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Ask Us

Q—Who voted for and who voted against the salary advance for WTC womens' basketball coach Ron Jones?

A—Trustees took no formal vote on the issue, which was not an agenda item.

Local

Healthcare

The Benny Benitez Band will perform from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Healthcare Center. The public is invited.

SNS board

Snyder Neighbors Sharing board will meet at 5:15 p.m. today at Sam Robertson's Insurance, 1926 26th St.

Cotton

Area producers are invited to Cotton Information Day, a day-long program set Thursday at Inadale Community Center.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. For more information, see Page 9.

CMH board

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday.

Agenda items include the annual performance evaluation and licensure report; approval of the purchase of orthopedic equipment, and a Foundation Advisory Committee report.

Early voting

As of noon today, 236 ballots had been cast in the March 8 primaries — 93 Republican and 143 Democratic. Early voting continues through March 4 at the county clerk's office.

TAP

Targeting All Parents sessions upcoming include: this evening at 7 in Snyder Savings & Loan conference room, Understanding Your Role as a Parent; Thursday, at 7 p.m. at Scurry County Library, Building Self Esteem Within the Family; and Friday, at 7 p.m. at Snyder National Bank, Communicating Within the Family.

Inhalant abuse

Jim Osti, technical assistance advisor with the Texas Prevention Partnership, will be at the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse office Friday to help form a coalition against inhalant and poison abuse.

The public is invited to attend the presentation, which will begin at 3 p.m. in the CADA office at 2513 College Ave.

For more information call 573-1141 or 1-800 658-6722.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 61 degrees; low, 26 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 26 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 1 inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low 25-30. Northeast wind 5-10 mph becoming southeast late. Thursday: mostly sunny and warmer. High 65-70. South to southwest wind 15-25 mph and gusty. Caution will be advised on area lakes.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:37. Sunrise Thursday, 7:16. Of 53 days in 1994, the sun has shone 48 days in Snyder.

Christopher warns...

U.S. won't tolerate Russian spying

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least two Soviets who were spying for the U.S. government were killed after a senior CIA official disclosed their identities to Russian intelligence agencies, a retired CIA officer and a congressional official said today.

Vincent Cannistraro, a career operations officer who retired from the Central Intelligence Agency in 1990, said the disclosures by Aldrich H. Ames to the Kremlin led directly to the killings. The deaths were confirmed separately today by a congressional official with access to intelligence information.

CIA spokesman Dave Christian said he could not confirm the deaths.

In an FBI affidavit made public on Tuesday, Ames was accused of having passed secrets to the former Soviet Union and later the Russian government over an eight-year period. Ames served two years as chief of the CIA's Soviet counterintelligence branch.

As the government began to assess the damage to national security as a result of the alleged Ames spying, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the United States will not tolerate Russian spy activities against the United States.

"The continuation of Russian espionage activities against the

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GRANITE PAVING STONES — Steering committee chairman Eddie Williams, left, and committee member Jerry Baird display prototypes of the white buffalo bronze statue and the granite stones that will surround it. The stones will be on sale next week to fund the statue. (SDN Staff Photo)

Jury finds local man incompetent

Panel seated in second case Tuesday afternoon

Two juries were selected Tuesday afternoon in 132nd District Court, and the first panel deliberated only minutes before declaring a 31-year-old Snyder man incompentent to stand trial.

Jimmy Vansickle, charged with setting a fire that destroyed the Union Supply Co. building on U.S. 84 last May 23, was found incompetent by a three-woman, nine-man jury. District Judge Gene Dulaney then ordered Vansickle be sent to the maximum security unit of the Vernon State Hospital for a period not to exceed 18 months.

Vansickle has been in the Scurry County Jail since his arrest soon after the Snyder Fire Department responded to an early-morning blaze at the Union Supply Co. building located at the intersection of U.S. 84 and FM 1611.

The fire caused a loss estimated at more than $1 million. A witness told officers they had seen a tattooed, shirtless individual running from the scene. Vansickle reportedly was arrested about a half mile from the fire.

The double-sided metal building burned almost to the ground as the building was engulfed by flames by the time fire trucks arrived.

Last June, a Scurry County grand jury indicted Vansickle with

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Parker seeks 2nd SISD board term

Geraldine Parker has filed for a second term as Place 2 trustee on the Snyder public school board.

Parker was a principal within the Snyder school system for 14 years before retiring. She has served as supervisor for adult basic education at Western Texas College for the past three years. She defeated two opponents to win the Place 2 seat in May of 1991.

"I have served one term as a member of the Snyder Independent School Board. In seeking a second term, my priorities remain the same. It will be my goal to provide the best educational opportunities for each student, through the prudent use of tax money," Parker said.

Also up for election May 7 on the Snyder board of trustees is Place 3, held by Terry Martin.

The May elections include positions on the Snyder City Council, Hermleigh and Ira school boards and Western Texas College board of trustees.

Candidates wishing to file must do so during normal weekday bus-

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GERALDINE PARKER

Next week...

Buffalo fund-raiser to begin

Granite stones which will surround a 13-foot white buffalo bronze statue to be erected on the city square will go on sale next week.

The stones are being used to raise money to finance the statue, which will be unveiled during ceremonies set for Oct. 8.

The stones are made of red granite and will have the name of the purchaser, or whomever the purchaser designates, engraved on them.

The stones measure six by 12 inches and cost $200 each. A total of 200 stones will be sold. Some $40,000 is needed to fund the statue with the majority of the money going to materials and foundry costs for casting the bronze.

Hometown artist Dr. Robert Taylor is sculpting the statue. Taylor grew up in Snyder and although he has moved to Lubbock, he said he still considers Snyder his home.

Jerry Baird, on the bronze statue committee, said Taylor wants the work to be as exact as possible. Taylor plans to take a picture of the original hide that is in the home of Judy Hays, granddaughter of J. Wright Mooar, who shot the buffalo in 1876, to match the petina for the bronze with the hair of the original hide.

Persons wishing to purchase one of the granite stones may contact the chamber of commerce at 573-3558.

4 convicted in Mexican Mafia trial

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An accused gang leader and three other defendants were convicted today on federal racketeering charges following a South Central Texas drug investigation, according to a broadcast report.

San Antonio radio station WOAI said Heriberto Huerta, the accused president of a Texas gang prosecutors called the Mexican Mafia, was convicted on all counts along with the others.

Defendants Rogelio "Roy" Medina Arce, Roger Zamora and Hector Alvarez were also convicted of racketeering and assorted other offenses, while Douglas Krout was found guilty of drug conspiracy and aiding and abetting heroin possession, according to the report.

Prosecutors during the trial presented transcripts of wiretapped conversations on what they said were heroin deals and contract killings.

The trial, which began last month under tight security, wrapped up last Thursday.

The government contended that Huerta ran the Texas branch of the crime group from his federal prison cell. But Huerta testified he is a leader of the Mexikanemi Science Temple of Aztlan — a religious and cultural group — not the Mexican Mafia.

However, prosecutors argued the temple was formed so gang members could meet in prison under the First Amendment protection of religious freedom.

Huerta, 41, has been imprisoned for more than 11 years.

Local church project benefits community

A local church is using recycling to help create scholarships and gifts for needy people.

The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints is collecting computer paper, selling it to a recycling company and using the proceeds to benefit county residents.

"Originally, our objective was to keep it out of the landfill," said Jean Burns, church member. "But now we're able to use the money for Western Texas College scholarships and to help needy families."

The church has awarded one scholarship, and last Christmas was able to help a needy family of three.

"We want to let businesses know that if they are just taking their paper and throwing it away, we can use it for something good," Burns said.

Currently about seven businesses are contributing to the church. Any business which would like to get involved should call 573-1271. Church members will pick up the computer paper. Shredded paper is acceptable, Burns said.

The SDN Column — By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There might be less chance of kids becoming juvenile delinquents if more parents would burn their britches behind them."

We agree with the guy in Lubbock. Things may be difficult and stuff may happen, but Americans need to lighten up.

Talk Shows have turned into shouting matches, and fingerpointing can turn into fist shoving. The medical expert in Lubbock says stress can cause physical illness, and he offered some suggestions on handling stress.

--Play cards, croquet, or trivial pursuit. They're better than other games people play, like who's got the biggest house, best job or fastest car.

--Don't hold onto dynamite after it's lit. Walk away from squabbles. Enjoy others.

--Love thy neighbor as thy old slippers. Be casual and comfortable with others. Accept them as they are.

--Find your funny bone. Laugh at self and at situations. Humor melts stress.

--So, who cares? Maybe today, but what about 500 years from now? Put things in right perspective. They may not be as important as you think.

--Be a big spender. Some things don't have to cost much, things like love and time. Givers have less stress.

--Pretend you're on wheels. You'd never abuse your car like you do your body.

--Pin a medal on yourself. Reward yourself, especially after working hard.

--Get a bubble buddy. Find someone who will listen and share your fears without shame.

--Avoid leaping contests with kangaroos. Refuse to compare self to others. Set your own standards.

--Be a magnet instead of flypaper. Attract the positive and don't get stuck with a lot of nuisances that won't go away.

--Ride a rainbow. Find something good in what's around you.

--Take slowpoke training. In other words, relax and live longer.

And most of us will, just as soon as we get done.

Long lines reported for Lotto ticket sales

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Today is another of "those days" for Texas merchants selling Lotto Texas tickets.

The jackpot for tonight's 10 o'clock drawing is an estimated $40 million, the third-largest since the twice-weekly lotteries began in Texas in late 1992. Twice the jackpots have grown to about $50 million.

Don Benefiel, who runs a Stop-N-Go convenience store in San Antonio, placed a sign on the front of his store Tuesday, pleading with customers to "please buy early."

The sign also was a plea to help his sanity and that of his employees.

"I did it myself so that maybe the lines won't be so long on Wednesday," Benefiel said.

"Wednesday will be the biggest day (for Lotto sales). The majority of the sales will come from 6 to 8 Wednesday night," lottery spokesman Steve Levine said Tuesday.

"The Pick 3 and scratch-off game sales will stay even or grow because newer players come in when the Lotto amount gets really big," he added.

Benefiel said he only puts out his sign when the Lotto jackpot is more than $20 million.

At 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, Benefiel said, "I had six people waiting in line ... for the (lottery machine) to come on at 6 (a.m.)."

Lines numbering up to 20 people, many of them Lotto players, were not uncommon Tuesday at the store. The most money any individual spent on Lotto plays was $50, he said.

Elsewhere in San Antoniol, John Wirtz, owner of the Shopper's Mart, said the Lotto lines had been "pretty steady for a couple of days."

"I was told (by an employee) one person bought $1,000 worth of Lotto plays Monday," Wirtz said.

He said the store added an extra employee to help with the Lotto frenzy.

On Tuesday, Levine released the list of the top four lottery retailers in Bexar County for tonight's Lotto game. All four outlets had sold more than $3,000 each in lottery tickets Sunday and Monday.

Levine said the biggest individual lottery retailers in the state continue to be in Waskom, located between Marshall and Shreveport, La.

"The people from Shreveport come over, and it causes a funnel effect," Levine said.

Three lottery retailers in Waskom have sold from as little as $5,400 to as much as $12,400 from Sunday through Monday, he added.

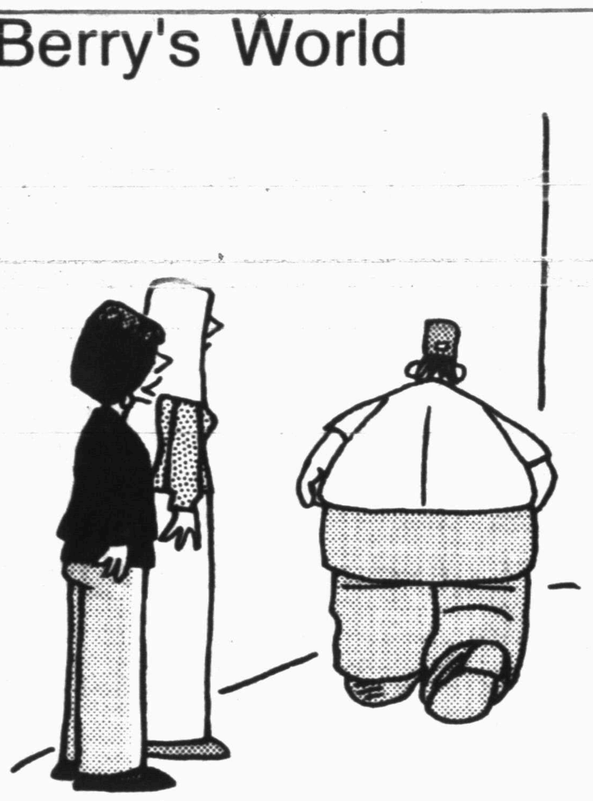
The lottery spokesman also said the commission expected the state's large counties to lead the surge in Lotto sales Wednesday because of their population bases.

In 1993, the top four counties in total lottery sales were Harris, Dallas, Tarrant and Bexar, respectively, according to commission officials.



Thomas, Sergeant James Aaron and Corporal Bobbie Burns, all of Snyder, received promotions last month. (SDN Staff Photo)

Berry's World



"Some time ago I told him he needed to grow as a person — and he DID!"

Impala SS revived

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. on Tuesday produced the first of its revived Chevrolet Impala SS muscle cars, an all-black model with a 260-horsepower Corvette V8 engine.

The Impala SS is being assembled at a plant in Arlington, Texas.

Chevrolet introduced the Impala SS in 1961 and last used the name in the 1969 model year.

"We already have more than 5,000 dealer orders," Chevrolet marketing manager Jeff Hulbert said. "The Impala SS is a very appealing, unique blend of power, handling and style.

The four-door 1994 model has four-wheel antilock disc brakes and air bags for the driver and front-seat passenger. It is equipped with a 5.7-liter engine introduced with the 1992 Corvette, Chevrolet said.

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Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 24, 1994

Do things to strenghten bonds with tested alliances rather than speculate on unknown quanities in the year ahead. You're likely to fare much better with old friends than with new ones.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be realistic about your physical attributes today and don't try to do things that could strain your muscles just because your ego encourages you to try to keep up with someone else. 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A friend of yours who is usually quite congenial might have a chip on his/her shoulder today. Lookout, your pal's bark could be as bad as his/her bite.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Matters which are of extreme significance to you today might not be equally so with your associates. This could create a problem where you push your priorities and they shove theirs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is not a good day to discuss volatile topics with persons you do not know too well. They could be as hotheaded about their positions as you are about yours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be sure you have the last word today in any matter which affects you financially. Letting others act without your direction could be unwise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Guard against inclinations today to classify others as either friends or enemies. Those who agree with you may represent the former group while those who don't, the latter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be safety conscious today even when working on familiar assignments with familiar tools. Also try to keep a watchful eye on co-workers or helpers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today if you're involved in some type of friendly competition, do not take yourself or the event too seriously. If you do, you could get everyone up tight and angry.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Trying to catch up on things you've been neglecting might cause you to rush things in a manner where you'll create more problems than you'll resolve. Be slow, but sure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone with whom you're closely involved might try to make you feel obligated today by reminding you of a past deed which really wasn't a favor in the first place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could run into some stiff resistance today in your financial affairs if persons with whom you're dealing have reason to question your motives. Keep everything out in the open.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be extremely careful how you use your authority today in situations where you have a commanding role. If you're arrogant or aggressive, they may refuse to follow your orders.

Dear Abby



TV Mother's Grace Under Fire Inspires One Real-Life Mom

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I recall an episode of ABC's "Grace Under Fire" (Wednesday nights) that had a powerful effect on me, because I, too, am a divorced mother of young children.

In this particular episode, the divorced mother had bought and gift-wrapped some Christmas presents and put their father's name on them. The young son was upset because his father didn't show up or call him on Christmas, which would have meant more to him than the gifts his father supposedly had sent, which he told his mother — through his tears.

His mother then assured the boy that his father really loved him very much, but like some men, he just wasn't very good at expressing himself. She then told him how very proud his father was when he was born, and she emphasized that although "Dad" didn't spend much time with him, he really loved him very much.

Abby, I was emotionally overcome with this episode, because I'm sure many divorced mothers identified with it, as I did.

Grace sacrificed the momentary "satisfaction" she might have gotten from making a few nasty remarks and pointing out what a heel the father was. Instead, she built him up to be more of a loving father than he really was, and avoided saying anything negative about him. Let's face it, if the father really is an insensitive slob, the kid will figure it out for himself soon enough.

Grace refused to reinforce the boy's feeling that his father didn't love him. (What kind of mother would want her child to have to deal with that kind of pain?)

Unfortunately, too many divorced parents are quick to criticize the other parent — some even make up lies if the truth isn't "bad" enough. They also try to outdo each other with gifts, deny each other access to the child, and generally make the child feel miserable. How I wish more divorced parents would show a little more "grace under fire."

A DIVORCEE, WICHITA, KAN.

DEAR DIVORCEE: I second the emotion.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: Your annual Valentine's Day column in the Hartford Courant has inspired so much love for my sister and me that I must share our feelings with you.

After reading your column, we took your suggestion and called loved ones to express the "I love you" theme. By the time we had put through eight calls, we felt boundless joy! And judging from the reaction we received from our relatives, we also spread a lot of happiness. They all remarked that it was such a sweet gesture, they wished they had thought of it first.

Before hanging up, we asked that they, too, make a few calls to friend or relatives to simply say, "I love you" and lift their spirits.

Thank you, Dear Abby, for sharing that wonderful Valentine thought — it made for the happiest St. Valentine's Day in our memory. You may use my name.

BERNICE E. ALT, NEW CANAAN, CONN.

DEAR BERNICE: Isn't that what St. Valentine's Day is all about? Love and warm feelings should be expressed. They're contagious — be courageous.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: This is in regard to the battle of the thermostat between husband and wife.

The same battle was waged by my parents, until a new furnace was installed. The installer said, "Set it at 68 degrees, and leave it alone!" He explained that it took more oil to raise the house temperature each morning than to keep it constant.

My mother bought slacks and a sweater, and Dad put away his short-sleeve shirts.

D.L. IN MAINE

P.S. Now in their 70s, they report that the warmer night temperature setting makes those late-night trips to the bathroom more comfortable.

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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.)

Pick 3

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

2-8-9

(two, eight, nine)

On Sept. 25, 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor took her seat as the U.S. Supreme Court's first woman ever to sit on the high court.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Palette Club; airport terminal building on W. 37th Steet; program, Donna Holt; hostess, Myrtle Joiner; 9:30 to 4.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 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

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.

Fallout from Compaq verdict uncertain

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury decision in favor of Compaq Computer Corp. could prove to be meaningless or set the tone for thousands of cases involving computer keyboards and wrist injuries, attorneys say.

Patsy Heard Woodcock, a former legal secretary from Houston, claimed in her 1991 lawsuit that a Compaq keyboard was responsible for rendering her wrists useless for work. She now collects disability benefits and can't lift more than 5 pounds with her hands.

She sued Compaq for $800,000 in damages and lost wages, claiming Compaq should have warned users.

But after a 21/2-week trial, Houston jurors on Feb. 16 decided that since the Houston-based computer giant didn't know its computers could cause injury, it was not responsible.

"The key to the verdict, the turning point was that there was no connection proven between the aches and pains of the plaintiff, and the keyboard," Ed Hubbard, an attorney for Compaq, said Tuesday.

Steven Phillips, a New York City attorney representing some 2,000 keyboard-related wrist injury cases that will surface in courts beginning this summer, downplayed the significance of Compaq's victory.

"From my perspective, I have always said, in all of these mass torts, the deck is stacked at the beginning for the defendant," Phillips said. "It always takes the plaintiffs attorneys a year or two to get up to speed. I'm extremely confident."

Phillips compared the emergence of the first keyboard product liability cases to the first asbestos cases that made their way to courtrooms decades ago.

"The first dozen asbestos cases were lost," Phillips said. "It takes a while to get the skeletons out of the closet.

"The way it works is this: Sooner or later a critical mass of information develops and we start winning," he said.

Phillips' 2,000 clients include journalists, bank and brokerage house employees, secretaries and clerks.

In recent years a flood of wrist injury cases have been filed against computer keyboard operators. Those who suffer from the injuries claim repetitive operations on keyboards cause them pain and numbness that ruin their careers after crippling their hands.

Three other cases, filed by Ms. Woodcock's co-workers, are pending against Compaq.

Compaq spokeswoman Debra Globe said the company had no comment on last week's case because of the pending litigation.

Ms. Woodcock has an unlisted telephone number and could not be reached for comment.

Her attorney, Mark Collner, said Ms. Woodcock was at a disadvantage because her case came before the flood of lawsuits that will follow.

"In a sense she had to forge ahead with the least support," Collner said. "No question that somebody will eventually win these cases. That's for sure."

Collner said he planned to appeal the decision on grounds that jurors weren't allowed to hear all the pertinent technical information he had planned to introduce.

DATE BOOK

Feb. 23, 1993

Today is the 54th day of 1994 and the 65th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1991, after an air campaign that lasted a little over a month, Allied forces launched a ground attack against Iraqi forces.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Samuel Pepys (1633-1703), diarist; George Handel (1685-1759), composer; Emma Willard (1787-1870), educator; William E.B. Du Bois (1868-1963), civil-rights leader-writer; William L. Shirer (1904-1993); Peter Fonda (1939-), actor, is 55; Bobby Bonilla (1963-), baseball player, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1980, Eric Heiden won the 10,000-meter speed-skating event at the Lake Placid Winter Olympics to complete a sweep of all five speed-skating gold medals.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The cost of liberty is less than the price of repression." — William E.B. Du Bois

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1986, the west and north shores of the Hawaiian Islands were pounded by the most damaging surf in a number of years; surf heights were near 40 feet along Oahu's north shore.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Feb. 18) and full moon (Feb. 25).

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Tumbleweed Smith to appear in Snyder

Tumbleweed Smith, who claims to be part-owner of Texas, will show how much fun it is to live in the Lone Star State when he brings his one-man show to the Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre on March 1.

Proceeds from the show, set for 7:30 p.m., will go to Scurry County Museum, sponsor. Tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for children under 12. They can be purchased in advance in the museum.

Tumbleweed Smith, whose real name is Bob Smith Lewis, produces "The Sound of Texas," one of the most widely syndicated radio shows in the state. It is heard locally on KSNY at 6:50 a.m., 12:40 p.m., 5:20 p.m. and 10:25 p.m.

Smith began collecting oral histories of Texas in August of 1969 and has more Texas characters on tape than anyone else. When he's not traveling and interviewing, he finds time to write a weekly newspaper column and magazine articles. His book, "The Tumbleweed Collection," and his cassettes will be available for purchase following the program here on March 1.

Tumbleweed Smith began his radio series in Big Spring and he and his wife, Susan, still make their home there. She will accompany him to Snyder for the performance.

After 20 years of helping poor, fast-growing SSI stirs concern

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the 20 years since Supplemental Security Income mailed its first checks to the poorest of America's elderly and disabled, it has become one of the government's fastest growing and most expensive welfare programs.

Record numbers of elderly immigrants, drug addicts and alcoholics and disabled children joined the SSI rolls in recent years and helped drive its federal costs from $12.5 billion in 1990 to an estimated $26.5 billion this year.

Critics say rapid growth and poor oversight have invited widespread fraud and abuse of SSI, a Social Security Administration program that unlocks the door to Medicaid, food stamps and other welfare benefits for its 6 million recipients.

And yet President Clinton's plans to overhaul the nation's welfare system do not include reforming SSI, other than to take money from it to help pay for a program that would move single mothers on Aid to Families with Dependent Children into the work force.

For years, SSI enjoyed a reputation as a program that helped the truly needy.

But now, its critics say SSI subsidizes and encourages behavior that is wrong, illegal or harmful. The program is also the target of investigations by the congressional General Accounting Office, the inspector general at the Department of Health and Human Services and the House Ways and Means Committee.

Investigators are looking into allegations that SSI is being defrauded by middlemen-translators who help immigrants fake mental illness to get on the rolls, and by parents who allegedly coach their children to misbehave or fail tests to qualify as disabled.

In addition, GAO officials told Congress recently that disability payments to drug addicts and alcoholics are "out of control." Few of the 70,000 addicts and alcoholics on SSI are in treatment and many may be feeding their habits with their monthly checks, the officials said.

Social Security Commissioner Shirley Chater describes SSI as a successful and effective program that has helped millions of people "lead their lives with dignity."

But, she says, reform may be warranted in three segments of the SSI population: substance abusers, disabled children and elderly immigrants.

Rep. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, the senior Republican on the House Ways and Means subcommittee that oversees SSI, says the program "has absolutely no direction, no boundaries, no incentives for the kind of behavior we want to encourage in this country."

"If health care is in crisis, then SSI is a catastrophe of biblical proportions," he says.

When SSI first began mailing checks in 1974, 2.31 million indigent elderly people and 1.72 million disabled people, including 71,000 children, were on the rolls.

By 1993, its profile had changed dramatically. On the rolls: 1.45 million seniors, including 380,000 elderly immigrants, and 4.51 million disabled people, including 770,400 children and 221,000 immigrants. SSI pays a maximum benefit of $446 a month.

The sharp drop in the number of elderly receiving SSI over the last 20 years is due in part to changes in retirement laws that allow more retirees and their spouses to collect Social Security and private pensions.

A 1990 Supreme Court decision, which made it easier for children to qualify for SSI, has helped drive the growth. But the incidence of babies born addicted to crack cocaine, infected with the AIDS virus or at low birth weight, has also pushed the numbers up, experts say.

But some educators and lawmakers believe some families are gaming the system to get benefits.

David Luebke, a psychologist an director of student services for the School District of Beloit, Wis., says so many Beloit families get SSI that the payments are called "crazy money."

"We have parents coaching kids, threatening their kids (to misbehave) so they will be labeled emotionally disturbed to get these checks," Luebke says.

The Civil War ironclad commonly known as the Merrimack was actually named the Virginia. The ship was originally a Union frigate named the Merrimack, which was scuttled in 1861; it was salvaged by the Confederates, rebuilt as an ironclad and renamed before its fateful engagement with the Monitor.

To sell photos

CRESTED BUTTE, Colo. (AP) — Jimmy Carter is hawking his pictures for a good cause.

The former president is going to take bids from around the world Saturday for autographed color photos of all five former living U.S. presidents.

The 1991 shots show former presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush at the dedication of the Reagan library.

Saturday's proceeds go to the Atlanta Project, a charity Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, founded to reduce poverty and other inner-city problems. The auction is part of a ski weekend and fundraiser.

Guests pay $2,500 for events including daily ski outings with Carter, who took up skiing after he left the White House. Last year's weekend earned $300,000 for the Atlanta Project.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 2-23-94
♠ Q J 10 3
♥ Q 6 5
♦ 5 4 2
♣ A 3 2

WEST
♠ 8
♥ 9 7 2
♦ K 10 8 3
♣ Q J 10 7 6

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

SOUTH
♠ A K
♥ A K J 8 4 3
♦ A J 7 6
♣ 8

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	6 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

The declarer with vision

By Phillip Alder

How do you picture the cards held by the other players? I think I'm lucky, because I have a pictorial memory. I "see" the missing cards in my mind's eye. But whatever works for you is fine. Just make sure you spend time counting to calculate who has what.

Today's deal would trip up almost everyone at the table. Only someone with excellent vision, or an inveterate pessimist, would make the contract.

Six hearts is an excellent contract, but difficult to reach. In the given auction, both North and South bid aggressively. South opened with a strong, artificial and forcing two clubs. North made a "waiting" response of two diamonds. His second-round raise to three hearts promised some strength. With a total bust, North would rebid either two no-trump or three clubs, according to choice. This is the so-called double negative. Cue-bidding and Blackwood followed.

After the club lead, almost all declarers would think they had 12 easy tricks: four spades, six hearts and two minor-suit aces. They would win with dummy's club ace, cash the A-K of hearts and play off the A-K of spades. However, here West ruffs and exits with any card, leaving declarer with an unavoidable diamond loser: one down. Then you would hear a lot of grumbling about bad luck.

Welshman Tony Haworth foresaw this possibility. After winning trick one with dummy's club ace, he called for a low club and discarded a flamboyant spade ace. Now the contract was safe.

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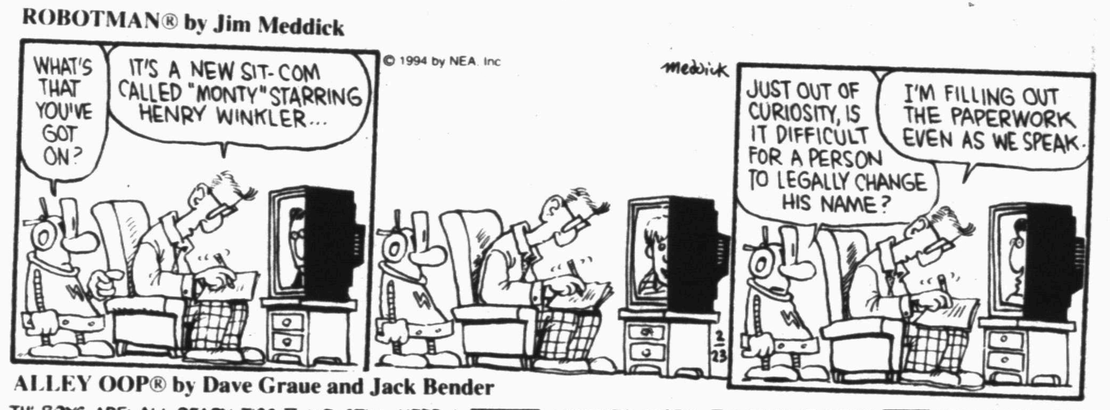
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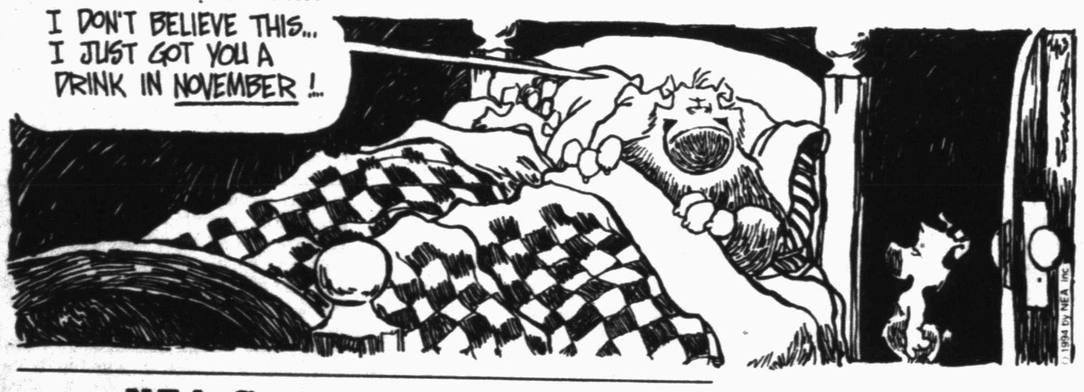
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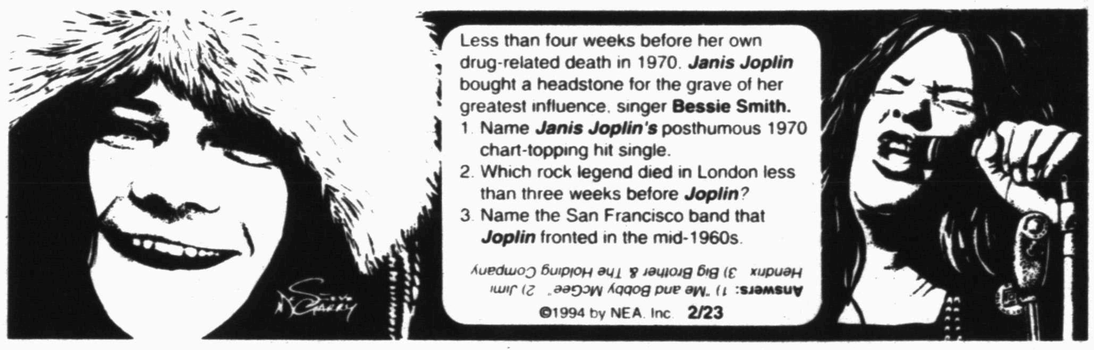
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12 Singer David —
13 Prone to change
14 Bottle
15 Desirous of surpassing
16 United
18 1,600, Roman
19 Series of games
20 Peg — — Heart
22 Hawaiian instruments
26 Indefinite amount
28 Georgia university
29 — code
32 — Ross of flag fame
34 — Chaney
35 Japanese sash
36 Tropical basket fiber
37 Peer Gynt's mother
38 Legitimate
40 Craving
42 Arabian seaport
43 Indian weight
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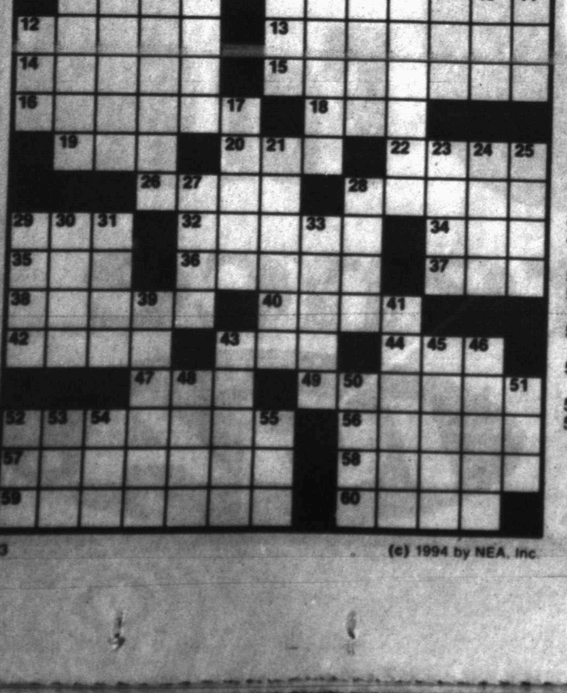
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1 — Royce
2 Marshy hollow
3 Goes to see
4 Small dog
5 Mother of Mlle.
6 Tasty
7 — poker
8 Baby powder
9 African native
10 Winter ailment
11 Affirmative
12 Artist's deg.
17 Rounded roofs
21 Courage
23 Bitter nut
24 God of love
25 Auld Lang —
27 Final bio
28 Organs of sight
29 Author Emile —
30 In the same place (abbr.)
31 Rupee fraction
33 Drink noisily
39 Put inside
41 Sleeping-sickness fly
43 Suppress (sl., 2 wds.)
45 Fertile spot in desert
46 Paradises
48 Square column
50 Cafe au —
51 Sink in middle
52 Married woman's title
53 Wide shoe size
54 — Factor
55 Table scrap

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Figure skaters take center ice

LILLEHAMMER, Norway (AP) — And now back to our regularly scheduled soap opera.

This time, actual skating is involved.

After 11 entertaining Olympic days that temporarily turned the Tonya-Nancy saga into just another story, the rival skaters were headed back to center ice and the center of international attention tonight.

Both may be hard-pressed to win a medal in light of the tremendous pressure going into the women's figure-skating competition, which starts with the technical programs. But to borrow a phrase from Nancy Kerrigan herself, the world can't wait to see how it turns out.

First, however, one Winter Games superstar was performing in his Lillehammer debut and another in her Olympics finale today.

In the men's giant slalom, Alberto Tomba had a disappointing first run at Hafjell mountain north of Lillehammer and was in 13th place. Tomba had been gunning for gold in a third Olympics and for his fourth gold medal overall — feats no Alpine skier has achieved. He promptly took off to his rented house to warm up and shave for good luck before the second run.

"I should have been more aggressive. I didn't risk enough," Tomba said. He had good company among the also-rans — prerace favorite Kjetil Andre Aamodt of Norway was 18th after the first run.

In the women's 1,000-meter speedskating, Bonnie Blair sought a fifth gold medal as she concluded her storied Olympics career at the Viking Ship arena in Hamar. A medal of any metal would make her the most decorated U.S. Winter Olympian ever with six, surpassing Eric Heiden.

And a new Olympic star won her second gold of the Games today. Myriam Bedard of Canada triumphed in the women's 7.5-kilometer biathlon in a time of 26 minutes, 8.8 seconds in one of the closest finishes ever in the event. Bedard, who won the 15K biathlon on Friday, became Canada's first double gold-medalist at a Winter Games since speedskater Gaetan Boucher in 1984.

The U.S. hockey team opened quarterfinals play against Finland today, with the winner making the final four and the loser out of the medals. Also scheduled: women's and men's biathlon races and the jumping portion of the team Nordic combined.

After the biathlon, Russia remained atop the medals chart with 19, including nine golds, then came Norway with 17, Italy 15, Germany 13 and Canada nine. The United States had eight after a women's relay team won a bronze Tuesday night in a sport most Americans don't understand: short-track speedskating.

Two weeks ago, many feared the controversy involving Kerrigan and Tonya Harding would dominate the Olympics. Happily, it hasn't happened that way.

"After the two girls came here, I think people weren't quite as curious about it (the Harding-Kerrigan controversy) any more," said Odd Ustad, information director for the Lillehammer Olympics Organizing Committee.

The gold-medal favorites in the figure skating are Oksana Baiul of Ukraine and Surya Bonaly of France.

Medals race

By The Associated Press
Through 2 of 4 medals, Wednesday, Feb. 23

	G	S	B	Tot
Russia	9	7	3	19
Norway	8	7	2	17
Italy	4	3	8	15
Germany	6	2	6	14
Canada	3	3	3	9
United States	4	3	1	8
Austria	1	2	4	7
Switzerland	1	3	0	4
Netherlands	0	1	3	4
South Korea	2	1	0	3
Japan	0	2	1	3
France	0	1	2	3
Finland	0	0	3	3
Belarus	0	2	0	2
Kazakhstan	0	2	0	2
Sweden	1	0	0	1
Britain	0	0	1	1
Slovenia	0	0	1	1
Ukraine	0	0	1	1

Tigers face Bowie in tourney opener

The Snyder Tigers will try, once again, to get the 1994 baseball season off the ground.

The Tigers, who had their Monday season-opener against San Angelo Central rained out, will battle Austin Bowie at 10 a.m. Thursday in the first game at the Best of the West Classic tournament, hosted by Central and Lake View High Schools in San Angelo.

Snyder finished its preseason scrimmage slate with a 2-2 tie against Lake View and a 10-0 blanking of Early on Saturday.

The win over Early was Snyder's most impressive outing, so far.

Pitchers Gabriel Castillon, who went three innings, and Jeremy House, who tossed two, combined for a no-hitter against the Longhorns.

Offensive punch thus far has come from sophomore Bryant Roberson, who smacked a homer in the annual Exes game, then added a triple against Midland Lee, and seniors Jimmy Henry and Craig Lang, who each drove in two runs against Early.

Junior right-hander Lee Idom is expected to start for SHS against Bowie.

Following the Snyder-Bowie tilt at LVHS will be the 12:30 p.m. Plainview-Lake View game.

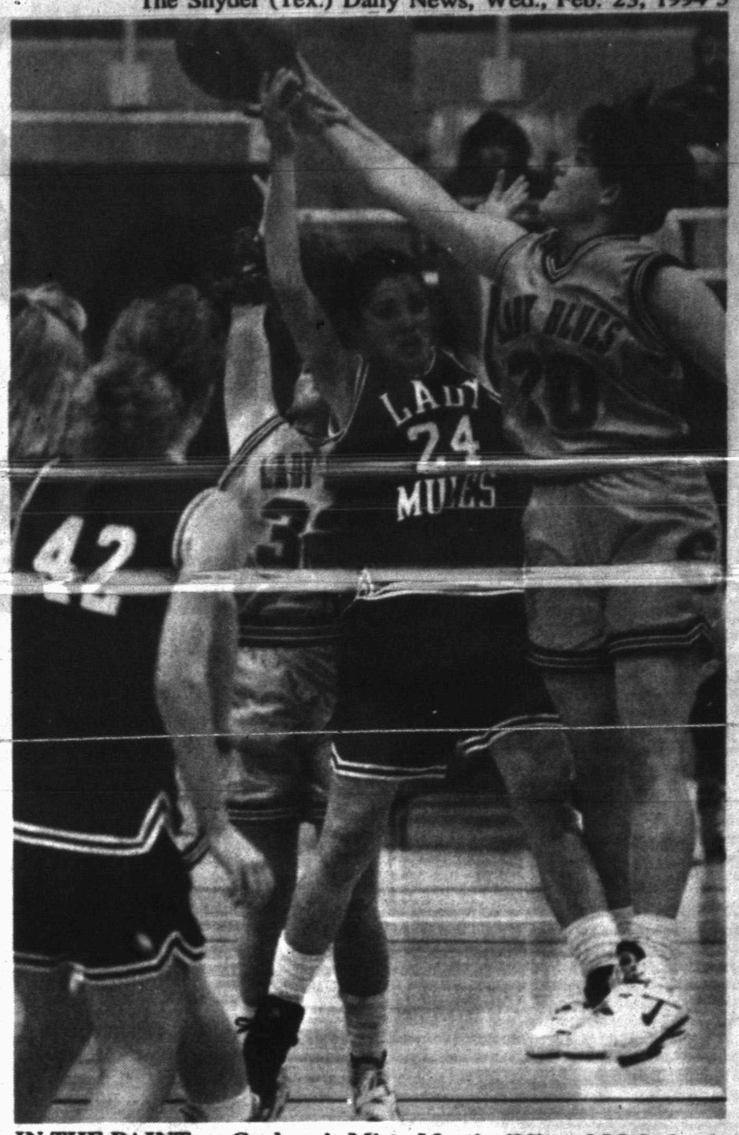
A win by the Tigers in their opener would pit them against the Lake View-Plainview winner at 10 a.m. Friday.

First-round action at Central will feature the 10 a.m. contest between Lamar and Coronado and El Paso Bel Air taking on Central at 12:30 p.m.

The tourney lasts through Saturday.

Best of the West Classic
Thursday's games

Austin Bowie vs. Snyder, 10 a.m., Lake View
Lake View vs. Plainview, 12:30 p.m., Lake View
Lamar vs. Coronado, 10 a.m., Central
Central vs. Bel Air, 12:30 p.m., Central
Snyder-Bowie loser vs. Lake View-Plainview loser, 3 p.m., Lake View
Lamar-Coronado loser vs. Central-Bel Air loser, 3 p.m., Central.



IN THE PAINT — Graham's Misty Martin (20) and Muleshoe's Brenna Wheeler (24) fight for a rebound in Tuesday's Class 3A girls' playoff game at Scurry County Coliseum. Graham held off a late Muleshoe rally to claim a 37-29 victory. (SDN Staff Photo)

3A girls' playoffs...

Graham nudges Lady Mules

Graham built a 10-point lead in the third period, then held off a Muleshoe rally for a 37-29 victory in girls' Class 3A Area-round basketball action Tuesday at Scurry County Coliseum.

The Lady Blues went on a 14-7 third-period tear to claim a 29-20 advantage before MHS came back with the help of a pair of Brenna Wheeler threes in the last four minutes. However, Muleshoe could get no closer than three points.

Mandy Cleavinger hit a put back for the Lady Mules with 1:24 remaining to make it a 32-29 ballgame, before Graham's Leslie Reed rang up four straight free throws to extend the lead to 36-29.

GHS teammate Kasie Berend hit the first of a 1-and-1 with 30 seconds left to wind up the scoring.

Graham's defense held Muleshoe under the 10-point mark in all four quarters.

The Lady Blues, who move to 27-2 on the season, were led by Kasie Berend's 13 points and Reed, who had a pair of treys on her way to a 10-point night.

Muleshoe's Allyson Field and Wheeler wound up with eight points apiece for team scoring honors.

The Lady Mules' season ends at 21-10.

Levelland, District 2-4A boys' runner-up, was trimmed by perennial power Pampa 52-50 in a Tuesday bi-district tilt in Amarillo.

The Lobos had a game-high 20 points from senior Sedric King, while Pampa was led by sophomore Rayford Young, who hit 13, including both ends of a 1-and-1 with 13 seconds left to win the game.

Levelland finishes with a 28-7 mark. Pampa, 25-8, will face Big Spring at 7 p.m. Saturday at Frenship.

Snyder High School will host Friday's Highland-Roby boys' Class A playoff contest. Action gets under way at 7 p.m. at SHS.

Admission to the Friday playoff game will be $2 per person.

Highland wound up the season with a 16-7 record, second-best in District 21-A. Roby was the District 22 champ, building a 26-1 record during the season.

Loraine, District 21 winner, will face Robert Lee, District 22 runner-up, Friday at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring.

Graham	9	6	14	8	-37
Muleshoe	5	8	7	9	-29

GRAHAM (37) — Berend 3 7-12 13; Helvey 3 0-0 6; Jones 1 0-0 2; Reed 2 4-4 10; Neal 1 1-3 3; Wallace 1 1-4 3; TOTALS 11 13-23 37.
MULESHOE (29) — Field 3 2-2 8; Davenport 1 0-3 2; Wheeler 3 0-2 8; Holmans 2 1-2 5; Cleavinger 2 2-5 6; TOTALS 11 5-14 29.
3-point goals: Graham 2 (Reed 2), Muleshoe 2 (Wheeler 2); Total fouls: Graham 19, Muleshoe 19; Fouled out: Martin; Records: Graham 27-2; Muleshoe 21-10.

College hoops

By The Associated Press

EAST
Army 87, Hofstra 76
Boston College 80, Pittsburgh 77
Massachusetts 99, St. Joseph's 73
New Hampshire 96, Holy Cross 84
Rider 89, Fairleigh Dickinson 81
Temple 65, Duquesne 61
Villanova 70, Georgetown 64

SOUTH
Arkansas 74, Georgia 65
Auburn 89, Southern Miss. 73
Austin Peay 87, Middle Tenn. 65
Connecticut 74, Miami 49
Virginia 73, Georgia Tech 72, OT
Wake Forest 80, Clemson 69

MIDWEST
Kansas St. 71, Mo.-Kansas City 58
Michigan 79, Illinois 70

FAR WEST
Loyola Marymount 73, Sacramento St. 71

SWC glance

by The Associated Press

Men

	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Texas A&M	9	1	0.900	16	6	.727
Texas	9	2	.818	18	7	.720
Texas Tech	7	4	.636	12	10	.545
Rice	5	5	.500	13	10	.565
Baylor	5	6	.455	14	9	.609
TCU	3	8	.273	6	16	.273
Houston	3	8	.273	5	17	.227
SMU	2	9	.182	4	18	.182

Wednesday's games
Texas A&M at TCU, 7:05 p.m.
Rice at Baylor, 7:35 p.m.
Texas Tech at Oral Roberts, 7:35 p.m.
Thursday's game
SMU at Houston, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Women

	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Texas Tech	9	2	.818	21	3	.875
Texas A&M	8	2	.800	17	5	.773
Texas	7	4	.636	15	8	.652
SMU	6	5	.545	15	6	.714
Houston	5	6	.455	10	11	.476
Baylor	4	7	.364	13	10	.565
Rice	3	7	.300	11	11	.500
TCU	1	10	.091	5	16	.238

Wednesday's games
Baylor at Rice, 7 p.m.
SMU at Houston, 7 p.m.
TCU at Texas A&M, 7 p.m.

On proposed merger...

SWC regents prepare to vote

by The Associated Press

Regents for the four Southwest Conference schools invited to join the Big Eight are scrambling to get together and vote on the proposal, which looks like it only needs to be rubber-stamped to become official.

The nearly 80-year-old league could lose original members Texas, Texas A&M and Baylor and longtime member Texas Tech to the Big Eight as soon as Friday, sources told The Associated Press. The expanded league would begin in 1996.

"There have been a lot of moving pieces to the puzzle the last few weeks, but at this time I'm almost certain that the proposed merger will happen," a member of the University of Texas board of regents who wished to remain anonymous told The Associated Press late Tuesday night.

All that's in the way, he said, is formal approval by the four boards of regents.

"I won't deny that," Ross Margraves, chairman of Texas A&M's board of regents, said late Tuesday from Washington, D.C. "I know our president (Dean Gage) has expressed the feeling to me that it's a good move for Texas A&M, and I understand the other three presidents feel accordingly."

Baylor regents scheduled a noon meeting Wednesday in Waco. Texas Tech's also will be conducted by telephone, at 10:30 a.m. Friday. Texas officials said no meeting has been set.

A&M regents have a 2:30 p.m. telephone meeting on Thursday that Margraves said originally was planned to discuss another issue.

"But if they need more than that and Dr. Gage says he needs the board's approval by Friday, I'll recommend it to the board Thursday," Margraves said.

The Texas Legislature also could influence any deal, as it threatened to do when Texas and A&M reportedly were considering going different ways several years ago, but lawmakers seem pleased Tuesday with the proposed arrangement.

The Big Eight reportedly has set Friday as a deadline for a decision, although Margraves said he understood the deadline to be only for verbal feedback.

The deal is being done in hopes of finding the best possible television contract beginning in 1996-97. With other conferences already signed with networks, the Big Eight decided having the four SWC schools would make for a more lucrative offer.

Not extended invitations were Rice, Houston, Texas Christian and Southern Methodist. Officials at those schools are trying to figure out what to do next.

"I'm optimistic enough that there's some kind of package that we can put together that would interest some television network," said TCU athletic director Frank Windegger.

Also left wondering about its future is the Cotton Bowl. The SWC has had a representative in 57 of the 58 New Year's Day games.

Margraves has an idea that would preserve the Cotton Bowl's relationship with the SWC schools and maybe even spice it up a little.

Because the expanded Big Eight would likely be split into two divisions, with Oklahoma State and Oklahoma joining the four SWC schools in one classification, there would be two champions.

Using the system like the Southeastern Conference has with its two divisions, the winners would meet in December to determine the conference champion.

Margraves' plan calls for the winner to play in the Cotton Bowl and the loser in the Orange Bowl one year, and then switch which game gets the winner the next year.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	36	16	.692	—
Orlando	30	20	.600	5
Miami	27	25	.519	9
New Jersey	26	25	.510	9½
Boston	20	32	.385	16
Philadelphia	20	32	.385	16
Washington	16	36	.308	22
Central Division				
Atlanta	35	16	.686	—
Chicago	35	16	.686	—
Cleveland	28	24	.538	7½
Indiana	26	24	.520	8½
Charlotte	23	28	.451	12
Milwaukee	15	38	.283	21
Detroit	13	39	.255	22½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	37	13	.740	½
San Antonio	39	14	.736	—
Utah	34	19	.642	5
Denver	25	27	.481	13½
Minnesota	15	36	.294	23
Dallas	7	46	.132	32
Pacific Division				
Seattle	37	13	.740	—
Phoenix	34	16	.680	3
Golden State	31	20	.608	6½
Portland	31	21	.596	7
LA Lakers	19	31	.380	18
Sacramento	18	34	.346	20
LA Clippers	17	33	.340	20

Tuesday's Games
Seattle 93, New York 82
Miami 123, New Jersey 97
Cleveland 114, Minnesota 81
Indiana 107, Dallas 101
Golden State 117, Milwaukee 113
Houston 98, Denver 97
Sacramento 95, Boston 93
Portland 120, L.A. Clippers 117

Wednesday's Games
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Denver, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Radinsky likely out for year

by The Associated Press

While the fans flocked to see Michael Jordan hit, the Chicago White Sox focused on a player who wasn't on the field.

On Tuesday, the team announced that reliever Scott Radinsky likely will miss the season while undergoing treatment to prevent the spread of Hodgkin's disease.

Radinsky, 25, had a malignant lymph node removed from his neck Monday. He has returned home to California to begin chemotherapy and radiation treatments that could last six to eight months.

"The cure rate on this type of cancer is 80 to 90 percent," White Sox general manager Ron Schueler said. "The doctors are real optimistic. They think he will be fine and even to the point that he'll be weakened by all this treatment, but at times will be able to do little physical therapy to keep his muscle structure up."

The attention at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota, Fla., was on Jordan, who faced major league pitching for the first time.

Jordan saw 30 pitches from Jose DeLeon and took 16 of them. He bunted twice and swung 12 times, fouling off four.

Of the eight balls Jordan put in play, one was hit well to left-center and one was lined over DeLeon. Jordan took all four curveballs from DeLeon, and also broke his bat on a grounder.

"I was very happy with the way I stood in there," Jordan said. "I didn't think I stepped out. I stayed with my stride and everything. I saw the ball very well and was very pleased with it."

At Clearwater, Fla., Philadelphia pitcher Curt Schilling left a workout after straining a muscle while running. The Phillies expected Schilling, MVP of the NL playoffs, would be able to pitch today in practice.

"It doesn't appear to be anything significant," team physician Dr. Phillip Maroné said after examining Schilling's injured left quadricep. "It's a first-degree strain, with that being the mildest form. He'll cut out his running for a while and we'll evaluate him each day."

At Scottsdale, Ariz., Oakland outfielder Rickey Henderson did not hurt himself. Then, again, Henderson is not yet in camp.

Athletics manager Tony La Russa said he expects Henderson to be in camp Thursday, when the full team is due. In the past, Henderson has paid attention to the mandatory reporting date (March 2 this year) rather than the voluntary date.

"I talked to Rickey last week and I think there's an excellent chance that he will be here Thursday," La Russa said. "After talking to him, I'd be disappointed if he wasn't here.

"If Rickey is here on Thursday, that would be significant," La Russa said. "He's always been a March arrival. But he knows that on this club, our veteran everyday players have to step forward."

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., New York Yankees outfielder Danny Tartabull said his arm will be ready by mid-March. Tartabull delayed offseason shoulder surgery — some said because he had cosmetic surgery — displeasing New York officials.

"I could pick up and fire a ball right now," he said. "I don't want to. I want to make sure my arm is strong April 4. Probably the middle of spring training I'll be full strength. That's what spring training is for."

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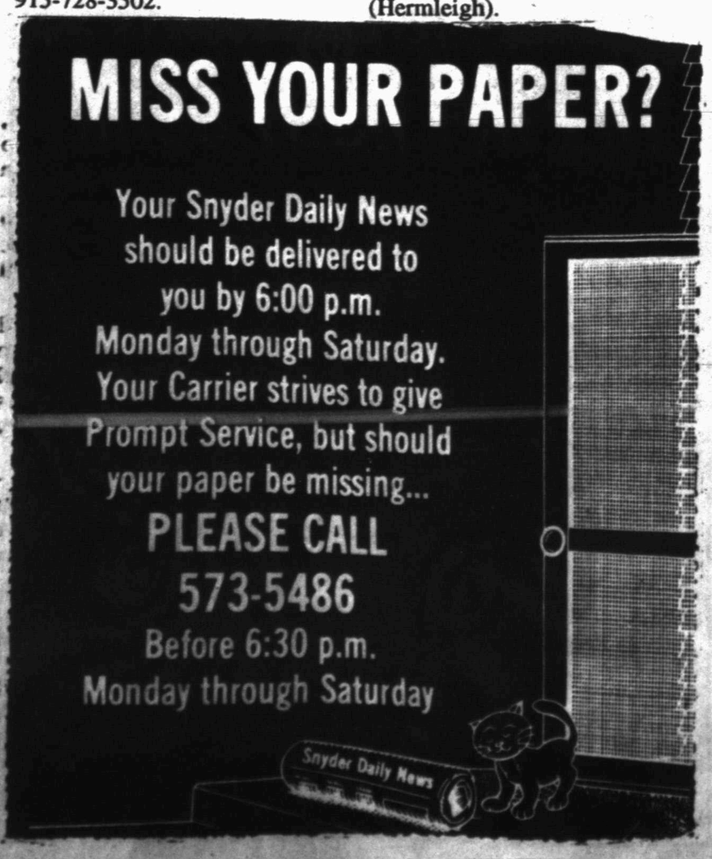
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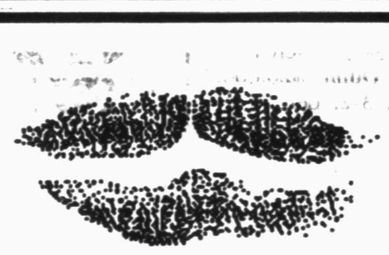
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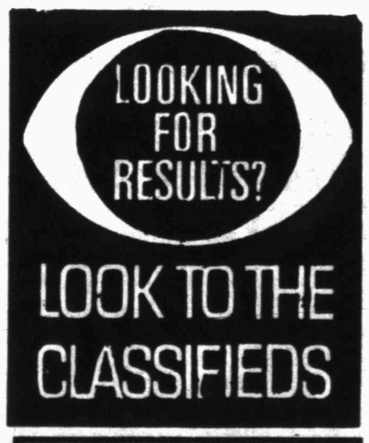
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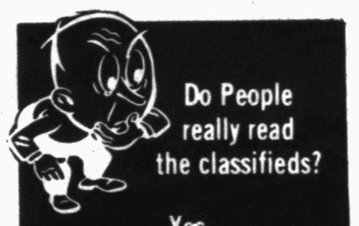
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Slain rookie a mom who held on to dream

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Armed with a mother's wisdom and driven by a dream, Christy Hamilton seized the chance to become a cop at age 45. She paid with her life.

Hamilton, one of the oldest recruits ever to graduate from the academy, was gunned down Tuesday by a 17-year-old who then shot his father and himself, police say.

Barely a month into her new career, Hamilton became the city's second woman officer killed in the line of duty. The first, Officer Tina Kerbrat, was also a rookie when she was gunned down in 1991 at age 34.

Just Friday, Hamilton received the Tina Kerbrat Award from her academy classmates, who voted her most inspirational officer.

"I've waited 23 years for this," the smiling Hamilton said after receiving her diploma from Chief Willie Williams.

She spent those years nurturing her dream and her family. The daughter of a police detective, Hamilton married early and raised a daughter, Kelley, 24, and a son, William, 20. She divorced, married a firefighter, and raised two stepchildren.

"I always wanted to be a police officer, but I got married when I was 19, started a family, and my life kind of changed," she said last week.

Until last year, the police department didn't accept applicants over 35, but finally, Hamilton got her chance.

"Last October my father called me and said, 'They lifted the age ceiling, why don't you take the test?'" Hamilton said. "I did, and I just followed it through and here I am."

Hamilton started working the streets the day of the Jan. 17 earthquake, which delayed her graduation ceremony until Friday.

"She was a breath of fresh air," Lt. Dan Hoffman, Hamilton's watch commander, said Tuesday. "She brought an enthusiasm and a caring for her position as a Los Angeles police officer that we actively strive to get on this department."

Hamilton's rookie status played no part in Tuesday's shooting, said Officer Rigo Romero, a department spokesman.

Hamilton was responding to a domestic disturbance call in suburban Northridge when she was shot in the chest, above her bullet-proof vest, before she got out of her patrol car, Romero said.

He characterized it as an ambush-style shooting, "an incident where anybody, regardless of tenure, would have been vulnerable."

Michael Reyes, president of Hamilton's academy class, said she was the "mother" of the class, a quick wit who could shake anyone out of a bad mood.

"If you were having a bad day, she could have been having a worse day but she'd make you laugh," he said.

Through 28 weeks of training, Hamilton never let her age become an obstacle, Reyes said. Again and again, she practiced scrambling over a six-foot wall, required of all graduates.

At Hamilton's hospital bed when she died were her father, retired Detective Ken Brondell, and Chief Williams.

"Chief, you've lost a good one," Brondell told Williams.

Breast cancer's link to environment eyed

AUSTIN (AP) — Women's health advocates, researchers and environmentalists are voicing concerns that radiation and certain pesticides may be linked to breast cancer.

But their contentions were countered Tuesday by people responding on behalf of industries that use low-level disposal sites, nuclear plants and pesticide manufacturers.

"I think people have a great fear of radiation ... Most people don't recognize we live in a world of (naturally-occurring) low-level radiation. We ourselves are radioactive," said radiation biologist John Jagger, professor emeritus at the University of Texas at Dallas and author of The Nuclear Lion.

Nuclear power plants emit a "tiny fraction" of radiation compared with what people are naturally exposed to, said Jagger, cited as an expert by Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas, a group of medical and industrial generators of low-level radioactive waste.

Another coalition of organizations, including the American Hospital Association, has put out a booklet citing the importance of radioactive materials used in various industries and noting that federal and state agencies regulate users.

It also said the highest radiation dose ever measured near a low-level waste disposal site is less than the Environmental Protection Agency considers acceptable for water.

Jon Fisher, vice president of the Texas Agricultural Chemicals Association, said the EPA's process for registering pesticides protects the public and will "weed out any compounds which might be a significant risk to the human population."

Still, former New York congresswoman Bella Abzug and other activists are campaigning to mobilize women and the government to combat what they say are environmental links to breast cancer.

"Every three minutes, a woman is diagnosed as having breast cancer, and every 11 minutes, a woman dies of this disease. It is a worldwide epidemic," said Ms. Abzug, a leader of the Women's Environment and Development Organization.

About one woman in eight will get breast cancer at some point in her life. The disease kills about 46,000 women a year in the United States, Ms. Abzug said.

Questions about radiation and certain pesticides were raised at a news conference and later in testimony before representatives of state agencies, and aides to Gov. Ann Richards and legislators.

"Women will no longer be toxic waste dumps for the nuclear and chlorine industries," said Joan D'Argo of Greenpeace.

Arrests, burglaries noted by peace officers

Snyder area peace officers made two arrests and worked cases of burglary and theft Tuesday.

A DPS trooper arrested a 43-year-old man at 9:57 p.m. along FM 2835 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Two hours later, at 11:58 p.m., the trooper arrested a 45-year-old woman along FM 2835 on misdemeanor charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana.

Robbie Robinson contacted sheriff's deputies at 6:53 a.m. Tuesday to report a burglary at the Farmer's Co-op Gin on Highway 180 East.

At 7:36 a.m., deputies were called to Pool Well Service in reference to the theft of some oil field equipment.

A woman came to the sheriff's office at 7:40 a.m. to complain that someone had been stealing her firewood. A report was filed.

Kelley Starnes, assistant principal at Snyder Junior High School, contacted police at 11:10 a.m. to report that two juveniles had been in a fight. The juveniles were taken to the police department and later released to relatives. The case will be forwarded to municipal court.

At 4:11 p.m., Hilda Rangell contacted officers in reference to a burglary at Faith Revival Church. Miscellaneous items were taken. A report for burglary of a building was filed.

At 5:39 p.m., a woman contacted police in reference to her daughter failing to return home from HOBBS school. A runaway report was filed on the 15-year-old, who was later located in Sweetwater by Sweetwater officers.

At 8:29 p.m. Tuesday, Town & Country employees reported that someone in a Chevrolet Astro van left the store without paying for $25.01 worth of gasoline. A report for Class B theft was filed.

Spies

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United States is unacceptable," Christopher said.

Ames is the highest-ranking CIA officer ever arrested on charges of spying for the Kremlin.

The affidavit said Ames in 1990 had disclosed the identity of an officer in the Soviet counterintelligence division who was working for American intelligence.

Cannistraro, who said he knew Ames slightly during their time together at the CIA, was director of intelligence programs at the National Security Council from 1984-87. From 1988 until his retirement in 1990 he headed the CIA's counterterrorism operations.

The CIA has said it is undertaking a comprehensive assessment of the damage.

Juries

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criminal mischief as a result of the incident. Bond was set at $15,000. Vansickle remains charged with the offense.

Assistant District Attorney Dana Cooley presented the case and David Cotton was the defendant's court-appointed attorney.

A five-woman, seven-man jury was also selected Tuesday afternoon and began hearing testimony this morning in the case of a Price Daniel inmate charged with aggravated sexual assault of another inmate.

James Thomas Mayse, 37, was indicted by a Scurry County grand jury following the offense which allegedly occurred on Sept. 6.

Mayse is serving a sentence for a robbery conviction in Ector County. District Attorney Ernie Armstrong is prosecuting the case and Mayse is represented by Craig Kulhanek with the Inmate Legal Service in Huntsville.

Filing

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iness hours at the office of the particular entity which they want to serve. The filing period ends March 23.

Parker is the third person to file for one of 14 positions up for election. I.E. Martin, who filled out an unexpired Snyder City Council term this past year, filed Monday afternoon for a full term representing District 4. Monday morning, Windham School System teacher Kenneth Gibson II filed for Place 3 on the council.

Other seats on the city council up for election are are District 1, held by Vernest Tippens; and District 2, held by Jack Denman.

There are three board seats up for election at Hermleigh ISD. Those seats are held by Jimmy Hudgins, Juluis Roemisch and Tony Lambaren.

Ira board seats coming before voters on May 7 are Place 4, held by Bo Robinson, and Place 5, held by Sid Wall.

Places up for election on the Western Texas College board are Place 5, held by John Fagin; Place 6, held by R.C. Patton; and Place 7, held by John Gayle.

Births

Mindy and Shawn Rees of Colorado City are parents of a son born at 10:11 p.m. on Feb. 22 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, 11 ounces.

April Martin of Rotan announces the birth of her daughter born at 8:02 p.m. on Feb. 22 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, two ounces.

Clint and Lisa Potts of Chino, Calif., announce the birth of their son, Christopher Wayne, born at 12:04 p.m. on Jan. 22 in the Pomona Valley Hospital. He weighed eight pounds and one ounce.

Grandparents are Elizabeth Potts, and the late Wayne Potts, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Santo of San Clemente, Calif.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	663/4	655/8	661/8	+5/8
Albtsn s	283/8	28	281/4	
Alldsignal	791/4	783/4	787/8	-1/4
Alldsignal wi	393/4	393/4	393/4	-1/8
Alltel s	275/8	273/8	271/2	
AmStores	47	463/4	463/4	+1/2
Amer T&T	531/2	531/8	531/8	-3/8
Ameritech	411/2	411/4	411/4	-3/8
Amoco	531/8	521/4	53	+1/2
AndarkPtr	461/2	461/8	461/2	+1
Arkla	81/8	8	81/8	+1/8
ArmcoInc	57/8	53/4	53/4	
AtlRichfld	1027/8	1017/8	1023/8	+1/2
ATMOS	291/8	283/4	291/8	+3/8
Aviall n	17	167/8	17	
BakerHughes	20	193/4	197/8	+1/8
BellAtl	531/2	531/8	531/8	-1/8
BellSouth	55	541/2	545/8	+1/8
Beth Steel	221/2	221/8	221/4	-3/8
Borden	153/8	15	15	
Brit Pet	651/4	647/8	647/8	+1/4
Caterpllr	1111/8	1105/8	1111/8	+1/2
CenSoWst	27	263/4	27	+1/4
Chevron	883/4	881/2	881/2	-3/8
Chrysler	583/4	577/8	585/8	+3/4
Coastal	31	305/8	31	+1/4
CocaCola	427/8	425/8	423/4	+1/4
ColgatePalm	647/8	641/2	641/2	-3/8
CooperIn	393/4	393/8	391/2	
CyprusAmax	291/2	291/4	293/8	
DallSemicn	173/4	171/2	171/2	-1/8
DeltaAirl	517/8	511/4	513/4	+3/4
DigitalEq	29	281/4	283/8	-5/8
Dillard	341/4	331/4	337/8	—11/8
DowChem	651/4	631/2	64	—11/2
DresserInd	225/8	223/8	221/2	+1/8
DuPont	55	541/4	543/8	-3/8
EstKodak	413/4	411/2	411/2	
EljerInd	91/4	85/8	91/4	+5/8
Enserch	16	157/8	157/8	
Entergy	34	333/4	337/8	
Exxon	665/8	663/8	663/8	-1/4
FlowerInd	181/2	183/8	183/8	-1/8
FordMotor	651/8	641/2	65	+1/2
GTE Cp	32	315/8	313/4	-1/8
GnDyn	93	921/2	927/8	+3/8
GenElct	1081/4	1073/4	1081/8	+1/8
GenMills	563/4	561/4	563/8	-5/8
GenMotors	603/8	593/4	603/8	+5/8
GenMotors E	331/4	325/8	327/8	-1/8
GaPacif	731/4	723/4	73	-1/8
GlobalMar	4	4	4	
Goodrich	413/4	413/8	413/8	-1/4
Goodyear s	461/2	46	46	-1/4
GtAtlPac	265/8	263/8	261/2	+1/4
Haliburtn	317/8	311/2	317/8	
Hanson ADS	205/8	201/2	201/2	-1/8
HoustInd	423/8	42	42	-1/4
IBM	541/4	535/8	54	+3/8
IntlPaper	747/8	745/8	743/4	+1/4
JohnsnJns	411/2	411/8	413/8	+1/8
K mart	191/8	187/8	19	
Kroger	245/8	241/2	241/2	
Litton	685/8	681/2	681/2	
vjLoneStar	23/8	23/8	23/8	+1/8
Lowes	613/4	605/8	607/8	-3/8
Lubys	231/2	231/4	231/4	-1/4
Maxus	5	43/4	47/8	-1/8
MayDS s	423/4	423/8	423/8	+1/8
Medtronic	797/8	791/8	791/4	
Mobil	803/8	801/8	801/4	
Monsanto	79	785/8	79	+3/8
Motorola s	1071/4	1057/8	106	—1
Nationsbk	493/8	49	491/8	+1/8
Navistar s	251/8	25	251/8	
Nynex s	373/4	371/2	375/8	-1/8
OryxEngy	183/8	181/4	181/4	-1/8
PacTelesis	551/2	551/4	551/4	-1/8
PanhECp	235/8	233/8	231/2	
PenneyJC s	551/2	531/2	551/8	+13/8
Pennzoil	545/8	541/2	545/8	
PepBoys	277/8	275/8	275/8	-1/8
PhelpDodge	551/8	543/4	551/8	
PhilipPet	293/4	291/4	291/4	-3/8
Polaroid	317/8	311/2	315/8	-1/8
Procter	191/2	191/4	191/4	-1/8
ProctGamble	587/8	581/4	581/4	-3/4
PubS NwMx	127/8	123/4	127/8	
RoyalDutch	1075/8	1073/8	1071/2	
SFePacCp	231/4	23	231/8	-1/8
SaraLee	22	215/8	217/8	+1/8
SearsRoeb s	471/8	461/4	465/8	-1/2
SherwinW	347/8	343/4	343/4	
SmthBchADS	301/8	301/8	301/8	
SmthBc eqt	273/4	275/8	275/8	
Southern Co	411/4	403/4	403/4	-3/8
SouthCo wi	205/8	201/2	201/2	-1/8
SwAirlines s	36	353/4	357/8	
SwBell s	385/8	381/8	381/4	-1/8
Sprint	381/8	373/4	38	+1/2
SterlingChm	61/4	61/4	61/4	
SunCo	317/8	311/2	313/4	+1/4
TNP Ent	173/8	171/4	173/8	+1/4
Tandy	431/2	431/8	431/2	+3/8
TempleInl	511/2	51	511/4	+5/8
Tenneco	583/8	575/8	581/8	+1/2
Texaco	663/4	661/2	663/4	
TexasInd	36	353/8	36	+1/2
TexasInst	813/4	805/8	81	-3/4
Tex Util	383/8	381/4	381/4	-1/8
Textron	603/8	593/4	597/8	-1/2
Travelers s	381/4	377/8	38	-1/8
Trinty s	431/2	421/4	431/2	+11/8
TritonEngy	295/8	291/4	295/8	+1/4
Tyler	53/4	53/4	53/4	+1/8
US West	40	391/4	393/4	-3/8
USX Delhi	165/8	161/2	161/2	-1/4
USX-Marathn	171/8	167/8	167/8	-1/8
USX-USS	411/2	41	411/8	-1/4
UnCarbde	251/2	25	25	-1/4
UnPac	607/8	601/2	603/4	+1/8
UnitedTech	691/4	685/8	685/8	-1/8
Unocal	291/2	291/8	291/8	-1/8
WalMart s	283/4	283/8	285/8	+3/8
WstnGasRs	311/4	311/4	311/4	-1/4
WestghEl	147/8	145/8	145/8	-1/8
WinnDixie	503/8	501/4	501/4	
Woolwth	237/8	235/8	235/8	-1/4
Xerox Cp	100	987/8	991/4	-3/4
ZenithE	12	11	115/8	+1/2

UWSA hosts candidates

Candidates for State Senator and U.S. Representative spoke Tuesday evening in a forum hosted by United We Stand, America.

Roberta High represented her husband, Doyle High of Haskell, who is a candidate for State Senator, District 30. High is opposed by Tom Haywood of Wichita Falls in the Republican Primary. The winner will face Democrat Steve Carriker in the November general election.

Don Schmidt Jr. of Stephenville and Roy Emerson Falls of Granbury, both Republican candidates for U.S. Representative, 17th Congressional District, spoke for almost two hours and answered questions on issues such as term limitations, health care, welfare reform and education.

Falls, a retired employee of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and a World War II veteran, said he plans to answer problems and inform the public by setting up a listening post in every community. Schmidt, a 33-year-old CPA and instructor at Tarleton State University, has a background in agriculture and oil. He pledged to do more in those two areas if elected.

Schmidt and Falls will appear on the March 8 primary ballot along with a third Republican candidate, Phil Boone of Abilene. UWSA sponsored an appearance by Boone last November. One of the three candidates will oppose Democratic encumbent Charles Stenholm in the general election.

Tuesday was the fifth time UWSA has sponsored candidates for national, state and local offices, and the group is planning more of these events.

This evening, several members of the local UWSA organization, along with members of the Lubbock group, have been requested to travel to Midland to help in starting a chapter in that area.

Scurry County UWSA will meet again March 1 in Towle Park Barn, beginning with a fund-raising dinner at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: April Martin, Rotan; Mindy Rees, Colorado City.

DISMISSALS: Hermelinda Perez and baby.

Census: 57 (Med.-13, Long-Term Care-36, CCU-2, OB-3, Nursery-2).

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Aid workers fear U.N. moving too fast to resettle Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Barrey Dayo Ibrahim headed back to her farm after three years of hunger, fear and sleeping with her four children beneath a makeshift stall in Mogadishu's most notoriously violent market.

But whether life will be any better for her when she gets there is anybody's guess.

Aid workers say the United Nations is moving too fast to resettle people displaced by Somalia's civil war and famine. They worry that thousands of people will be left unprotected in far-flung locations, subject to attacks by increasingly bold bandits and without sufficient food until the harvest begins.

There is no exact count, but U.N. officials estimate that more than 250,000 people either fled to the capital from the countryside or were forced by fighting to abandon their homes in the city.

About 1,300 Somalis clamored onto aged, battered and rusty trucks Tuesday for the daylong journey under a broiling sun to tiny villages near Bur Hakaba, 125 miles southwest of Mogadishu.

Mrs. Ibrahim, whose face has been aged by hardship until it belies her 33 years, believes she has nothing to lose by trying to return to her small farm near the village of Burhaybe.

"I don't have anything," she said, tapping a yellow plastic can, her sole worldly possession.

Homeless and jobless, she tried to feed her children by selling glasses of water to the thirsty on the mean streets of Mogadishu's notorious Bakara market. Her husband earned what he could toting loads through the teeming bazaar on a homemade wheelbarrow.

"I came here three years ago because of hunger and war," she said. "We thought we could find food here. Now I just want to cultivate my farm. I think when I cultivate my farm, I will get a good life.

"They told me everything I need to cultivate my farm will be given to me."

U.N. spokesman George Bennett said Tuesday's resettlement effort went smoothly although only about 1,300 of the 1,961 who had been approved for resettlement actually boarded the trucks.

The World Food Program gave each family food for a month. UNICEF provided resettlement kits that include pots, pans, a small amount of food, cooking utensils and some household goods.

Indian and Zimbabwean troops escorted through a countryside all but abandoned to bandits so brazen aid workers say not even well-armed convoys are safe from attack.

But once they arrive home, to villages looted and sometimes burned, the returnees lose the protection of the peacekeeping forces.

In a country without a government, without deeds and records, land ownership can be a subject of hot and sometimes violent debate. A clan elder's word on ownership may be good enough for the U.N. advance team, but is it good enough for the farmer he declares to be the squatter?

"There is a huge number of very important questions," said John Kilkenny of the Irish relief group Concern, echoing the misgivings of other aid workers about the resettlement program.

"Will they have access to their land? Is there enough security for them when they return? When an elder says, 'Yes, I want my people back,' what is his motivation? Is he perhaps trying to increase his own clan size because of rivalries?"

Kilkenny and others note that if the farmers plant in March, they won't be able to harvest until July, raising questions about where the returnees will find food.

Medical authorities hoping autopsy will explain death

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — While her remains lay in a sealed aluminum coffin, Gloria Ramirez's family denied hotly that she had taken any substance that would have made fumes pour from her body and sicken a hospital emergency room staff.

Medical examiners were taking special precautions with today's autopsy on the body of Ramirez. She died Saturday night of a heart attack after six hospital workers who were treating her suddenly fell unconscious from noxious fumes.

Relatives, upset at the notion she was somehow at fault for the mystery illness, wondered why paramedics who took her to the hospital didn't get sick, too.

"Whatever happened, happened in that emergency room," said nephew Louis Huerta. "There's something wrong here, and we're going to find out. We won't let this rest."

Authorities searched Ramirez's apartment for poison she may have swallowed, but didn't find any, according to her father, Jesus Ramirez.

Coroner's officials told Jesus Ramirez that autopsy results probably wouldn't be available until Friday.

Ramirez, who was undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer, complained of pain Saturday night and was alert and vomiting when she arrived at the hospital. Within moments, the 31-year-old woman was in full cardiac arrest.

A preliminary coronor's investigation suggested the fumes came from the body of Ramirez. How poison got there remained a mystery.

"She had like this film on her body, like you see on the ground at a gas station," nurse Sally Balderas, recovering at Parkview Community Hospital, told The Press-Enterprise from her bed.

The staff was overcome after technicians began placing electrodes on her body and someone drew blood samples, Balderas recounted.

"The nurses just started fainting. I was putting them on gurneys, starting IVs and moving them to the parking lot. I also moved the victim from the trauma room to the isolation room," said Balderas, who collapsed 15 minutes later.

Doctors rejected the idea that Ramirez' cancer medication was at fault, and Ramirez' family said suicide by pesticide was out of the question.

"These stories on the news make her sound like an alien and a freak," said Melody Barnett, who is married to Ramirez' nephew. "She was a normal person just like me and you."

Medical tests Tuesday indicated the sickened workers may have inhaled some kind of organophosphate, a compound found in pesticides and military nerve gas.

That could account for some of the symptoms, including sweating, vomiting and irregular heartbeat, but specialists said they don't usually make people pass out immediately.

Some household products contain 1 percent to 2 percent organophosphates, while agricultural pesticides have up to 40 or 50 percent.

"Not too many things can cause a first-whiff knockdown punch," said Dr. Rick Dart, toxicology spokesman for the American College of Emergency Physicians.

State agriculture officials, despite protests, last week sprayed a solution of the pesticide malathion, an organophosphate, over the city of Corona, about seven miles from the hospital, but there was no possible connection, said Doug Hendricks, spokesman for the Cooperative Medfly Project.

"The concentrations we use for Medfly control are minuscule," he said. "There have been over 400 studies done, and there's never been any indication the concentrations we use are harmful to humans or animals."

Gun found at scene of second dead body

HARLINGEN (AP) — The investigation into the fatal shooting of Tomas Farias is focusing on a .22-caliber automatic rifle found in murky canal water, about six feet from where his body was discovered Saturday morning.

When Farias died, police were still investigating the shooting death of his wife, Nora Cantu Farias, 11 days earlier.

Mrs. Farias' body was found in a parked car south of Harlingen, and no weapon was found.

Farias was shot once in his chest at the edge of an irrigation canal about 100 yards from his home in eastern Harlingen.

In the days after Mrs. Farias' killing, police discovered that more than $100,000 was missing from Tex-Steel Corp., where she worked as office manager.

The investigation has focused on that money, but detectives haven't linked it to either death, Police Chief Jim Scheopner said.

"There's nothing to connect the two as of yet," police Capt. Joey Vasquez said. "There is any number of scenarios and they all are open at this point."

Police said they couldn't confirm immediately that the rifle had been used to kill Farias. A final autopsy report was still pending, Scheopner said.

Officers were investigating Farias' death as a homicide, but Vasquez said they have yet to rule out suicide because the rifle was found relatively near the body.

Vasquez, who fished the rifle from the canal on Tuesday, said he hoped it will provide clues to one or both shootings.

"It's not something that's been there (in the ditch) a long time," Vasquez said. "It's only been there a few days."

Vasquez said the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms was attempting to trace the weapon by its serial number to the store that sold it. If the store is determined, detectives will go through the sales receipts to learn who purchased the gun, he said.

Mrs. Farias was shot inside her car.

More Northwest logging cutbacks are expected as officials revise plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Environmentalists and timber industry officials are expecting the Clinton administration to further restrict Northwest logging to protect more fish and wildlife.

Agriculture and Interior officials scheduled a Capitol Hill briefing today to discuss the latest scientific review on which President Clinton's Northwest forest plan is based.

Department spokesmen said Tuesday they had no comment on the review — a revised environmental impact statement for the old-growth forests sheltering northern spotted owls in Oregon, Washington and Northern California.

Timber industry leaders said the proposed changes in the final environmental impact statement would drop federal harvest levels in the region below 1 billion board feet a year, compared with an average of 4 billion to 5 billion board feet annually during the 1980s.

"They are caving in to the environmentalists," said Ralph Saperstein, vice president of the Northwest Forestry Association in Portland, Ore. "This final plan is nothing but political science."

Saperstein said the logging levels likely would fall to between 600 million and 800 million board feet under the amended strategy.

When Clinton announced the tentative plan last July, he said it would produce 1.2 billion board feet annually for 10 years. It takes about 10,000 board feet to build a typical single-family home.

Environmentalists say that the existing plan is illegal because it allows too much logging and that they would challenge it in federal court if more protection was not added.

They said it was not clear whether the added protection anticipated in the revised version today would be enough to avert a lawsuit.

Timber industry groups already have filed suit against the plan, saying it was compiled in secret in violation of open-meetings laws.

Obituaries

Betty McCardell

1905-1994

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Hillside Memorial Gardens for Betty McCardell, 88, of Odessa, formerly of Snyder. Surry Gillum of Snyder will officiate.

Mrs. McCardell died Tuesday in Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

Born on June 21, 1905, in Roscoe, she married T.A. McCardell on July 27, 1967, in Tyler. He died Oct. 16, 1984. A retired beautician, Mrs. McCardell was a member of the Church of Christ. She moved from Snyder to Odessa in 1990.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Doris and Lloyd McCowen of Odessa; one sister, Cathy Brothers of Austin; two grandchildren, Regina Alvarado of Odessa and Sherry McCowen of Midland; and four great-grandchildren, Amy Dawn Parrish, Abby Parrish, Alisha Parrish and Addison Alvarado, all of Odessa.

May Ford

1913-1994

Graveside services were set for 11 a.m. today in Hillside Memorial Gardens for May Belle Ford, 80, who died Monday in Jacksboro following a long illness.

The Rev. R. Virgil Mott, retired minister, was to officiate with services under the direction of Coker Funeral Home in Jacksboro.

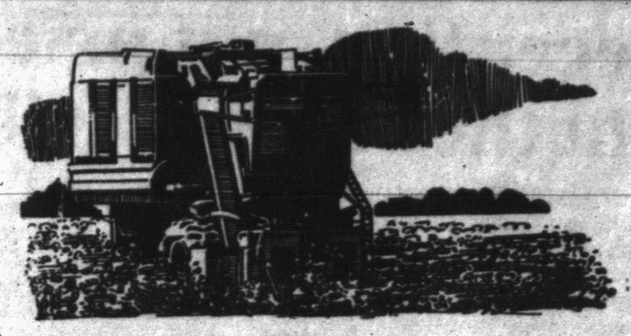
Born in Cross Plains, she married Roy Lester Ford on Dec. 7, 1928 in Lamesa. He died in 1969.

A former Snyder resident, Mrs. Ford owned and operated the Deluxe Beauty Shop in Snyder. A member of the Snyder First Baptist Church, she moved to Jacksboro from Snyder in 1988.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Winkles Sparkman of Joy; a son, Roy Lee Ford of Henrietta; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.



Scurry County Country





SCS Notes

By Michael Squires, Range Conservationist

Texas landowners will be able to enroll eligible acreage into U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) second Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) sign-up from Feb. 28 through March 11, 1994. Landowners can offer their land for the program at their local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office.

The program, which has $66 million to enroll up to 75,000 acres this year, restores former wetlands converted to crop production and currently cropped wetlands to their natural state. The wetlands restoration protects habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife, improves water quality, increases ground water recharge and reduces flooding.

Under the program, USDA will purchase permanent easement on eligible lands in return for restoration and management of wetlands. In addition to purchasing wetland easements at the appraised agricultural value of the land, USDA will pay up to 75 percent of the wetland restoration costs.

"WRP provides an excellent financial incentive to retire marginal cropland while retaining some agricultural and recreational uses," said Gary Valentine, biologist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Temple.

Eligible lands include former wetlands or existing wetlands that were cropped at least once between 1986 and 1990 and remain in a condition to be cropped. Also eligible are buffer areas of non-cropped wetlands and upland that protect restored wetlands, riparian areas (vegetated strips along rivers, creeks, streams, and other water bodies) that link WRP or similarly protected wetlands, and eligible lands currently enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program.

ASCS and SCS will determine eligibility of both land and landowner during sign-up. Eligible landowners can sign an "intention" to enroll their land in WRP. After the sign-up period, environmental benefits and cost estimates of each intention will be compiled and sent to ASCS's national office in Washington, D.C., for ranking. Intentions that provide the most environmental benefits at the least cost will be selected.

ASCS will obtain an appraisal of the agricultural value for each intention selected in Texas. Landowners will work with SCS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to develop wetland restoration plans.

The Wetlands Reserve Program was funded in 1992 for nine pilot states to restore wetlands that had been converted to crop production. The limit of 50,000 acres was easily met when landowners offered 250,000 acres for the program.

Anyone interested in WRP should contact their local ASCS or SCS office for sign-up information and more program details.

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ASCS Report

By Joe Hefner
County Executive Director

WASHINGTON — Grant Buntrock, executive vice president of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation, said the signup period for producers wishing to participate in the 1994 production adjustment and price support programs will be March 1 through April 29, at county offices of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

Buntrock also announced the estimated deficiency payment rates for the 1994 wheat, feed grains, ELS cotton, upland cotton and rice programs. These estimated rates are the minimum guaranteed rates for producers who choose the 0-85/92 provisions of the wheat and feed grains programs and the 50-85/92 provisions of the upland cotton and rice programs.

Buntrock said the percent of advance payments made available to producers at signup will be announced later. However, they will not be less than 40 percent for wheat and feed grains and not less than 30 percent for upland cotton and rice. There will be no advance payments for oats since oat prices are expected to average at or above the established target price.

The estimated deficiency payment rates are:

Wheat ($/bu.)	0.85
Corn ($/bu.)	0.40
Sorghum ($/bu.)	0.46
Barley ($/bu.)	0.52
ELS Cotton (cents/lb.)	16.97
Upland Cotton (cents/lb.)	12.90
Rice ($/cwt.)	0.94

Buntrock also announced certain common program provisions applicable to the 1994 crops of wheat, feed grains, cotton and rice.

Crops prohibited on 1993 flexible acreage will also be prohibited on 1994 flexible acreage. The prohibited crops are fruits, vegetables, peanuts, tobacco, wild rice, trees, tree crops and nuts.

Student teacher joins ag staff at high school

Neil Schneider, 23, a recent graduate of Texas Tech University, will spend the next 10 weeks as a student teacher in the agri-science program at Snyder High School.

Schneider is a 1992 graduate of Arizona State University with a bachelor of science degree in agribusiness.

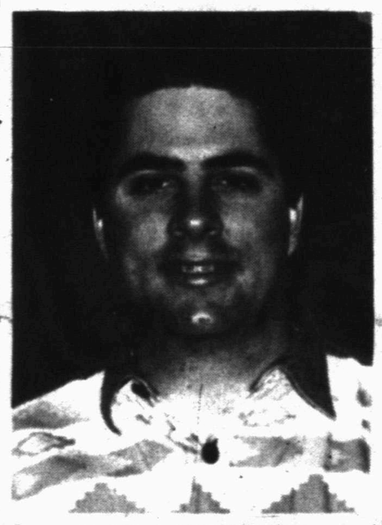
Upon graduation, he moved to Lubbock and enrolled in a graduate program in agriculture education. "I wanted to get a real taste of production agriculture," remarked Schneider.

He decided to complete his master of science in agriculture education at Texas Tech and then complete requirements for certification in Texas. This certification is what brings him to Snyder.

"I have been searching for a super agriculture program like the one in Snyder. I am glad to be able to student teach at this fine agriculture program. The teachers and students here are great," he said shortly after visting the school.

Schneider is no stranger to agriculture education and the FFA. He completed four years of high school agriculture at Peoria High School in Peoria, Ariz. He later served as a state FFA officer and state FFA staff member, also in Arizona.

As an FFA member he was the high individual in the state soils contest and was also a member of the winning state team.



NEIL SCHNEIDER

Last summer, Schneider worked for the National FFA Organization as director of the Washington Leadership Program for FFA advisors in Washington, D.C. He spent eight weeks presenting leadership conferences and tours to FFA members and advisors from across the country.

He has been involved with agriculture education and the FFA for the past nine years.

Schneider will complete his student teaching in May and looks forward to a successful career in the agriculture industry. "A successful career would involve some aspect of working with youth and agriculture," Schneider said.

Inadale CC... *Cotton Info Day Thursday*

Scurry, Mitchell and Nolan County extension offices are sponsoring a Cotton Information Day, free to all area producers.

Seven agriculture specialists will be speaking during the program, which is set for Thursday at Inadale Community Center.

Registration will be held from 8 until 8:30 a.m.

Morning speakers and their topics will be Dr. Kater Hake, extension cotton specalist from Lubbock, on the use of plant growth regulators; Dr. Michael Hickey, extension soil scientist from Lubbock, on soil sampling and pesticide residues; Dr. Jim Leser, extension entomologist of Lubbock, on cotton insect management; Dr. Tom Fuchs, extension entomologist from San Angelo, on boll weevil management; and Steven Paz, extension computer specialist, on computer record keeping.

Following lunch, Billy Henderson, with the Texas Department of Agriculture, will speak on laws and regulations for pesticide applicators, and Roger Haldenby, director of High Plains Boll Weevil Containment Program, will talk about boll weevil eradication.

At 2:45 p.m., there will be a panel discussion on boll weevil eradication. Panelists will include include Fauchs, Leser and Handenby; Woody Anderson, a Mitchell county producer; and Lindy Patton, executive director of Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association.

The program should conclude about 3:45 p.m.

Producers who attend will receive continuing education credits.

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Entomology Report

By Mark Logan
County Entomologist

Boll weevil trap counts for the fall of '93 indicate a smaller boll weevil population moving to overwintering habitat compared to the fall of 1992 and a nine-year trap count average. By studying the trap counts we can compare general boll weevil populations from year to year, but we cannot determine with any degree of accuracy the actual overwintering boll weevil population. Once boll weevils enter overwintering habitat, survival depends on diet, habitat and weather. Invariably, habitat is the factor that determines boll weevil survival on a field by field basis, while diet and weather play a more significant role on a regional basis.

Boll weevil traps have been monitored in Scurry County since 1977. The graph shows the average number of boll weevils per trap per week for the spring and fall of each year since 1977.

The benefits of the diapause program from 1977 through 1979 is obvious. High participation in the delayed uniform planting date and hot, dry conditions in the summers of 1980 and 1981 helped control boll weevil populations.

A cold dry winter in 1984 controlled an increasing boll weevil population. Boll weevil populations increased from 1985 through 1989. A cold winter of 1989-90 helped keep boll weevil populations from increasing.

Winter conditions from the fall of 1991 through 1993 have allowed boll weevil populations to increase, although the hot, dry conditons during the summer of 1993 kept boll weevil populations from increasing. Due to the low numbers of boll weevils entering overwintering habitat, the poor diet and a more severe winter in 1993-94 compared to 1992-93, weevil populations should be lower this spring compared to last spring.

Sweetwater cattle auction

The market was steady and active on a run of 1,015 head of cattle for the Feb. 16th sale. Stocker calves in demand with feeder cattle 2 cwt higher. Packer cows and bulls steady with pairs and bred cows active.

STEERS
—300-400: 110-125.
—400-500: 96-110.
—500-600: 84-98.
—600-700: 81-90.
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—300-400: 92-105.
—400-500: 85-95.
—500-600: 82-89.
—600-700: 78-85.
—BRED COWS
—Good: 625-750.
—Older and plainer: 450-600.
Pairs
—Good: 750-950.
—Older and plainer: 600-700.
PACKER COWS
—Good: 47-55.
—Low yielding: 40-46.
PACKER BULLS
—Good: 64-71.
—Low yielding: 58-64.

Colorado City livestock auction

COLORADO CITY — All classes of cattle were higher on 940 head at the Colorado City Livestock Auction on Saturday, Feb. 19.

Heifers: 200-400, 95-120; 400-600, 85-95; 600-800, 78-85.

Steers: 200-400, 105-130; 400-600, 95-105; 600-800, 82-95.

Bred cows good: 650-800; older bred cows: 450-600; pairs good: 800-950; older pairs: 550-625; good packer cows: 50-57; fat packer cows: 45-47; old shelly cows: 25-40; packer bulls: 55-68.

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Unknown to most, the body contains more calcium than any other mineral.

About 99 percent of calcium in the body is found in the bones and teeth. The skeleton stores calcium. When calcium levels in the blood get low, extra calcium is withdrawn from the skeleton. When there is more calcium in the blood, the excess is deposited into the skeleton. Mineralization (Making bones strong by putting in calcium and phosphorus) and demineralization (removing calcium and phosphorus from bones) is an ongoing process.

Calcium needs vary throughout life and are controlled through absorption. Factors affecting absorption include phosphorus levels, presence of vitamin D and calcium-phosphorus ratios, etc.

Other factors such as excessive fat in the diet, overuse of laxatives or vitamin-mineral supplements, diarrhea and lack of exercise can affect absorption. Insoluble salt compounds can form when calcium in food is combined with cocoa, beet greens, spinach, swiss chard, rhubarb and whole grain cereals. These foods also contribute valuable nutrients so their total effect on calcium absorption probably is not significant. Concern should be only if these foods are eaten in large amounts and sources of calcium are very limited.

It is advisable to maintain a constant calcium-phosphorus ratio of 1:1 to 2:1. Ways to achieve this are by eating a well-balanced diet based on the USDA Food Guide Pyramid.

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Reception, not price, dictates whether to subscribe to cable

BROOMFIELD, Colo. (AP) — Subscribing to cable television is not exactly a luxury for many rural Americans. Paying for cable or a large outdoor antenna is often the only way to get a clear, crisp picture.

That's why the government's plan to cut some cable television rates is so pleasing to people in this northern Denver suburb, where mountain foothills often skew television images.

"The only reason we get cable is for the reception. I think they should charge less for just the basic service ... and charge more for premium channels," said resident Don Gagnon.

The Federal Communication Commission voted Tuesday to cut some cable television rates by 7 percent, effective in mid-May. The decision came 10 months after the FCC ordered a 10 percent rate reduction.

FCC Chairman Reed Hundt said consumers will save $3 billion once the second rate cut takes effect. He called the combined 17 percent reduction "one of the most significant consumer benefits in the history of federal regulation."

When the FCC tried to cut rates by 10 percent last year, bills dropped for about 68 percent of America's 57 million subscribers, but 31 percent paid more after some cable companies changed the way they package and bill for services.

The rules approved Tuesday also broaden the commissioners' ability to take action if cable companies try to outmaneuver the rate cuts.

The FCC decision should affect 90 percent of America's cable subscribers, but it wasn't immediately clear how individual bills might change.

The cable industry rejected the rate change as arbitrary and punitive and immediately vowed to challenge it in federal court.

"If it means taking another cut in our revenues, we're obviously disappointed with that. I think the hardest thing about this is to try to understand what the regulations are," said Jim O'Brien, president of Jones Intercable Inc.

Tele-Communications Inc., the nation's largest cable systems operator, said further rate decreases weren't warranted because most of its customers already pay less and most of its rates are below federal benchmarks.

Gerald Levin, chairman of Time Warner Inc., the second largest cable company, called the new rate structure "unfair and unacceptable" and said it would "not help foster the necessary investment this country needs in new technologies for job creation and eventual export."

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., one author of the 1992 Cable Act that instructed the FCC to regulate rates, said he was pleased, but wary that the cable industry might try to thwart the new rules.

"If loopholes and backdoor increases again wipe out relief from monopoly rates, the purposes of the Cable Act will again be frustrated," he said.

The rate reduction covers basic services that the FCC regulates and those regulated by local governments. Premium and pay-per-view channels are not regulated.

In the wake of last year's restructuring, Jones Intercable cut its basic service rate by 83 cents a month for its 6,000 subscribers in Broomfield.

Broomfield residents now pay $10.12 a month for basic service, including network, governmental and educational channels, C-SPAN, WGN and WTBS. Extended service costs $22.39 a month.

Jim Honiotes, who heads Jones Intercable's operations in Colorado, said it's too early to tell what the new rates will be.

But cable subscribers in Broomfield welcomed the FCC effort.

"I watch some channels on cable, but not $22 worth," Melanie Brewer said.

Texas inmate wins reprieve

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A condemned Texas inmate celebrated his birthday by learning he would not be put to death.

Bruce Edwin Callins of Dallas, who turned 34 Tuesday, received a reprieve from a federal judge in Fort Worth about six hours before he was scheduled for lethal injection for killing a man during the robbery of a Fort Worth bar nearly 14 years ago.

U.S. District Judge Terry Means of Fort Worth halted the execution scheduled early today after Callins' attorneys challenged his simultaneous conviction on capital murder and robbery charges.

"State law at the time the crime was committed basically stated you could only be convicted of one crime arising out of a single criminal transaction," said Steve Hall, a spokesman for the Texas Resource Center, which arranges for legal help for death row inmates. "He was convicted of the capital murder. He was also convicted of two armed robberies."

The law was changed in 1982 after Callins' trial.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Finding the source of leg pain

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I experience intense pain 24 hours a day in my legs because of steroid neuropathy caused by prednisone. My doctors don't seem to have a remedy. Zostrix seems to help temporarily but isn't a final answer.

DEAR READER: Painful nerves in the legs are not ordinarily a consequence of prednisone, a drug used for many diseases to reduce inflammation, swelling and pain.

I'd be more concerned that your neuropathy might result from the affliction for which the prednisone was prescribed. For example, diseases such as scleroderma often cause neuropathy — but must be treated with prednisone.

Furthermore, are you a diabetic? This disease may cause neuropathy that can be worsened by prednisone. Also, auto-immune disorders, such as rheumatoid arthritis and lupus, can cause leg pains.

I urge you to return to your doctor and describe your symptoms. He can sort things out and, perhaps with the help of rheumatology or neurology specialists, identify the cause of your symptom.

Zostrix, a cream made from chili peppers, does relieve certain types of chronic pain but will not, in my opinion, get at the root of your problem.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain." 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.

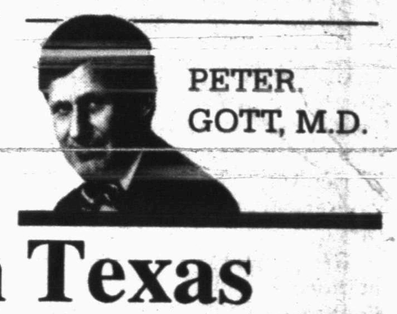
DEAR DR. GOTT: I continue to experience unbearable pain from tendinitis. I have it in both heels, have had four cortisone shots, and still have no relief.

DEAR READER: Tendinitis of the heel is painful and, sometimes, difficult to treat. Anti-inflammatory drugs (such as Oruvail and Motrin), orthotic heel cups and cortisone injections usually suffice. However, surgery may be necessary to relieve constant pain that does not respond to these methods. For example, bone spurs may have to be removed.

If you are not under the care of an orthopedic surgeon, you ought to be. Repeated cortisone injections into or near an inflamed tendon may eventually weaken the structure, with disastrous consequences, such as tendon rupture. You and the orthopedic surgeon should explore options, one of which is corrective surgery.

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Senate, court races heat up in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic U.S. Senate hopeful Richard Fisher supports the family leave law and the space station in Houston, which is opposite from the position he held on these two issues last year.

On Tuesday, Fisher told the Austin Democratic Forum that he had an advantage in the March 8 primary because he could talk about issues while his opponents were hindered by carrying too much "baggage."

But his major opponents in the March 8 primary, former attorney general Jim Mattox and U.S. Rep. Mike Andrews said Fisher's stand on issues are unpopular.

"If I had some of his positions on the issues, I don't know if I would talk about them," said Andrews' campaign spokesman Scott Sutherland.

Sutherland said Fisher opposed legislation President Clinton signed into law last year that requires some businesses to provide family leave for employees. Fisher also called the space station in Houston a "pork barrel" project.

But now Fisher's campaign said he supports the family leave law and the space station.

While running last year in the special Senate election, Fisher said he was concerned that the family leave law would hurt small businesses. He said the space station project had no scientific purpose; describing it once as being designed to study "the sex life of frogs and mental stability of jellyfish."

But Martin Johnson, a spokesman for Fisher, said the Dallas investor now supports the family leave law because it has proven to be a success.

He now supports the space station, Johnson said, because the project includes an agreement with Russia to build it. The six-person space station is to be occupied permanently by astronauts and cosmonauts in 2001.

Sutherland and Mattox's campaign spokeswoman Elna Christopher criticized Fisher for not committing to a health care reform proposal.

Fisher said he wanted to form a health care policy around the best parts of the various proposals before Congress. Then, he said, the package should be test-marketed on Congress.

He said coverage for all Americans should be accomplished, "I would hope sometime before the end of this administration or the end of the next Clinton administration."

Ms. Christopher also chided Fisher for spending his own money in the campaign. Fisher, the managing partner of two Dallas investment companies, spent $2.1 million in last year's special Senate election and finished fifth.

"What this campaign tells you is that it's time for campaign finance reform. He would not even be in this race were he not wealthy," Ms. Christopher said.

Fisher said, "I will spend what I think is necessary. I've been fortunate to have what I call my winnings, and I'm putting it back into public service."

In other political developments:

Texas Supreme Court Justice Raul Gonzalez said his Democratic primary opponent Rene Haas is doing the same thing for which she has criticized him — taking money from lawyers with cases before the court.

Ms. Haas' campaign said she has accepted campaign contributions from law firms with business pending before the court because Gonzalez won't refuse to take the same kind of political donations.

Gonzalez said plaintiff trial lawyer firms have contributed at least $230,500 to Ms. Haas while they had at least 25 cases pending before the state Supreme Court. The contributions from each law firm ranged from $10,000 to $30,000, he said.

"The shameless hypocrisy of Rene Haas is shocking," Gonzalez said.

But Ms. Haas said that since Gonzalez refused her challenge to stop taking contributions from law firms with cases before the court, she felt justified in taking them.

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Taxes

By Jim Luther
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of people may be pleasantly surprised when they start work on their 1993 federal tax returns. Last year's big deficit-reduction plan didn't raise their income taxes at all.

The new law, in fact, raises income-tax rates only on the wealthiest 2 percent of couples and individuals. That increase applies retroactively to Jan. 1, 1993, meaning it must be calculated on returns due April 15. But any 1993 tax increase caused by the higher rates may be paid in three annual installments.

The law also will require the 13 percent of Social Security beneficiaries with the highest incomes to pay tax on a bigger share of their benefits. But that change was not retroactive; it took effect Jan. 1, 1994, and will be reflected on returns filed a year from now.

The limited scope of these increases was well known in Washington when they were enacted last August. But months later, opinion polls still found as many as three-fourths of those surveyed were convinced their taxes had been raised.

In fact, for the vast majority of people the only filing changes this year are designed to actually reduce the tax burden by "indexing" the system against inflation. This results in a smaller share of income being taxed at higher rates, a bigger personal exemption and a larger standard deduction.

Highlights of the changes:

— EXEMPTIONS: For each exemption a taxpayer is allowed to subtract $2,350 (up from $2,300 last year) from income subject to taxation. In most cases, a taxpayer is allowed an exemption for himself or herself, any spouse and each dependent.

Higher-income people — including couples with adjusted gross income of $162,700 or more and singles over $108,450 and up — lose part or all of their exemptions. They claim them as usual on the front of Form 1040 but then they will have to figure out how much they give back. A couple filing a joint return gets no exemption once income exceeds $285,200; for a single person, the cutoff is $230,950.

— STANDARD DEDUCTIONS: About 72 percent of taxpayers do not itemize deductions and are allowed a standard deduction instead. For a single person, the deduction generally is $3,700; for a couple filing a joint return it is $6,200. Deductions can be smaller for dependents and larger for those 65 or older or blind.

— TAX RATES: A year ago, there were three tax rates — 15 percent, 28 percent and 31 percent — applying to most income. Now there are two more: 36 percent and 39.6 percent; they hit only single people earning more than about $140,000 and couples above about $180,000.

For a single person, the first $22,100 of taxable income — what is left after subtracting exemptions and deductions — is taxed at 15 percent. The next $31,400 is taxed at 28 percent; the next $61,500 at 31 percent; the next $135,000 at 36 percent, and everything over $250,000 is taxed at 39.6 percent.

The first $36,900 of a couple's taxable income on a joint return is taxed at 15 percent; the next $52,250 at 28 percent; the next $50,850 at 31 percent; next $110,000 at 36 percent, and everything over $250,000 at 39.6 percent.

Investment income that qualifies as capital gains is still taxed at 15 percent or 28 percent — no higher.

— ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS: The deductions permitted last year are still around. But couples and individuals with adjusted gross income over $108,450 may have to give up part of some deductions. The limitation applies to all deductions except those for medical expenses, casualty losses, investment interest and gambling losses.

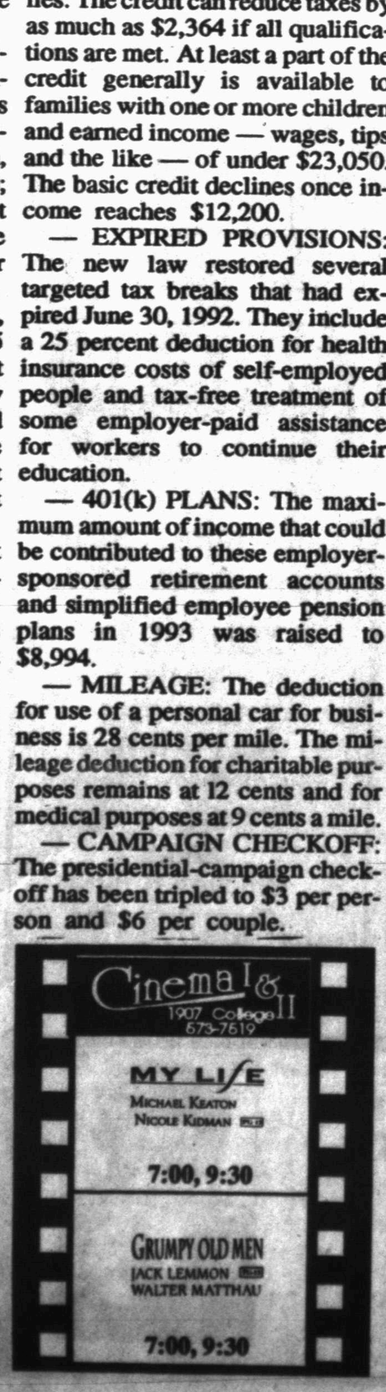
— EARNED-INCOME CREDIT: The new law expanded and simplified considerably this benefit for low-income working families. The credit can reduce taxes by as much as $2,364 if all qualifications are met. At least a part of the credit generally is available to families with one or more children and earned income — wages, tips and the like — of under $23,050. The basic credit declines once income reaches $12,200.

— EXPIRED PROVISIONS: The new law restored several targeted tax breaks that had expired June 30, 1992. They include a 25 percent deduction for health insurance costs of self-employed people and tax-free treatment of some employer-paid assistance for workers to continue their education.

— 401(k) PLANS: The maximum amount of income that could be contributed to these employer-sponsored retirement accounts and simplified employee pension plans in 1993 was raised to $8,994.

— MILEAGE: The deduction for use of a personal car for business is 28 cents per mile. The mileage deduction for charitable purposes remains at 12 cents and for medical purposes at 9 cents a mile.

— CAMPAIGN CHECKOFF: The presidential-campaign checkoff has been tripled to $3 per person and $6 per couple.



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