135
0034	Student Transportation	566,869	7,352	574,221	513,387
0036	Co-curricular Activities	435,769		435,769	422,511
0037	Food Services		770,568	770,568	462,740
0041	General Administration	866,203		866,203	821,635
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,821,747		1,821,747	1,815,751
0081	Community Service	29,559		29,559	32,583
6050	Total Expenditures	14,337,755	1,363,528	15,701,283	14,709,506
	OTHER RESOURCES AND USES:				
5060	Other Resources	190,236	252,441	442,677	14,595
6060	Other Uses	(442,677)		(442,677)	
7000	Total Other Resources and (Uses)	(252,441)	252,441		14,595
1200	EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER RESOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(431,312)	239,320	(191,992)	(373,960)
0100	FUND BALANCE - SEPTEMBER 1 (BEGINNING)	3,237,268		3,237,268	3,611,228
3000	FUND BALANCE - AUGUST 31 (ENDING)	$ 2,805,956	$ 239,320	$ 3,045,276	$ 3,237,268

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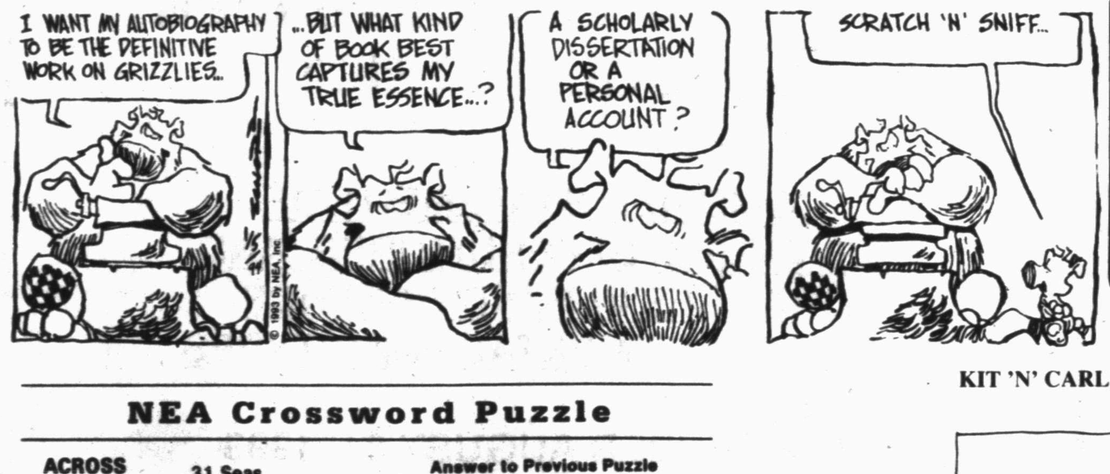
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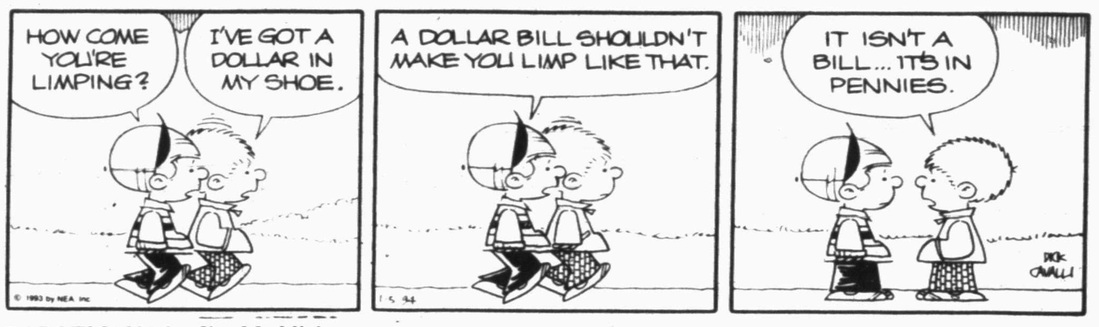
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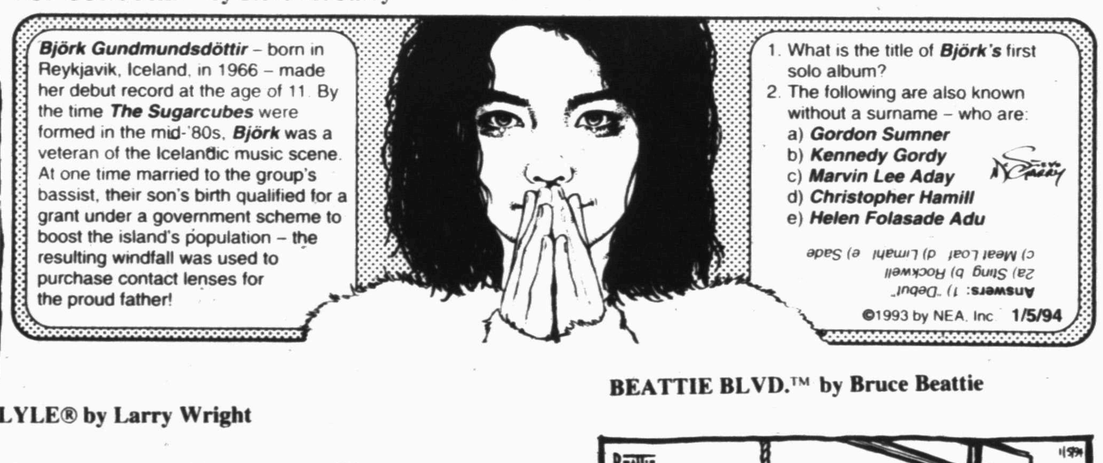
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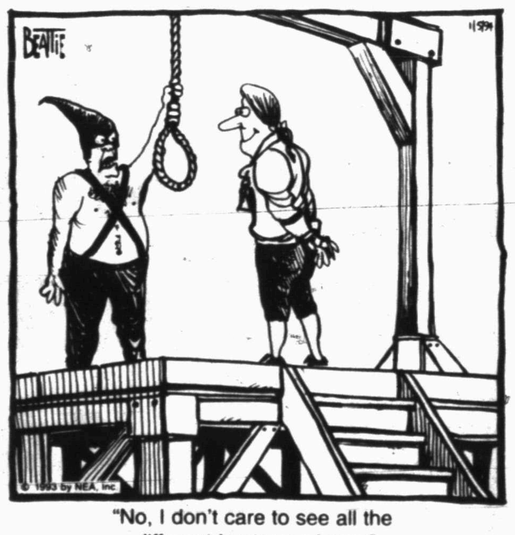
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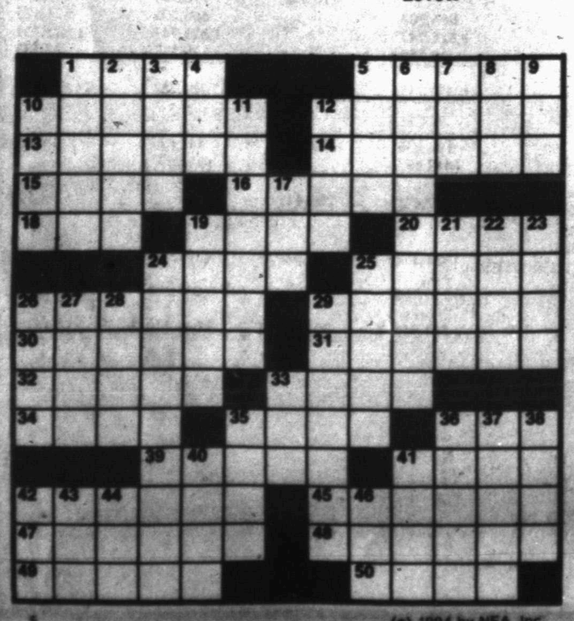
1 Campus area
5 Walked back and forth
10 Greasing
12 Grasshopper's cousin
13 Naval petty officer
14 Worker in a stable
15 Meadows
16 Former candidate Stevenson
18 MD's specialty
19 TV's talking horse (2 wds.)
20 Meat of calf
24 Regulation
25 Flow regulator
26 Brie or edam
29 Positive particle
30 Wanted (sl.)
31 Seas
32 Muffler brand
33 Praise
34 God of love
35 Brazilian river
36 Small organisms
39 Chicken homes
41 Beer ingredient
42 TV comedy series
45 Epic poem
47 Actor Art —
48 Japan
49 Sacs
50 Edible seeds

DOWN

1 Monarch
2 German submarine
3 Goals
4 Genetic material (abbr.)
5 Leaning Tower site
6 Turned on
7 Coolidge's nickname
8 Dutch town
9 Women's patriotic soc.
10 Singer — Lovett
11 Like an old tree trunk
12 Icy
17 Actress Sandra —
19 Ponders
21 Lamb's pen name
22 Shakespeare's river
23 Part of eye
24 Showing new life
25 Voids
26 Flower cluster
27 Beneficiary of a will
28 Opposite of ecto
29 Make rougher
33 Once around track
35 Small bouquet
36 Singer Frank —
37 Bread spreads
38 Solar disk
40 Prospectors' finds
41 Be gloomy
42 New Deal program
43 — fever
44 Bitter vetch
46 Fruit seed

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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WTC Classic...

Dusters thump No. 9 Seward

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

Western Texas College exploded for 53 second-half points Tuesday for an 88-71 win over No. 9 Seward County Community College in the opening game of the WTC Classic basketball tournament.

The Dusters, after trailing by as many as seven early in the first half, rallied to take a 35-34 halftime lead, then owned the last 20 minutes, outscoring the Lady Saints, 53-37.

"It's obviously a big win for us, beating a Top 10 team," said WTC coach Ron Jones. "We beat a quality team. I'm happy with that.

"I'm still a little frustrated because we're not playing a full 40 minutes," the coach continued. "When we can do that, we'll be able to compete successfully in our conference.

"Our entire focus right now is playing hard for the full 40 minutes. Correcting mistakes has to be secondary. We have to start with getting our intensity up for a full game. That's what we stressed at halftime."

The Dusters jumped out to a 12-8 lead early in the opening frame, but Seward came back with an 8-0 run, capped by a put-back by Toby Harbin with under 11 minutes to play in the first half that lifted the visitors to a 19-12 advantage.

The lead was still at seven when WTC freshman Christy Cates converted a 3-point play on a layup and a free throw and Genetra Carter canned a short jumper from the baseline to make it a 2-point game, 25-23.

Tammy Wilson and Shrae Johnson each drilled baskets off offensive rebounds and Paulita Murrell connected on a pair of free throws to boost the Dusters to their 1-point halftime margin.

Western Texas, which rang up eight treys on the night, had a pair of 3-pointers, one by Ericka Thompson and one by Carrie Moss, sandwiched around a Moss fast-break bucket to push WTC to a 67-55 lead at the 9:25 mark in the second half.

Johnson added a three, Murrell sank a freebie and Wilson hit a turnaround jumper to give Western Texas a 16-point lead with under six minutes to play.

Wilson finished with 19 points to lead the Dusters. Murrell added 16, Johnson had 14 and Cates wound up with 12.

Mandi Carlile of Seward canned a game-high 20, followed by teammate Stacy Wewe's 14 and 10 by Krystal Horyna.

The Dusters improve to 12-5 with Tuesday's win. The Lady Saints are 15-2.

The going doesn't get any easier for Jones' Dusters tonight when they face No. 4 Trinity Valley College of Athens in the 7 p.m. tourney finale, immediately following the 5 p.m. Ranger JC-Seward matchup.

"Playing these two teams right before we play in conference is good for us," Jones said. "It's a real test against the same kind of competition we'll see in conference play."

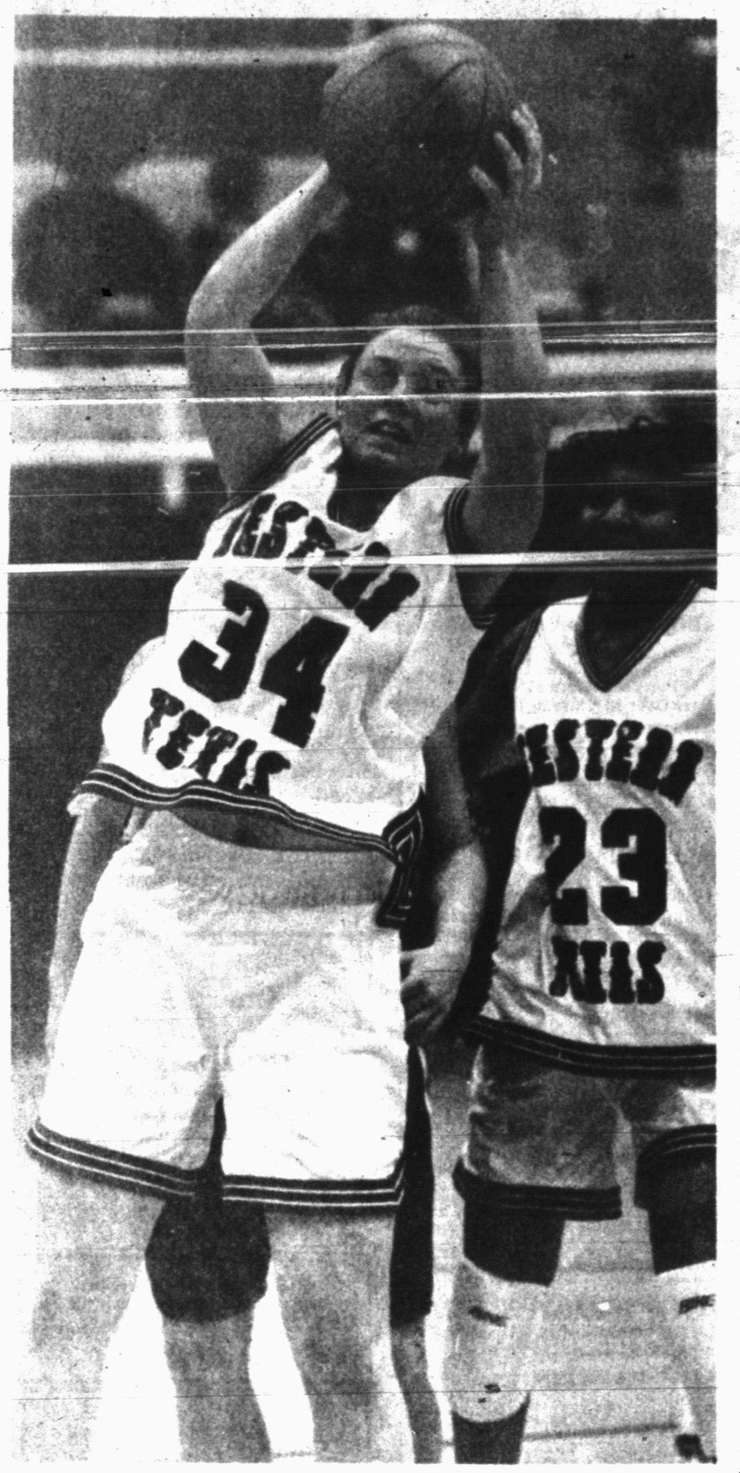
After a win over a Top 10 team, are the Dusters ready to be mentioned in the national polls?.

"Let's wait until we do it (win) in conference," Jones said. "Until we do it in conference, it doesn't mean a thing."

SEWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (71) — Wells 2 0-0 6; Horyna 2 4-4 10; Houser 1 4-4 6; Russell 1 0-0 2; Hall 2 2-2 6; Wewe 5 4-6 14; Carlile 6 8-8 20; Ochs 1 0-0 3; Harbin 2 0-0 4; TOTALS 22 22-24 71.

WESTERN TEXAS (88) — Carter 1 4-4 6; Veitenheimer 1 2-2 4; Moss 3 0-0 8; Johnson 6 0-0 14; Thompson 2 2-2 7; Wilson 7 3-3 19; Cates 4 3-4 12; Murrell 5 6-7 16; TOTALS 30 20-22 88.

Halftime score: WTC 35, Seward 34; 3-point goals: WTC 8 (Moss 2, Johnson 2, Wilson 2, Cates 1, Thompson 1); Sewaed 5 (Horyna 2, Wells 2, Ochs 1); Total fouls: WTC 19, Seward 22; Fouled out: Wewe, Harbin; Records: WTC 12-5, Seward 15-2.



CRASHING THE BOARDS — Western Texas College freshman Christy Cates snags a rebound in the Dusters' 88-71 win over Seward County Community College of Liberal, Kan. in Tuesday's opening round of the WTC Classic basketball tournament. The Classic continues today with a 5 p.m. matchup between Ranger JC and Seward, followed by the 7 p.m. finale pitting WTC against No. 4 ranked Trinity Valley College of Athens. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers stop Lake View in non-district cage rematch

SAN ANGELO — Snyder coach Steve Qualls wanted to know how far his Lady Tigers have come since a season-opening 45-33 loss to San Angelo Lake View.

That question was answered Tuesday night when the Lady Tigers handed the Maidens a 63-50 non-district cage defeat in the rematch.

"It was a great game," Qualls said. "The girls were pumped, the fans were pumped and I was ecstatic."

The SHS girls weathered a first-quarter barrage by Lake View, then outscored the home Maidens, 33-17, in the second and third periods.

"That was the greatest thing about this game, as far as we're concerned," Qualls said. "They gave us their best shot in the first quarter and we withstood it. I told the girls after the first quarter that the game was ours because they had given us their best shot and we stayed right with them."

The Lady Tigers trailed 16-12 at the end of the first stanza after falling in a 6-0 hole just 45 seconds into the game.

"They started out real crisp on offense," the SHS coach noted. "They scored the first three baskets so I called a timeout and settled the girls down. After that, we went out there and clawed away at them.

"Our history this season has been that good teams have left us way behind in the first quarter," Qualls said. "We didn't let them run off and leave us. I think that was our greatest accomplishment."

Senior Annie Ragland led the Snyder assault with a season-best 30 points, including 13 in a 14-9 third-quarter run.

"It was the Annie Ragland show in the third," coach Qualls laughed. "I had benched her for about a minute in the first quarter because of her shot selection. We talked about her being set and making good choices on her shots and she went back out and was in a zone."

Fellow senior Meriah Worthen added 19 and Jamie Brown put in seven for SHS.

Lake View post Amanda Stephens scored 15 points, followed by Jennifer Ellsor's 13.

"It was high-octane, up and down the floor," Qualls reported. "I know that if the people would really enjoy watching this team if they'd just come out and watch."

The Lady Tigers, now 7-10, will open District 2-4A competition Friday when Lamesa visits. Junior varsity action tips off at 6:30 p.m. The varsity game begins at 8 p.m.

Snyder	12	19	14	15	-63
Lake View	16	8	9	17	-50

Leading scorers: Snyder — Ragland 30, Worthen 19, Brown 7, Williams 2, Shipp 2, White 2; Lake View — Stephens 15, Ellsor 13; Record: Snyder 7-10.

SHS boys downed by Lubbock High

LUBBOCK — Snyder senior Adrian Sneed made an unexpected start in Tuesday's non-district cage tilt against Lubbock High.

But even Sneed, who scored a team-high 17 points, including three 3-point baskets, couldn't get the Tigers past the Westerners.

Lubbock High posted a 20-9 advantage in the pivotal third period, on its way to a 58-39 victory.

Sneed suffered a sprained wrist in the Tigers' matchup against Sweetwater in the championship game of the Trail of Lights Classic just over a week ago and was expected to miss several games with the injury.

The Tigers eased to a 13-12 lead after eight minutes of play Tuesday, but fell behind, 29-23 at the half before the Westerners' third-quarter run iced the game.

Jon Patrick and Tyson Cromeens each finished with six for SHS, which slips to 13-5 on the campaign.

Lubbock High's Jason Guven canned 25 to lead all scorers Tuesday.

The Westerners improve to 10-8 with the win.

Snyder's last tuneup for District 2-4A play is slated for Friday at Seminole. Loop competition begins Jan. 14 with a trip to Frenship.

Snyder	13	10	9	7	—39
Lubbock High	12	17	20	9	—58

SNYDER (39) — Lelek 1 0-0 2; Cromeens 1 4-8 6; Griffin 1 0-0 2; Sneed 7 0-2 17; Key 1 0-0 2; Patrick 2 0-0 6; Post 1 0-2 2; Henry 1 0-0 2; TOTALS 15 4-12 39.

LUBBOCK (58) — M. Mata 1 0-0 3; Garza 3 1-1 7; Guven 11 3-3 25; Gonzales 2 0-0 4; Sampson 4 1-2 9; Daniel 1 0-0 2; Jama 4 0-1 8; TOTALS 26 5-7 58.

3-point goals: Snyder 5 (Sneed 3, Patrick 2); Lubbock 1 (M. Mata); Total fouls: Snyder 8, Lubbock 16; Records: Snyder 13-5, Lubbock 10-8.

JV girls trip LVHS, 33-29

SAN ANGELO — Edwina Brooks scored 16 points and teammate Tiffany Garza had 13 as Snyder's JV girls topped San Angelo Lake View, 33-29, in Tuesday basketball action.

Jina Miller and Darla Blackwell each chipped in a bucket for the Lady Tigers.

Snyder, now 7-6, will face Lamesa Friday at 6:30 p.m. at SHS.

NCAA slaps A&M with probation

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M's athletics program today was placed on five years probation by the NCAA and its football team was barred from television and bowl appearances for one year.

The NCAA found that players were paid for work that was not actually performed, that prospective student-athletes improperly were given financial aid, that athletes received improper extra benefits and that school showed a "lack of institutional control" in its athletics program which had been involved in an infractions case in 1988.

"While the university administration is committed to compliance, it is apparent that some alumni and student-athletes still believe they can violate NCAA rules with impunity," the NCAA Committee on Infractions said.

"What is even more unfortunate is that the alumnus who was involved in these violations was a prominent member of the university's athletics support group. What is particularly troubling is that his actions led student-athletes to violate NCAA rules and the Texas A&M 'Code of Honor.'"

A&M officials met with the NCAA for 41/2 hours on Nov. 14 and proclaimed the school's innocence to wrongdoing in allegations that involved nine players, including star running back Greg Hill.

The Aggies said in a 1,227-page response it should not be held accountable for the actions of the players during their summer jobs.

An investigation revealed that the nine players received payment from an A&M booster for work they did not perform.

Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum dismissed two of the players accused in the case — wide receiver Percy Singleton and lineman Darius Smith.

The other players were declared ineligible for portions of last season for accepting payment from Dallas businessman Warren Gilbert. Singleton later said he also received rent money from Gilbert.

The other players were linebacker Jessie Cox, flanker Brian Mitchell, cornerback Billy Mitchell and offensive tackle James Brooks.

Cox was suspended for the season, Hill got a five-game suspension, Brian Mitchell four games, Billy Mitchell three games and Brooks two games.

The NCAA said the players received a total of $27,800. Of that, $17,855 was unearned, the report said.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	19	8	.704	—
Orlando	16	13	.552	4
Miami	14	13	.519	5
New Jersey	12	17	.414	8
Boston	12	18	.400	8½
Philadelphia	11	18	.379	9
Washington	8	20	.286	11½
Central Division				
Atlanta	20	7	.741	—
Chicago	19	9	.679	1½
Charlotte	17	13	.567	4½
Cleveland	12	16	.429	8½
Indiana	11	16	.407	9
Milwaukee	8	20	.286	12½
Detroit	8	21	.276	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	25	4	.862	—
Utah	22	8	.733	3½
San Antonio	20	11	.645	6
Denver	14	15	.483	11
Minnesota	8	20	.286	16½
Dallas	2	26	.071	22½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	23	3	.885	—
Phoenix	21	6	.778	2
Portland	17	13	.567	8
Golden State	15	13	.536	9
LA Clippers	11	16	.407	12½
LA Lakers	10	20	.333	15
Sacramento	9	20	.310	15½

Tuesday's Games
New York 100, Orlando 95
Miami 100, New Jersey 83
Atlanta 133, Charlotte 94
Indiana 104, Cleveland 99
Chicago 97, Detroit 91
Houston 106, Portland 95
San Antonio 107, Philadelphia 84
LA Lakers 119, Denver 118
Seattle 112, Phoenix 106
Golden State 115, Sacramento 112

Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.
Seattle at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

College hoops

EAST
Boston College 96, Villanova 84
Connecticut 77, Georgetown 65
Drexel 81, Md.-Baltimore County 67
Marist 86, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 83
Massachusetts 71, Rutgers 59
Monmouth, N.J. 73, St. Francis, Pa. 71
Rider 66, Fairleigh Dickinson 54
Robert Morris 73, Wagner 71
St. Francis, NY 78, Long Island U. 67
Towson St. 76, American U. 73

SOUTH
James Madison 78, Liberty 64
Kentucky 107, Vanderbilt 82
Louisville 132, George Mason 87
Marshall 95, Appalachian St. 86
Maryland 91, Georgia Tech 88
Miami 79, Florida Atlantic 62
Murray St. 93, Arkansas Coll. 79
Troy St. 102, Miss. Valley St. 96

MIDWEST
Mo.-Kansas City 68, Wichita St. 48
N. Iowa 64, Creighton 63
Ohio St. 72, Iowa 68

SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma St. 113, Prairie View 51

FAR WEST
CS Northridge 90, Buffalo 72
Pepperdine 72, N.C. Charlotte 61
Santa Clara 79, Cal St.-Hayward 58

Turner tops list to replace coaches

By The Associated Press

Nearly a year after defensive coordinator Dave Wannstedt left Dallas to coach the Chicago Bears, the Cowboys may be on the verge of losing offensive mastermind Norv Turner.

The Washington Redskins, only a matter of hours after firing first-year coach Richie Petitbon, received permission Tuesday from Cowboys owner Jerry Jones to interview Turner.

"I'd be awfully interested, and again you still want to sit down and talk about specifics and details and all of those things, but it sure seems like a great opportunity," Turner said after learning of Washington's interest. "If I am contacted, I certainly am interested."

That hadn't happened by Tuesday night, but appears to be a certainty. Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said he expected the Redskins to interview Turner next weekend.

"The interview will not take away from the Cowboys' preparation for the playoffs," Jones said.

Dallas has a first-round bye next weekend.

Turner and Washington general manager Charley Casserly chatted two weeks ago on the field at Texas Stadium prior to the Cowboys' 38-3 victory over the Redskins.

Meanwhile, Turner also appears to be on the short list in Atlanta, where the Falcons fired Jerry Glanville on Tuesday.

Petitbon, whose success as defensive coordinator helped the Redskins to three Super Bowls, was let go a year after he succeeded Joe Gibbs. Wracked by injuries and age, Washington — which began the season with a stunning 35-16 upset of defending Super Bowl champion Dallas — finished 4-12 for its worst showing in three decades.

"With regret and after much thought, I have decided to release Richie Petitbon as head coach of the Washington Redskins," owner Jack Kent Cooke said in a statement after meeting with the coach for more than an hour.

Glanville, 6-10 this year and 28-38 in four seasons with the Falcons, has been an NFL head coach since 1985, when he took over the Houston Oilers from Hugh Campbell. While he never won a division championship, his antics — including leaving tickets for Elvis Presley and James Dean — made him one of the league's better-known coaches.

But the bottom line was winning, and Glanville came up short.

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Red Adair, world renown firefighter, says he'll retire

HOUSTON (AP) — The world's best-known fireman — Paul N. "Red" Adair — is hanging up his red coveralls.

The 78-year-old veteran of more than 2,000 land and offshore oil well fires sold his Houston-based Red Adair Co. to Global Industries Ltd. of Lafayette, La., Tuesday for an undisclosed amount.

"I'll take it a little easier, I'll try to. Play a little golf, take my boat out," said Adair, donned in an uncustomary blue suit set off by a flame-red silk handkerchief in the breast pocket. "Get out and enjoy life a little bit."

When asked how much Global paid him for the firm he formed in 1959 after investing $125 on used equipment, Adair chuckled, then said: "I can't count that high. I didn't go but to ninth grade at school."

Global, which began as a struggling offshore diving business when bought by president and CEO William J. Dore, has ballooned into a $60 million company that specializes in offshore contracting and diving.

The 12-member staff of Red Adair has signed on with Global and will remain in Houston, said Dore, who attended the news conference with Adair. The firefighting unit, now under the arm of Global, will retain the Red Adair name.

Except for a "freak accident" that resulted in one firefighter's broken leg, Adair contends he still has the best record in the oil firefighting business.

Adair is credited with extinguishing thousands of oil well fires, including the hundreds of wells left burning after the Iraqis left Kuwait at the end of the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

The 5-foot-7 Houston native, who proudly spent his 76th birthday clad in his traditional red coveralls working to cap off the burning wells in Kuwait, once said he would never retire.

And on Tuesday, Adair, who will work for Global as a consultant, refused to use the word.

He indicated it would be quite possible, if Global wanted him to, to return to the oilpatch.

Isn't 78 too old to be working fires?

"Oh, hell no. I'm in as good shape as anybody in this room, I think," he said.

Adair revolutionized the science of capping exploding and burning wells, using explosives, drilling mud and concrete to control and cap wild well fires.

His death-defying feats are legendary, from battling the July 1988 explosion of the Piper Alpha platform that killed 167 men in the North Sea to working the hundreds of desert wells that burned for months in Kuwait in 1991.

In 1968, he was portrayed by John Wayne in "Hellfighters," a movie based on Adair's life.

Ex-insurance agent bought wellfire-fighting company

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — William J. Dore', who bought Red Adair's wellfire-fighting company, chucked his job as a New Orleans insurance agent in the early 1970s and bought what was then a struggling offshore diving business.

"The oil business at that period was down, and so he bought Global Diving for little or nothing," said Richard E. Roberson Jr., vice president and chief financial officer of the company, now called Global Industries Ltd. "It was struggling, and his first challenge was to keep the company going."

Dore' soon moved Global Diving to Lafayette, to give it access to business spreading westward into the Gulf of Mexico as well as that in the eastern gulf, and began building it into what is now a $60 million company.

The company had $46.3 million in revenues and $4 million in net income for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1992; $66 million in revenues and $9.6 million net income for the fiscal year ending last March 31, and $45.5 million in revenues and $6.2 million in net income for the six months ending Sept. 30.

A couple of years after buying Global Diving, Roberson said, Dore' got into the business of laying pipelines — a natural for a diving company in the offshore oil business.

"He looked and could see there were greater opportunities in deeper water, so he built a couple of pipe laying barges that would get him into deeper water — about 200 feet," Roberson said. "He did well during the late 1970s and early 1980s, during the oil boom."

Instead of continuing to build in the mid 1980s, Roberson said, Dore' held onto his cash.

"He looked at the situation and said, 'This ride upward is not going to continue, and I want to be prepared to survive if it does turn down,'" Roberson said. "I guess he has that unique quality some people have, where, when you want their opinion, you say, 'How does your tummy feel about this?' They just have gut instincts."

After the 1986 bust, Roberson said, Dore' began buying again. In 1987, he bought Chicago Bridge & Iron's offshore construction assets, and also went into a joint venture in the Gulf of Mexico with Santa Fe International Construction.

Dore' bought out the Santa Fe assets in 1990, and, in 1992, bought Movable Offshore — the offshore construction assets of Teledyne Corp.

Global International went public last February. As of March 31, it had $62.8 million in assets and $52.4 million in shareholders' equity, with $20 million in working capital and only $2 million in long-term debt, Roberson said.

Inmates applaud resignation of prosecutor Susan Snyder

KINGSVILLE (AP) — Inmates in the Kleberg County Jail cheered and applauded "like a team scored a touchdown" when they learned that a prosecutor with a reputation for toughness and getting long prison sentences had resigned, a jail official says.

Kleberg County Jail administrator Les Ewing said the 31 inmates learned about the resignation of Assistant District Attorney Susan Snyder on a television newscast Tuesday.

"They just applauded like a team scored a touchdown or something," Ewing said. "She is feared by the inmates."

Ms. Snyder resigned Monday after she received a letter from District Attorney Carlos Valdez reassigning her to the Corpus Christi office.

Valdez's letter, dated Dec. 30, criticized Ms. Snyder for her comments to a Corpus Christi Caller-Times Sound Off line last week, when she spoke out about a recent case in which a drug dealer received 54 years in prison for transporting 54 pounds of marijuana. She praised the sentence.

In the letter, Valdez said that Ms. Snyder's comments could be considered prosecutorial misconduct.

Ms. Snyder, 33, was replaced Tuesday by Assistant District Attorney Vincent Gonzalez of Corpus Christi.

Gonzalez, 34, has been with the District Attorney's Office two years and is a former assistant city attorney for Corpus Christi. Valdez described Gonzalez as a hard-working prosecutor with a tough job facing him.

Valdez said Gonzalez faces a difficult task in taking over the Kingsville office. There are 14 jury trials scheduled this week in Kingsville.

"It's difficult because of the circumstances," Valdez said. "It's going to be difficult for a new prosecutor because of the public sentiment that's been expressed (in support of Snyder). But I have all the confidence in the world in Vincent."

Valdez said that on Tuesday he received four telephone calls from people upset about Snyder's resignation. He declined to give further details about why he asked her to return to Corpus Christi.

"I'm not going to lower the dignity of this office by engaging in an argument with a former prosecutor," Valdez said. He said he would discuss his reasons for rebuking Snyder if she agreed to open her personnel file to the Caller-Times, a suggestion that she responded to with anger.

"To see all the stuff they trumped up?" she asked. "That's not fair. They're going to have to live with my record and what I was trying to do."

Ms. Snyder said that during her six months in Kingsville she obtained 20 life sentences on cases she handled, including an aggravated robbery case that ended Tuesday.

Ms. Snyder said Tuesday that she has received at least two invitations to discuss potential jobs at law firms, but she said she had not made a decision about what to do.

"I am not a quitter. However, I did not want to be transferred back to the Corpus Christi office with a pay cut. And that is the reason I resigned," Snyder said. "I leave this office knowing I gave it my very best and that I also feel good about what has been accomplished here in Kingsville and I'll start looking forward to tomorrow."

Leukemia fund-raiser in need of help himself

WASHINGTON (AP) — In six years as a fund-raiser for the Leukemia Society of America, David Timko brought in millions of dollars to help find a cure for cancer of the blood. Now his message is personal.

Timko found out last spring that he has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a closely related disease.

"You can't know what this is like," said the 44-year-old executive director of the Leukemia Society's national capital area chapter.

"You can empathize as much as possible, you can try. But it's just like anything else: Until you taste it and live through it, you can't really understand."

Lymphoma is one of the diseases the society raises money to research. It is not contagious. Timko didn't get it from his work.

But he can use it to hammer home the point: There is no cure and one will only be found if there's enough money for research.

"There's a clock over my head and it's ticking and I don't know when it's going to run out," he once told his staff. "If you need any more motivation to do a better job at what you're doing, remember the clock over my head."

At the society's annual meeting in October, his description of his ordeal moved many of his colleagues to tears — and cheers.

"He's a very courageous man and he doesn't hide his fears," said Dwayne Howell, the society's national president. "He will talk about his fears. He faces them."

Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma is treatable and controllable but it is not curable. Timko may live for many years, but always with the threat of a new outbreak.

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GOP lawmaker says...

Republicans missed opportunity

AUSTIN (AP) — A Republican state lawmaker Tuesday says the GOP has missed an opportunity in the state treasurer's race.

Months before Democratic state Treasurer Martha Whitehead announced she would work to abolish her office, state Rep. Bill Siebert of San Antonio said he had the idea of running against her with the same proposal.

But Siebert said Tuesday when he pitched the plan to Texas Republican Party Chairman Fred Meyer, he received no response.

Then on Monday — the last day for candidates to file to run in the March 8 primary — Meyer contacted Siebert to see if he still wanted to jump in the treasurer's race.

"I told him it was too late," Siebert said.

The GOP frontrunner, David Hartman, a 57-year-old banker, says he opposes abolishing the treasury, as does Meyer. The other Republican hopeful, Mike Wolfe, favors abolishing the treasury, but the 17 year old's candidacy is considered a longshot.

"The scenario would have been terrific," Siebert said. "A Republican gets elected and abolishes the office. (State Comptroller John) Sharp runs for governor (in 1998). That leaves it wide open for the Republican who abolished the treasury to run for comptroller."

The comptroller, who collects taxes and certifies whether the state budget will balance, is considered one of the most powerful positions in state government.

Siebert said in September he told about 60 politicians that he was going to run for treasurer on the platform that the office is unnecessary and should be abolished. He said just about everyone agreed with him.

He then took the plan to Meyer, who was noncommittal, he said.

Two months later, when Mrs. Whitehead announced her proposal, Siebert said, "The Republican leadership should have said, 'Hey, they're stealing our idea.'"

Since the treasurer's office is mandated by the state constitution, eliminating it would require a constitutional amendment to be approved by two-thirds of the Legislature and by Texas voters.

Meyer said he called Siebert to see if he was still interested in running for treasurer because the party's slate of candidates was still in flux. Meyer said he opposes abolishing the treasury because it manages state investments.

In other political developments:

— Sam Bayless, a San Antonio attorney, has filed as a candidate for the Republican nomination for judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, place 2.

East Texan returns home from Mexico

GRAPEVINE (AP) — While Indian rebels retreated into the jungles of Mexico following a bloody uprising, an East Texas man made his own retreat home.

Tom Landers of White Oak, who was stranded in Comitan, Mexico during the uprising, says he is glad to be home. He arrived via Mexico City on a flight to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Tuesday night.

Landers said he was stopped on New Year's Day by rebels from the Zapatista Army of National Liberation who forced him off the road.

The 52-year-old insurance adjuster manager for the Key Service Group in Longview and his wife had been visiting friends in Honduras for Christmas. Mrs. Landers flew home early. Landers decided to drive the couple's car home.

Mrs. Landers called her mother, Billie Padgett, Tuesday to tell her she was on her way to Dallas to pick up her husband.

When asked if she was relieved to hear the news, Ms. Padgett told the Longview News-Journal, "I mean. Hey, it's been a little hectic."

Landers was trapped for three days in Comitan in an abandoned hotel during the uprising. He decided to make his own way home by traveling the backroads to Tuxtla, which is about 100 miles morthwest of Comitan.

Rebel troops damaged Landers' van when they forced him off the road Saturday, but did not take it, his supplies, food or money, his wife said.

Mrs. Landers told the News-Journal Monday that the U.S. State Department told her husband to stay in Comitan this weekend until the situation with the rebels "blew over." Officials assured her husband that he was in no danger, she said.

Instead the battle turned bloody and as Mexican federal troops began moving in, the staff at Landers' tiny Mexican hotel fled.

Landers decided on Tuesday that the State Department had deserted him and decided to make the trip to Tuxtla, Mrs. Landers said.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	685/8	671/4	681/2	+11/8
Albtsn s	261/8	253/4	257/8	
Alldsignal	771/8	761/2	763/4	+1/2
Alltel s	281/8	271/2	271/2	-3/4
AmStores	441/2	441/8	441/8	-3/8
Amer T&T	527/8	521/4	523/8	+3/8
Ameritech	743/8	733/4	733/4	-3/4
Ameritech wi	371/4	371/8	371/4	-1/4
Amoco	551/2	543/8	551/4	+1/2
AndarkPtr	457/8	451/4	455/8	+5/8
Arkla	81/8	77/8	77/8	-1/4
ArmcoInc	61/8	6	6	
AtlRichfld	1071/2	1061/4	1071/4	+3/4
ATMOS	281/8	273/4	281/8	-1/4
BakerHughes	217/8	211/4	213/4	+3/4
BancTexas	11/2	13/8	11/2	+1/8
BellAtl	561/2	553/4	553/4	-3/4
BellSouth	547/8	54	541/4	-5/8
Beth Steel	20	195/8	195/8	-5/8
Borden	163/4	161/4	161/2	—13/4
Brit Pet	631/2	631/8	631/8	
Caterpllr	915/8	905/8	907/8	-1/8
CenSoWst	303/8	293/4	297/8	-5/8
Chevron	893/4	891/8	893/4	+1/4
Chrysler	561/8	553/4	553/4	-1/4
Coastal	283/8	281/8	281/4	-1/8
CocaCola	441/8	431/2	435/8	-1/2
ColgatePalm	593/4	59	591/8	-7/8
ComlMetl s	277/8	277/8	277/8	+1/4
CooperIn	487/8	483/4	487/8	
CyprusAmax	271/4	263/4	271/4	+3/8
DallSemicn	151/2	153/8	151/2	+1/4
DeltaAirl	553/8	543/4	551/8	+1/4
DigitalEq	357/8	351/8	353/4	+1
Dillard	371/4	363/4	363/4	+1/4
DowChem	571/2	571/8	571/4	+1/8
DresserInd	217/8	215/8	213/4	
DuPont	511/2	505/8	513/8	+3/8
EstKodak	46	453/8	453/4	-1/8
EljerInd	7	7	7	+1/8
Enserch	17	163/4	163/4	-1/8
Exxon	643/4	641/4	645/8	+3/8
FlowerInd	187/8	183/4	187/8	+1/8
FordMotor	641/2	641/8	643/8	+1/2
GTE Cp	341/8	335/8	333/4	-3/8
GnDyn	911/4	911/8	911/4	
GenElct	1037/8	103	1031/4	-3/8
GenMills	613/4	611/8	611/4	-1/4
GenMotors	57	561/2	565/8	-1/8
GenMotors E	287/8	285/8	285/8	+1/8
GaPacif	713/8	703/4	711/8	+1
GlobalMar	41/4	41/8	41/8	
Goodrich	393/4	391/2	391/2	-1/8
Goodyear s	453/8	441/2	445/8	+1/8
GtAtlPac	261/4	253/4	253/4	-3/8
Haliburtn	331/2	323/8	331/2	+11/4
Hanson ADS	197/8	193/4	197/8	
HoustInd	463/4	463/8	463/8	-1/2
IBM	591/4	581/2	585/8	-3/8
IntlPaper	711/4	697/8	70	+3/8
JohnsnJns	45	441/2	445/8	-1/2
K mart	213/8	201/2	205/8	-7/8
Kroger	201/8	20	201/8	
Litton	651/4	643/4	651/8	-1/4
vjLoneStar	23/8	21/8	23/8	
Lowes	575/8	551/2	553/4	—17/8
Lubys	227/8	225/8	223/4	-1/8
Maxus	57/8	55/8	53/4	
MayDS s	401/8	391/2	393/4	-1/4
Medtronic	827/8	817/8	82	-3/4
Mobil	801/8	791/2	797/8	-1/4
Monsanto	741/4	731/2	741/4	+3/8
Motorola s	881/2	861/2	863/4	—11/2
Nationsbk	481/4	477/8	48	+1/4
Navistar s	241/4	237/8	237/8	-1/4
Nynex s	401/4	391/8	391/4	—1
OryxEngy	181/2	181/4	181/2	+3/8
PacTelesis	535/8	53	531/8	-1/2
PanhECp	231/8	223/4	223/4	-1/8
PenneyJC s	54	53	531/2	+1/2
Pennzoil	545/8	54	543/8	+1/2
PepBoys	261/2	261/8	261/8	-3/8
PhelpDodge	491/2	49	491/2	+5/8
PhilipPet	30	293/4	30	+1/4
PilgrmPrd	7	7	7	
Polaroid	351/4	351/8	351/4	+1/4
Praxair	161/2	161/4	161/4	-1/4
ProctGamble	563/4	557/8	557/8	-3/4
PubS NwMx	111/8	11	111/8	+1/8
RoyalDutch	1051/4	1041/2	1051/8	+7/8
SFePacCp	24	231/2	235/8	+1/4
SaraLee	247/8	245/8	243/4	-1/8
SearsRoeb s	533/8	525/8	527/8	-1/2
SherwinW	343/4	341/4	341/4	-5/8
SmthBchADS	291/4	29	29	—1
SmthBc eqt	27	261/2	265/8	—1
Southern Co	437/8	435/8	435/8	-1/4
SwAirlines s	367/8	365/8	363/4	+1/4
SwBell s	401/4	391/4	393/8	—11/4
Sprint	331/2	331/4	331/2	+5/8
SterlingChm	41/8	4	4	
SunCo	307/8	305/8	303/4	
TNP Ent	167/8	163/4	163/4	
Tandy	48	473/8	473/4	+3/8
TemplInl	521/4	503/4	517/8	+11/2
Tenneco	533/8	53	531/4	+1/4
Texaco	661/2	653/4	661/2	+7/8
TexasInd	303/4	301/4	301/4	-3/8
TexasInst	621/2	62	621/2	+1/2
Tex Util	427/8	421/2	425/8	-1/4
Textron	581/4	58	581/8	+1/8
Travelers s	401/2	401/8	403/8	-1/8
Trinty s	437/8	431/2	435/8	+1/4
TritonEngy	313/8	31	311/4	+1/4
Tyler	53/8	53/8	53/8	+1/8
US West	447/8	441/8	441/4	-5/8
USX Delhi	163/8	161/8	163/8	+1/4
USX-Marathn	167/8	165/8	163/4	+1/8
USX-USS	417/8	411/8	411/8	-5/8
UnCarbde	221/2	221/4	221/2	
UnPac	635/8	627/8	631/2	+3/8
UnitedTech	611/2	603/4	613/8	+5/8
Unocal	281/8	275/8	277/8	-1/8
WalMart s	253/4	25	251/8	-5/8
WstnGasRs	33	33	33	+1/8
WestghEl	141/4	137/8	14	-1/8
WinnDixie	52	513/4	513/4	-1/2
Woolwth	253/4	241/8	251/4	-1/2
Xerox Cp	883/4	881/4	883/8	
ZenithE	75/8	73/8	73/8	-1/4

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Buster Anderson, 3012 Denison; Faye Bruns, 2110 Huffman; Patty Lester, 109 E. 35th; Beatrice Phillips, 2204 Ave. M; Carola Seaton, 708 E. 6th; Lucille Wilkinson, Ardmore, Okla.

DISMISSALS: John Bailey, Herman Deere, A.W. Whiteside.

Census: 58 (Med.-20, Long-Term Care-38).

Births

Shannon and Becky Cox of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Ashton Nicole, born at 8:44 a.m. on Jan. 3 in Mitchell County Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, nine ounces.

Grandparents are Kerry and Sandy Clay of Dunn and Lloyd and Shirley Cox of Crane. Great-great-grandparents are Harvey and Anna Elam of Ft. Stockton and Wesley and Earnestine Stevens of Yoakum.

Jeremiah People set here Thursday

Jeremiah People, a musical/drama group, will present a concert at 7 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church.

The concert is sponsored by the Snyder Youth Ministry Alliance. It will feature a *A Two-Ring Circus — A Look At Love and Marriage.*

No admission will be charged but a "love" offering will be accepted. A nursery will also be provided.

Obituaries

Mary Devenport

1902-1994

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church for Mary Devenport, 91, of Gunter. Officiating will be retired Baptist minister, the Rev. T.O. Upshaw. Burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Devenport, a former longtime resident of Snyder, died at 9:40 p.m. Monday in a McKinney Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born on Sept. 7, 1902, in Merkel, she married Silas Devenport on Aug. 4, 1925, near Roscoe. She was former Fort Worth resident. Mrs. Devenport was a housewife and a member of the First Baptist Church of Snyder.

Survivors include her husband, Silas, of Gunter; a daughter, Mary Lou Desposito of Fort Worth; two sons, Joe Devenport of Greenville and Don Devenport of Garland; three sisters, Ruth Wiman of Roscoe, Gladys Wade of Weatherford and Pat Keith of La Feria; two brothers, Talmadge Wiman of Sweetwater and Jim Wiman of Lubbock.

Bobbie Weaver

1932-1994

Graveside services are set for 3 p.m. Thursday in the Snyder Cemetery for Bobbie E. Weaver, 61, of Houston under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Ms. Weaver died Tuesday morning at Hospice at the Texas Medical Center in Houston after a lengthy illness.

Born on Nov. 3, 1932, in Snyder, she moved to the Houston area in 1960. She was also a former resident of Midland and Big Spring. She was a housewife and a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughter, Kathryn Sellers of Houston and Rachel Wilson of Odessa; an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knott of Midland; and a friend, E.W. Dobrenc of Houston.

Arlie Taylor

1904-1994

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Arlie Taylor, 89, of Dunn who died at 6:26 a.m. today in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Taylor was born on Jan. 12, 1904. He was a Methodist.

Christine West

1906-1994

Graveside services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Snyder Cemetery for Christine Nelson West, 87, who died Monday in the Hospitality House in Littlefield. Bell-Cypert-Seale is in charge of local arrangements. Wylie "Buff" Hearn, pastor of First United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Born on March 10, 1906, in Alba, Tex., she moved with her family to Snyder in 1915. She married Marvin West on Dec. 23, 1922, in Snyder and they lived in Scurry County for 21 years before moving to the South Plains. Mr. West died in 1960.

Mrs. West had resided with her daughter in Pep for the past 18 years. A life-long Methodist, Mrs. West was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Spade.

Survivors include two daughters, Edith Nabers of Spade and Marilu Gerik of Pep; three sons, Buddy West of Taft, Jack West of El Paso and Billy West of Hillsboro; a sister, Chan Moore of Snyder; 17 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity. Mrs. West will lie in state at Bell-Cypert-Seale until 9 p.m. today and on Thursday until the time of service.

Mrs. Headstream

1905-1994

COLORADO CITY — Services are pending at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home for Ethel Headstream, 88, of Colorado City who died at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born on Jan. 15, 1905, in De Ridder, La., she was married to Dean R. Headstream on July 15, 1929, in Scurry County. He preceded her in death in 1981. Mrs. Headstream was a first grade teacher in the CISD for 41 years.

Officers note arrest, thefts

Local peace officers made one arrest and worked reports of theft and criminal mischief Tuesday.

Snyder police arrested a 23-year-old man at 9:31 p.m. at Cinema I & II on charges of injury to a child younger than 15 years old.

At 1:20 p.m., sheriff's deputies were notified of a theft in which a man paid another subject $600 in August for some goods which have never been delivered. At 2:05 p.m., deputies were notified of the theft of a television, an answering machine and a set of sheets from the Ponderosa Motel. Deputies said that suspects have been identified in both cases, which will be presented to the county attorney.

June McNiel contacted police at 6:29 a.m. Tuesday in reference to someone damaging her vehicles. A report for felony criminal mischief was filed.

At 9:11 a.m., a woman notified police that she had been receiving threatening telephone calls. A report for harassment was filed.

Employees of Taylor Food Market contacted police at 11:20 a.m. to report a gas drive-off of $10. A report for Class C theft was filed.

Police work 3 accidents

Snyder police investigated traffic mishaps Tuesday, including one which sent three people to Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room for treatment.

Officers were called to an accident at 42nd Street and College Avenue at 1:35 p.m. Involved were a 1990 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Glenda Sue Pesina of 408 34th St. and a 1980 Pontiac driven by Helen Carroll Wortham of 901 29th St.

Transported to Cogdell by EMS were Pesina, 34; Wortham, 79; and 30-year-old Tammy Cody of 316 31st St., a passenger in the Pontiac. All three women were treated for minor injuries and released.

Officers worked an accident in the 4600 block of College Avenue at 5:32 p.m. Involved were a 1988 Chevrolet driven by Nicholas Wade Gift of 2506 25th St. and a 1991 Chevrolet driven by Franklin Moore of Colorado City.

Police worked a hit-and-run in the intersection of 30th Street and College Avenue at 5:47 p.m. Involved were a 1989 Oldsmobile driven by Diana Sosa of 2405 30th St. and an unknown vehicle which fled the scene.

Snow

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cancellations and a lot of these kids were home for Christmas. Parents don't want them home another day," manager David Crowley said. "I have a feeling we are going to be a baby-sitting service today."

The heaviest snow was in the central Appalachians and upper Ohio Valley. Thirty-three inches fell in Waynesburg in southwestern Pennsylvania.

The wind and cold were expected to ease today in the East as the storm moved into Canada.

The weather-related deaths included a boy who slid into traffic in New Hampshire, a man hit by a falling tree in West Virginia and a New York contractor who slipped and hit his head on a plow. Two women were killed in traffic accidents, and eight men collapsed after shoveling snow.

In addition, five people died of carbon-monoxide poisoning from a faulty heater in Louisiana. The weather also caused six deaths in Canada, where the storm delivered bitter cold and a heavy dose of snow — almost a foot in Quebec.

National Guardsmen in eastern Kentucky used armored transports to move snowbound patients, carry power crews and deliver fuel after up to 9 inches of snow knocked out electricity.

Juanita Vance, who has emphysema and uses an oxygen machine, called a medical supply company for backup oxygen when her power failed.

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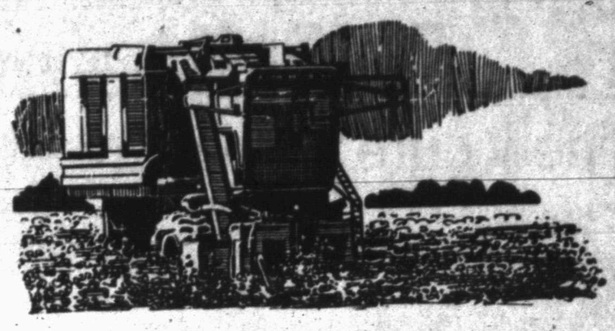
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ASCS Report

By Joe Hefner
County Executive Director

The ballots for Community Committee No. 3 have been counted and the results are: Donald Tate, chairman; Douglas Foster, vice chairman; Rosemary Goebel, regular member; Jon Derouen, 1st alternate and Ysidro Estrada, 2nd alternate.

The election process for the Scurry County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee has been completed. Steve Moore has been elected to a three-year term as representative to the County Committee from Local Administrative Area 3 (LAA3). Also elected to serve as first and second alternates to the committee for LAA3 were Donald Tate and Douglas Foster, respectively. Other members on the County Committee for 1993 will be David Beaver from LAA1 and Lance Autry form LAA2.

The County Committee is responsible for administrating designated Federal Farm Programs at the local level. The committee is also responsible for hiring a county executive director, approving or denying funds within established guidelines and regulations, determining eligibility for payments, hearing appeals, and making recommendations for programs.

Morris Light has served on the ASCS County Committee for the past 9 years. Federal law allows a committee member to serve for a maximum of 3 3-year terms without a break in service. Steve Moore has been elected to fill this vacancy. Steve is a cotton and milo producer in southeast Scurry County.

Any changes to your farming operation should be reported to this office as soon as possible. Changes include but are not limited to: buying or selling a farm; renting a new farm; turning back a farm; breaking out newland; or changes in contributon of capital, land, equipment, management or labor. A deed is required on all ownership changes. Please furnish this office with a copy.

Applications for 1993 Wool/Mohair must be filed by Jan. 31. Please furnish the following information when you file your application: 1) the place and time of shearing; 2) the number of head shorn; 3) the amount of freight paid and 4) the number of unshorn lambs purchased and sold. Sales documents must bear the original signature of the person who prepared the document. Each transaction must be a bona fide sale.

The Scurry County ASC Committee will on a monthly basis be reviewing and approving eligible requests for cost-share assistance on needed conservation to include, but not limited to such practices as terrace systems, livestock pipelines, brush control, etc. If interested in this program please come by this ASC office as soon as possible to file a request for assistance.

Producers having several conservation needs may be interested in a Long Term Agreement which involves commitments from three to five years. The committee is required to set up a specific sign-up period for LTA's and for this year the sign-up began on Monday, Jan. 3, and will end on Friday, Jan. 14.

The ACR (set-aside) rate for cotton has been tentatively set at 17.5% for 1994. The corn set-aside rate has been reduced to zero percent. The 0/92 and 50/92 programs will be revised after new legislation takes place. 0/85 for wheat and feed grains and 50/85 for cotton will be in effect with the exception of 50/92 will continue on cotton for that farm if Sesame or Crambe is planted on the CU for Pay acres, or 0/92 will continue for wheat or feed grains on that farm if Sesame, Crambe, or minor oil seeds is planted. When additional informaton is received concerning the 1994 Farm Program such as the sign-up dates, availability of advance payments, etc., we will notify everyone through future newsletters.

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Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

WOULD YOUR KITCHEN PASS A HEALTH INSPECTION?

With increasing emphasis on the importance of handling food safely to prevent foodborne illness, consumers may want to ask themselves "would my kitchen pass a health inspection?"

To answer this question, check for these standards in your kitchen:

—Does your refrigerator maintain a temperature of 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and the freezer 0 degrees F. or below? The only way to verify this is to use an appliance thermometer.

—Are the contents of the refrigerator arranged so that cold air can circulate freely throughout? Are most perishable foods such as eggs, milk, meats, poultry, fish and other protein foods stored in the coldest areas of the refrigerator, never on the door? Eggs should be stored in the original carton.

—Are foods covered or wrapped securely? A bacteria in the air and from uncooked meats or their juices can settle and grow on foods.

—Is the refrigerator reasonably clean? Bacteria from bits of food on shelves can contaminate other foods.

—In the pantry, are foods stored in tightly closed containers and is the pantry area clean and preferably in a cool, dry, dark location? Foods that are stored in dampness, such as under the sink or close to heat, such as over the range, deteriorate much more rapidly.

—Are cleaning supplies stored out of reach of children?

—Are work surfaces, the skin, utensils and appliances kept clean? Do you have separate cutting boards for raw meats and foods that are not to be cooked such as vegetables? Bacteria from juices of raw meat can collect in cutting boards and contaminate other foods. Are these boards clean and do you sanitize them? Other appliances or equipment to check for cleanliness are the can opener, the blender and others that can hold food particles in tiny cracks or crevices.

—Is hand washing convenient and do you have paper towels to dry hands? Cloth towels can harbor bacteria. They need to be washed frequently.

—Is the oven reasonably clean and is there an oven thermometer to check for accurate oven temperatures?

—Is the dishwasher free of food particles that could feed bacteria or insects?

By following these clean kitchen standards and safe food handling practices, you can help protect your family from the consequences of foodborne illness.



Diversified

By Mike Morrow,
County Extension Agent

The sentiment of the cotton market appears to have turned toward higher prices, says Dr. Carl Anderson, Cotton Marketing Economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. According to Dr. Anderson, planted acreage in the 1994-95 growing season will likely decrease from last year because of higher grain and soybean prices and a moderately higher ARP (acreage set-aside). In addition, domestic use is the best since the early 1950s. Also, foreign cotton prices have increased substantially since the end of November.

There will be the usual uncertainty in early 1994 as to the U.S. and world cotton acreage and yield. This should cause future prices to move up seasonally in the spring and early summer. At that time, producers may have the opportunity to "lock in" favorable prices.

Cotton production in 1994-95 for the U.S. may be near 17 million bales.

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A Multi-county Farm Production and Management Conference is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 13 at the Dawson County Community Building in Lamesa.

The morning session will begin at 8:15 o'clock. Topics to be addressed will include Fertilizer Management, Row Spacing, Irrigation, Wheat Production and Cotton Plant Mapping. Following a catered lunch, speakers will address Boll Weevil Control, Insect Management, and Cotton Marketing.

Speakers include Dr. Kater Hake, Charles Stichler and Dr. Brent Bean, Extension Agronomists, as well as Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension Marketing Specialist.

The program will conclude about 2:30 p.m. Private, noncommercial and commercial applicators can receive 5 continuing education credits for attending the entire program.

The program is being sponsored by TAEX offices in Dawson, Borden, Lynn, Garza, Scurry and Mitchell Counties.

For information regarding the status of your applicator license, call the Texas Department of Agriculture Licensing Office at (512) 475-1657.

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The 1994 Sandhills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show was held in Odessa at the Ector County Fair Grounds. 4-H and FFA members from around the state exhibited Hereford cattle and Fine Wool lambs in the Junior Livestock Show.

Scurry County 4-H'ers exhibiting lambs were Jackie Beck, Jamie Beck, Brady Hackfeld, Brandon Hackfeld and Katie Voss. Exhibiting Hereford steers were Rad Eicke and Elyse Merritt.

Over 240 Fine Wool lambs were exhibited in four weight classes during the show. In Class 1, Brandon Hackfeld placed 21st and Brady Hackfeld 23rd. In Class 2, Jamie Beck placed 3rd and Jackie Beck 17th. In the heavy weight Class 4, Jamie Beck placed 4th. Jamie Beck was selected to receive the Reserve Champion Showmanship Buckle.

In the steer show, over 160 Hereford steers were exhibited in four classes divided by hieght. Elyse Merritt placed 10th and Rad Eicke 12th in the light weight class.

Crop report

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Although 1994 is a new year, some problems from last year have carried over for agriculture. With only one cutting of hay last spring, Texas livestock producers are facing a hay shortage and a high pressure system moving into the state this week will bring little relief for winter pastures, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Producers are trying everything to keep their herds physically strong into the calving season. However, most patches of winter wheat have been adversely affected by the dry conditions of this winter.

Jon Zeitler, meteorologist at the National Weather Service Agricultural Service Center in College Station, said the high pressure system that is moving through the state is going to bring fair skies, mildly cool nights and a few showers.

"There's a cold front that should be moving into Texas late in the week bringing a chance for showers in the north central and northeastern parts of the state, but not South Texas," Zeitler said.

Dr. Don Dorsett, Extension forage specialist in College Station, said producers are mixing concentrates, feeding cattle salt meal and molasses, and planting other grasses.

"There has been more rye grass planted this year than in the past five years," Dorsett said. "There is no hay available and the producers are trying to stretch what they bought last year."

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

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture is short. Range cattle good, receiving supplemental feed. Wheat dormant and making little growth. Land preparation for spring planting moving ahead of schedule.

SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture short to very short. Livestock still requiring supplemental feed. Dry weather limiting pastures, small grains. Beet harvest winding up this week. Preparing land for next year's crops.

ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture is short. Cattle fair to good. Supplemental feeding continues. Wheat pastures fair to good depending on moisture. Cotton harvest complete, producers are shredding stalks.

NORTH TEXAS: Soil moisture surplus to adequate. Livestock fair to good; supplemental feeding continues. Pastures, ranges excellent to poor. Wheat 80 to 100 percent planted; excellent to fair. Oats 25 to 100 percent planted. Peanuts 100 percent harvested. Pecans 75 to 100 percent harvested.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to adequate. Livestock fair to good; some supplemental feeding. Pastures, ranges, wheat very poor to good. Land preparation and irrigation beginning. Pecans are small and under-harvested due to low prices.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture short to adequate. Livestock being fed heavily because of hay shortage. Grazing, ranges declining. Wheat continuing to suffer from dry conditions. Oat stands are poor to moderate. Pecan harvest complete, yields poor.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate. Livestock good, but continue to be fed hay. Hay supplies short. Small grain pastures providing grazing for cattle. Pecan harvest slowing down; yields have been low.

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A new cure for painful leg cramps?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A few nights ago on a local radio station during the public on-call period, a doctor suggested the use of Citrate of Magnesia for leg cramps at night. He suggested one ounce on an empty stomach in the morning, and for some, an additional ounce in late evening. This should continue for the rest of a person's life. What is your opinion?

DEAR READER: I am not aware that this product, a laxative, is useful in treating leg cramps. Ordinarily, quinine pills, such as Quinamm, are used for this purpose.

If Citrate of Magnesia helps reduce nocturnal leg cramps, a common affliction of unknown cause, I'd be grateful to hear from readers who have found this cure to be effective.

DEAR DR. GOTT: While trying to find an anti-inflammatory drug to which I am not allergic, my doctor prescribed Tolectin. Within half an hour, I broke out in hives that were geometrical in shape. They wore off before I could see my doctor, and he didn't believe me when he eventually saw me, even though my boss and coworkers witnessed it. Did it really happen and why?

DEAR READER: If you experienced it, it really happened.

Tolectin, a medicine used to treat arthritis, can — like any drug — cause an allergic reaction. Hives are a manifestation of such an allergy. Therefore, from your account, I assume you are allergic to Tolectin.

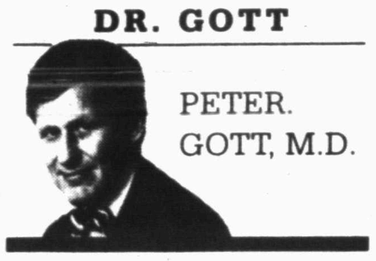
I'm surprised your doctor didn't believe you. The prudent physician takes such reactions seriously, because if you were to be given Tolectin again, you might have a more severe or life-threatening consequence, such as asthma, difficulty swallowing or cardiovascular shock. Your doctor apparently has rejected the tried-and-true medical axiom that the patient's history usually gives the diagnosis. Perhaps it's time for you to change physicians and find a doctor who is more sympathetic and willing to take you seriously.

In the meantime, avoid Tolectin like the plague.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Allergies." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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Goods for guns began with man and a promise made years ago

NEW YORK (AP) — When Fernando Mateo began selling carpets 17 years ago, he prayed for success and made a promise.

"The first few years, things weren't going that well," he recalled. "I made a promise that if God gave me health and success, I would come back and help my community in any way that I could."

Now Mateo is fulfilling that promise with Goods for Guns. It's a simple idea: Give a gun to police and get a $100 gift certificate — no questions asked.

So far, more than 1,000 weapons have been turned in by everyone from children to grandfathers to thugs, and the idea has spread.

On Tuesday, Mateo and Benjamin Chavis, executive director of the NAACP, announced they're taking Goods for Guns to Los Angeles.

Chavis said the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will help Mateo organize a gun swap in Los Angeles and other cities.

Mateo, a native of the Dominican Republic, started the New York swap three days before Christmas, putting $5,000 in Toys "R" Us gift certificates on his credit card and arranging with police to take in the guns at the 34th Precinct in the crime-ridden Dominican neighborhood of Washington Heights.

Donations have kept the program going ever since, with gift certificates now available for sneakers, mattresses and gasoline as well as toys.

The soft-spoken Mateo avoids taking credit.

"It was my son's idea," he said. A minute later, he added, "Thank God for all the media attention. It wouldn't have worked without that."

And a minute after that: "It's all because of the courtesy extended by the police — it's been a joint effort and I can't take responsibility."

On Monday at Mateo's midtown Manhattan carpet showroom, the governor's office was on one phone line, a newspaper reporter was on the other, a TV crew waited in the lobby, a city councilman sat in Mateo's office and two police officials were outside.

"Don't call me mister. I'm only 35," Mateo told a caller as he wolfed down a sandwich.

Mateo was the youngest of 30 children his father had with several different women. He came to New York at age 2, eventually dropped out of school, and began selling rugs on Manhattan's Lower East Side as a teen-ager.

Now his Carpet Fashions store takes in more than $2 million a year and he lives in suburban Westchester County with his wife and three children, including the 14-year-old son who told him he would gladly give up his Christmas presents if he could get just one gun off the street.

Goods for Guns is not the first time Mateo has tried to fulfill his promise. He started a program to train prisoners to install carpet and floor tile but has had a hard time finding them jobs.

Fee increase to affect many...

Guns off streets: what dealers think

by The Associated Press

A nearly $600 increase in the cost of the federal license for firearms dealers wouldn't put Frank Kendrick out of business.

But the Houston gun manufacturer and part-time dealer in competition pistols says some acquaintances who hold licenses to take advantage of manufacturers' discounts and enjoy other conveniences probably wouldn't pay.

"Unless they buy a lot of guns," he said, "it won't be worth it anymore."

That is the goal of a proposal Tuesday by Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, who wants to see the fee for dealer licenses raised to $600 a year.

Dealers who sell across their kitchen table or out of car trunks are often the source of powerful weapons for criminals, Treasury officials said.

The license fee was $10 a year before Congress increased it last year to $200 for a three-year license — or $66 a year — and $90 for a renewal.

Federal officials contend that raising the fee would reduce the 258,000 licensed dealers by 80 percent, cutting down on the flow of guns and making it easier to trace weapons and enforce existing laws.

While many dealers agree $10 was too low, they worry a sudden fee increase would drive many buyers and sellers into the unregulated sales arena of gun shows and want ads, making many more guns untraceable.

"Gun traceability is directly tied to quality gun dealers doing the paperwork for federal government," said Tom Koessl, a custom firearms dealer in Baileys Harbor, Wis. "If we eliminate 75 percent of existing gun dealers, they are just going to increase two- or threefold the number of people selling guns without any of their previous responsibilities."

Since 1968, anyone with a clean criminal record and no history of mental problems has been able to get a firearms license from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, an agency of the Treasury.

The license offers several advantages: the ability to ship guns across state lines, access to wholesale prices and federally endorsed legitimacy to buy and sell guns without going through constant background checks.

The one major requirement for those holding licenses is filing information on every gun they buy and sell. This paperwork allows ATF to trace firearms used in crimes.

A 1992 ATF study found 74 percent of those holding licenses conducted their gun business from their homes.

Many of the licenses see little activity: 45 percent of the licenseholders had not bought or sold a gun within the last year.

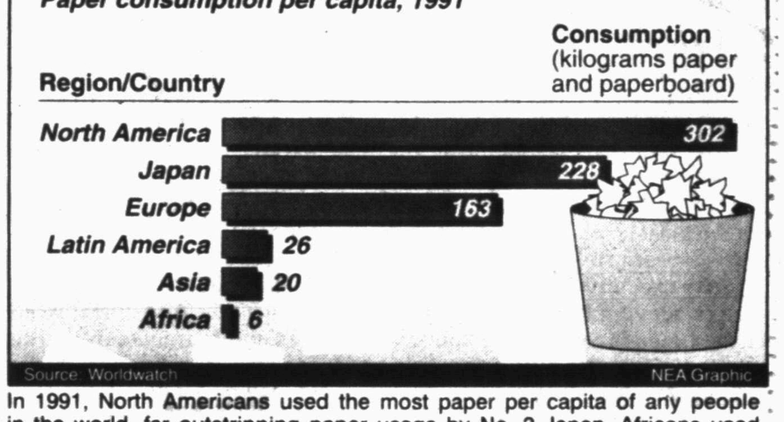
Still, the licensing has proved a burden to ATF, which does the background checks, issues licenses and conducts on-site inspections of dealers' records.

With only 240 inspector positions, the bureau conducted 27,000 such inspections last year. That's only about 10 percent of all licensed dealers.

The effects of the license glut can be seen in Houston, which leads the nation with 1,967 federal firearms licenses. At the Freer Gun Shop, which specializes in custom rifles and shotguns, the last ATF inspection was in 1986.

Shop owner Richard Freer called the $10 annual fee "ridiculous" but said a jump to $600 is punitive.

Paper chase



In 1991, North Americans used the most paper per capita of any people in the world, far outstripping paper usage by No. 2 Japan. Africans used only 6 kilograms per capita during the same period.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 6, 1994

There might be several changes in the offing for you in the year ahead that could make you quite happy. However, it will be up to you to keep things on a positive track.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's possible you might have a greater number of hopes and expectations at this time than you have had for quite awhile. Most can be brought to fruition if you're prepared to try hard. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If things have been a bit tough lately, do not lower your goals and objectives. Instead push them up a notch or two higher. You may have to be pushed a bit in order to succeed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be sure your plans today include and protect everyone with whom you're involved, as well as yourself. If they meet this criteria, your chances for success are very good.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today could be a pay back time for someone for whom you went out on a limb recently. If things work out as indicated, you should be happy you did what you did.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your popularity might be at a high point today, because of your ability to make the person with whom you're momentarily involved think he/she is your best friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you might have to work a little harder than you planned in order to do or get something significant. When all is said and done it will be worth the effort.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Instead of letting others make judgments or decisions for you today, you're the one who should be deciding things for them. Don't abdicate this important function.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Presently you are in a cycle where several things left dangling can be finalized to your satisfaction. Be methodical and start with the easiest ones first. Then proceed from there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Sometimes in order to advance our self-interests we must be prepared to take a calculated risk. This could be true in your ainstance today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You are now in a very powerful cycle where improvements in your material lot in life could be outstanding. Constantly keep your eyes peeled for various opportunities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Enterprises or endeavors you originate, direct or control have excellent chances for success at this time. Do not understate or undersell that which you have to offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you might be able to play a very important role in helping another get something he/she needs. It will be a person who went out of his/her way to help you previously.

MCI's move into local market fits fed deregulatory mood

WASHINGTON (AP) — MCI Communications Corp.'s plan to cut local phone companies out of its long-distance service in major cities suits Washington's deregulatory mood and should please big business. But it remains to be seen whether individual consumers will benefit.

MCI announced Tuesday it would spend $20 billion to upgrade its long-distance network with fiber optic technology known as SONET and $2 billion to build switching equipment in the nation's 20 largest cities.

The switches and MCI's connecting fiber optic phone lines would link MCI customers — big businesses, in the beginning — directly with the MCI long-distance network, and thus bypass local phone companies.

MCI already has the switching technology under construction in Atlanta, and installation in New York, Washington, Los Angeles, Dallas and Boston will begin soon, MCI Chairman Bert Roberts said.

Eventually, the service will be extended to residential users, probably through partnerships with other companies, like cable TV providers, Roberts said. MCI Metro also could be available to customers of rival long-distance companies like AT&T and Sprint, he added.

AT&T and Sprint said that they already offer SONET service and that MCI was just playing catchup. But the foray into the local marketplace goes beyond anything AT&T or Sprint has attempted.

Currently, when a caller makes a long-distance call, the connection is completed at the calling and receiving ends through a local phone company. MCI pays local phone companies $5 billion a year in these so-called access charges, which is the most profitable part of the phone business, particularly for calling by large business customers.

All the long-distance providers have complained about the access charges they pay the seven regional Bell companies that have a monopoly on local service.

"Long-distance companies are at the mercy of local telcos, since they are the only way to reach our customers," Sprint Chairman William Esry said. "Today, 45 percent of the cost to carry a long-distance call is a direct payment to the local telephone company for the 'last mile' connection."

The Bells argue that the access fees are needed to subsidize the cost of delivering regular phone service to customers in remote areas or poor neighborhoods that never could afford the true cost of phones.

The government long has supported the philosophy that telephones be available to all Americans so that everybody has access to emergency services and employment opportunities.

Roberts said he supports the need for universal telephone access and would continue to contribute to a fund so that everyone gets service. But he said he believes the Bells' access charges are excessive.

Groups call for PUC study of S. Texas nuke power plant

AUSTIN (AP) — Government watchdog groups say it makes sense for the Public Utility Commission to study customer savings that might come from mothballing the idle South Texas Project nuclear power plant, rather than restarting it.

"What we're asking is to have a definitive study done by a neutral third party, and that's the PUC," said Tom Smith, director of Public Citizen.

Smith was joined Tuesday by representatives of Texas Citizen Action, Greenpeace and the Texas Nuclear Responsibility Network in calling for the study concerning the plant near Bay City. The facility hasn't produced electricity since February 1993 because of maintenance and equipment problems.

"It just makes sense to quit throwing good money after bad," Smith said.

Officials with Houston Lighting & Power Co., the plant's managing partner, have a Friday meeting scheduled with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Other plant owners include Central Power and Light of Corpus Christi and the cities of Austin and San Antonio.

HL&P spokesman Graham Painter said his utility's officials believe the plant can be running again around the end of this month. He said HL&P's studies have indicated the plant should be operated because of savings to customers when compared with other fuels.

But Tim Curtis of Texas Citizen Action said HL&P should look at putting the money for power plant repairs into conservation and energy efficiency programs instead. He said that would eliminate the need for the power plant.

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