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DCOS incentives...

YZ expansion plan takes another step

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

The expansion of YZ Industries' facilities in Snyder took another step forward Wednesday as members of the Development Corporation of Snyder unanimously approved a list of incentives to aid in the company's project.

Leading the list of planned incentives is a $500,000 interest-free loan that the DCOS will provide to YZ with a pay-back over 20 years.

That loan, however, is dependent upon the application for a grant from the Texas Capital Fund real estate development program.

DCOS is preparing the grant application, which must be submitted by Jan. 31. DCOS is making the application on behalf of the City of Snyder, authority that was granted to DCOS at a special city council meeting Monday evening.

Proceeds from repayment of the loan, by program requirements, will go into a revolving fund earmarked for future Snyder economic projects.

Should the grant be denied, that section of the incentive package would be subject to renegotiation, according to the DCOS.

The DCOS board, meeting in a 30-minute session at noon, also agreed to:

—Provide assistance with engineering expenses up to $42,000.

—Provide new job creation incentives.

—Assist Western Texas College in obtaining a grant for job training funds.

In a meeting last Thursday, the DCOS approved $42,000 in assistance for engineering of the proposed 25,000-square foot YZ expansion, which is expected to create at least 20 new jobs.

The total value of the incentive package to YZ is over $850,000, according to John DeLille, DCOS executive director.

This includes at least $541,388 on interest payments saved on the $500,000 loan, $42,000 on engineering expenses, $88,000 for the job creation inventive and $180,000 in job training funds.

Roy McQueen, DCOS president, said YZ's expansion plans, "Is good news for Snyder. The purpose of the DCOS is not only to create jobs, but to retain them as well."

YZ manufactures hydrocarbon sampling and odorization equipment which is shipped worldwide.

Presently, some 100 people are employed locally. YZ earlier has said the company plans to consolidate its sales and engineering division in Houston.

Dayton Robertson, YZ plant manager, said YZ has added about 20 jobs in the past year, and some 20 more jobs are expected over the next two years.

Robertson said the company expects to begin site preparation within 90 to 120 days.

Total expansion costs, including equipment, is approximately $1.2 million.

YZ has expanded its facilities six times since 1980.

Attending Wednesday's meeting were McQueen, Jack Gorman, Gary Landes, Bill Wilson II and David Cotton. Also present were Mayor Holt and Roy Baze, DCOS chairman emeritus.



READY FOR SHOW — Brandon Williamson grooms his hog Wednesday afternoon while Snyder ag teacher David Frazier wields the trimmers as final preparations are underway for the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Hope is the feeling that the feeling you have won't last."

Except for the Super Bowl at the end of the month, football is over for another season.

It was finished much earlier for our state's favorite professional team. It seems that Texans like the Cowboys — they just don't like the coach or the general manager.

Most of the time, when a team is on a losing streak, the first to go is the general manager. But since the general manager and the owner are one in the same, it's not likely that the owner will get a pink slip.

At regular season's end, the favorite joke making the rounds was about the guy who had left two Dallas Cowboy tickets on his dash in a busy parking lot.

When the man returned, someone had busted out the side window of his auto — and placed two more tickets on the dash.

What's wrong with this picture?

The University of Texas has a new head football coach and a new president.

After a disappointing season, the Longhorns fired John Mackovic and replaced him with Mack Brown of North Carolina.

For president of the university, regents opted for Dr. Larry Faulkner, a former UT professor who has been serving as vice chancellor of the University of Illinois.

The head football coach will make $625,000 a year.

The college president will make $306,000.

Maybe the chamber should consider changing its shop at home slogan to something more practical, like "Save your bites for someone you know."

Up in a New York shopping center, it didn't take long for the cheerful holiday spirit to wear off, especially for one after-Christmas shopper looking for a parking space.

A 37-year-old woman allegedly hit another woman and bit a chunk out of her 84-year-old mother after the pair refused to give up their parking space at a suburban Buffalo mall.

The victims, police said, were backing out when the woman pulled her car up behind them and maneuvered close so she could muscle out another driver vying for the same spot. A fight then erupted.

Or perhaps the new slogan could be, "In Snyder, you don't have to fight to park."

David Harrell is C-Club president

David Harrell was named president of Snyder Country Club at the annual membership meeting Tuesday night, and four new directors were elected.

The new directors are Randy Glasscock, Christy Thompson, Anita Talbott and John Reed.

Holdover directors include Harrell, Don Chandler and Scott Morris.

Mrs. Talbott was named vice president and Larry Anderson will again serve as secretary-treasurer.

In a bylaws change approved by the membership, the board will increase to nine members, each with three-year terms, starting in 1999.

Clinton meets with attorneys

WASHINGTON (AP) — With his denial of an alleged affair and cover-up still reverberating, President Clinton met today with legal advisers to respond to prosecutors' demands for documents and promised a fuller accounting of his relationship with the young woman.

"There are a lot of other questions that are, I think, very legitimate," Clinton said during an Oval Office photo session. "You have a right to ask them and you and the American people have a right to get answers."

The president gave an impassioned denial of the allegations that he had an affair with intern Monica Lewinsky, 24, and that he asked her to lie about it in testimony in the Paula Jones sex harassment case.

"The allegations are false, and I would never ask anybody to do anything other than tell the truth," he said during a photo opportunity with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Facing the public for the first time since beginning an investigation of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up, Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr pledged today to move as swiftly as possible and said he was not motivated by politics.

"Our job is to gather facts and to evaluate those facts and to get at the truth," Starr said, pointedly dismissing the suggestion he was a Republican out to hurt President Clinton.

Starr said he could not comment on the specifics of the investigation, adding, "we are moving as promptly as we can."

Ms. Lewinsky's attorney, William Ginsburg, said Wednesday that "at this time, she stands by her" affidavit denying the affair with Clinton. Later, however, Ginsburg suggested in a television interview that her account could change, noting that Starr has the authority to grant immunity to Lewinsky in exchange for her cooperation in the investigation.

"Mr. Starr's office could give her protection," Ginsburg said on ABC.

Clinton admits to Flowers affair

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has acknowledged for the first time that he had an affair with Gennifer Flowers during the 1970s.

The Washington Post said today that the president's statement came during Clinton's six-hour deposition Saturday in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit.

During the 1992 presidential campaign, Clinton denied Ms. Flowers' statements that he was romantically involved with her but admitted having caused pain in his marriage.

Ms. Flowers, who lives in Dallas, called The Associated Press early today after hearing the report from a friend.

"It's hard to believe after all this time," she said, her voice trailing off. She declined further comment, saying she planned to make a fuller statement later today.

In an earlier interview with CNBC, Ms. Flowers said: "It sort of surprises me at this point with all of the problems and the scandals and the 'Gates' that have come up during his terms, that he would be foolish enough to do something like this at this point. You think the boy would learn."

County show begins today

Students from across the county are converging at the coliseum annex for the annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Association Show and Sale, which officially gets underway this evening.

Weigh-in of animals began Wednesday, with steers required to be in the barn by early this afternoon.

There is no admission charge and the public is encouraged to attend. Fresh from chapter shows, the county event kicks off the season. Some of the participants will be showing stock through March as they get ready to enter the major shows — Fort Worth, El Paso, San Antonio, Houston and finally, San Angelo.

Almost 300 animals will be shown here, beginning at 5 o'clock today with the judging of hogs. Dale Schaffner of New Home is the swine judge. Clarence Spieker of Hermleigh is superintendent.

Steers and lambs will be judged on Friday, beginning with the steers at 6 p.m. The lambs will follow.

Dr. Chris Skaggs from Texas A&M returns as ring superintendent of the steer show. Eddie Eicke is the superintendent.

Ross Stultz of San Angelo will judge the lambs. The ring superintendent is Doug Foster.

The annual buyers' meal will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Just prior to the auction, Bobby Goodwin will announce all of the grand champions and present the traveling trophy, results of the commercial steer show and Caprock Scholarship.

The winner of this year's buckle for selling the most tickets for a gift certificate will be named around noon on Saturday. Ira seventh grader Candance Sanchez was last year's winner.

Tommy Marricle will begin the auction at 1 p.m. More than 100 animals will be featured.

Last year's grand champion winners will all be back for a repeat try. Rad Eicke had the grand champion steer; Celeigh Sterling exhibited tthe top lamb; and Wesley Kellner had the grand champion hog.

Snyder FFA will operate a concession stand during the show and sale.

Pope blasts closure of Catholic schools

SANTA CLARA (AP) — Pope John Paul II blasted Cuba's widespread practice of legalized abortion today and urged the government to end its monopoly on education and allow Catholic schools again in Cuba.

Taking his mission to the communist country's provinces, the pontiff criticized societies "where there is even an acceptance of abortion, which is always, in addition to being an abominable crime, a senseless impoverishment of the person and of society itself."

In his homily at an open-air Mass that drew tens of thousands of Cubans to a sports field in Santa Clara, about 160 miles east of Havana, the pope said that too many young people engage in "promiscious behavior ... and easy recourse to abortion."

The number of abortions in Cuba recently equalled the number of births.

Cuba is the only Latin American country with legal abortion on demand. But the government has been trying to discourage the widespread use of abortion as a form of contraception, saying it should be only a last resort for problem pregnancies.

The abortion rate has been has high as one per every live birth. Today, the government claims the rate has been reduced to .5 or .6 abortions per live birth.

During the welcoming ceremony at Havana airport on Wednesday, the two aging leaders, each in his 70s, gave a hint of topics they will discuss tonight during a meeting back in Havana.

The pontiff called both for greater openness in Cuba and indirectly criticized the U.S. embargo of the Caribbean nation.

"May Cuba, with all its magnificent potential, open itself up to the world, and may the world open itself up to Cuba," he declared.

He firmly endorsed what he called the "legitimate desires" of the Roman Catholic Church in Cuba — its quest for more freedom to spread the Gospel under a communist government that restricted the rights of religious believers during three decades of official atheism that ended only six years ago.

In his welcoming address, Castro, clad in a double-breasted blue suit, denounced the U.S. embargo as "genocide," and sought to identify his revolution's ideals with the church's.

"Another country will not be found better disposed to understand your felicitous idea ... that the equitable distribution of wealth and solidarity among men and peoples should be globalized," said Castro.

"We feel the same way you do about many important issues of today's world," Castro said.

ASK US

Q—Can a Democrat vote in the Republican Primary or vice versa?

A—A voter may vote in either primary, but not both. Once the '98 blue registration card is stamped, the affiliation for party elections is set. A voter may vote for candidates of both parties in November.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 44 degrees; low, 23; 7 a.m. Thursday, 33; no precipitation; total for 1998, .05 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, colder. Low around 25. Light wind. Friday, mostly sunny. High 55-60. N wind 10-20 mph.



John Varnell
Mostly sunny

Sunset:
6:10 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:41 a.m.
Of 21 days in 1998, the sun has shone 21 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There is no pit so deep that Jesus is not deeper still.

Corrie Ten Boom

Dog days of summer began Sunday for Big Spring mah

BIG SPRING (AP) — Jay Capps said he hopes that something good will come out of the serious injury he suffered when he was attacked by two dogs.

"I think people ought to get on the ball about this — there are too many dogs that can get out and do things like this — people just aren't taking responsibility," Capps said Wednesday.

Capps, 72, said he was putting a load of clothes in his car when the two dogs charged him.

"They charged me from the street," Capps said. "I kicked the (blue healer) back and hit at the (rottweiler) several times. I yelled 'get on out of here,' and 'go git go,' and when that didn't work I started cussing."

"I kicked the little one to keep it off my ankles, I turned around and punched the big dog again, it ran, and lunged through the air," he said.

Capps suffered a seven-inch gash on his arm and was taken to the Veterans Administration Medical Center for treatment.

The dogs charged two police cars summoned to the scene and tried to attack paramedics who came to assist Capps, officials said.

Firemen prepared to blast the dogs with a high pressure hose at levels strong enough to kill the animals, but they managed to keep out of the way of the hose.

The owners signed papers to have both dogs put to sleep and agreed to pay Capps' ambulance costs, but said they felt someone let their dogs out intentionally.

The dogs were let out as an act of revenge on them for reporting a stolen credit card to the police and complaining about vandalism in the neighborhood, they said.

An animal control officer took the rottweiler away for testing and, according to Capps and his wife, will probably destroy the dog.

"I fought that dog for 15 minutes," Capps said. "I'm nuts about this town, but I think everybody should get together on this, the media, the police, everyone."

'Hawaii Five-O's' Jack Lord dies of heart failure at age 77

HONOLULU (AP) — Jack Lord, the no-nonsense "Hawaii Five-0" detective whose "Book 'em, Danno!" ended most episodes of TV's longest-running crime show, died of heart failure at age 77.



Jack Lord

Lord died Wednesday evening at his Honolulu home with his wife, Marie, at his side.

"Jack loved acting and he loved these islands," Mrs. Lord said in a statement.

"Through all his years he was blessed with kindness, affection and support of many fans and friends. He always appreciated that and never forgot it."

Lord portrayed Steve McGarrett, the gruff head of a fictitious Hawaii police force known as Five-0, for 12 years. It ended in 1980 amid declining ratings when McGarrett busted his bitter enemy, crime boss Wo Fat.

Actor James MacArthur played his ubiquitous sidekick, Danny "Danno" Williams. Many of the 284 episodes ended with McGarrett collaring the criminals and saying to Williams, "Book 'em, Danno!"

"Hawaii Five-0" initially faced local opposition because of its depiction of crime in paradise. But its combination of adventure in the natural beauty of Hawaii proved popular. The CBS series was seen in 80 countries with a weekly audience estimated at more than 300 million.

"It really was an excellent marketing program to promote Hawaii as a vacation destination," said Stanley W. Hong, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. "People who have never been to Hawaii have only seen Hawaii through that program."

Shot entirely on location in Hawaii, "Five-0" was the forerunner of other island shows, including "Magnum, P.I."

Lord produced and sometimes directed "Five-0." Kam Fong, who played Detective Chin Ho Kelly, described Lord as a "real hard taskmaster" but said he learned a lot from him.

"He was very professional on the set," Fong said. "We didn't have very much to do off the set. He was a very private person."

Lord and his wife remained in Hawaii after the show ended, living in a beachfront condominium in the Honolulu neighborhood of Kahala.

"This is our permanent base," Lord said in a 1982 interview. "We may travel elsewhere to film, but we will remain here as long as we live."

He was born John Joseph Patrick Ryan in New York City to a steamship company executive. Some references say he was born in 1930, but the family statement announcing his death said he was 77.

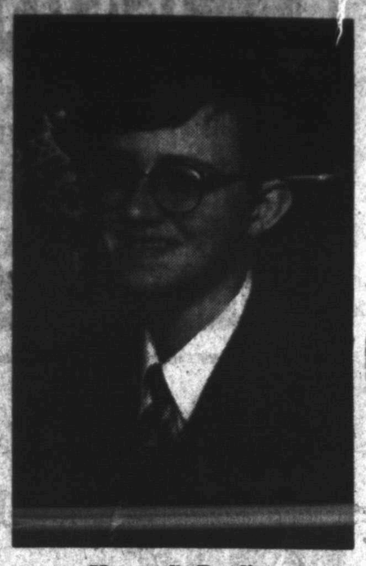
Lord learned to ride horses on his mother's fruit farm in the Hudson River Valley. He later put the skill to use when he starred in "Stoney Burke," an ABC series (1962-63) about a rodeo cowboy.

After turning 15, Lord spent his high school summers working at sea and indulging in his first love — art. He sketched and painted what he saw of China, the Mediterranean and Africa from the decks of freighters.

Lord went on to major in art at New York University, which he attended on a football scholarship. His art works made their way into a number of permanent collections, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Once Lord decided to become an actor, he studied nights for three years at the Neighborhood Playhouse in New York while selling cars by day. He also worked at the Actors Studio with the likes of Marlon Brando, Paul Newman and Marilyn Monroe.

Lord appeared on Broadway in "The Traveling Lady" and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," before going to Hollywood to appear with Gary Cooper in "The Court Martial of Billy Mitchell."



Kenneth Darlin

Darlin will attend next NYL session

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Kenneth Darlin has been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference from Feb. 10-15.

Darlin, a senior at Snyder High School, is the son of Charles and Cynthia Darlin of Snyder.

The National Young Leaders Conference is a leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit.

Darlin is one of 350 other national scholars who will also attend the conference.

The theme is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the six-day conference, participants interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from the floor of the U.S House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club.

Scholars also visit with foreign embassies and receive policy briefings from senior government officials.

They may also meet with their senators and representatives or an appointed member of their staff to discuss important issues facing their city and the nation.

Participants also take part in a number of leadership skill-building activities, including role-playing exercises such as the president, members of the Cabinet and representatives from Capitol Hill who must respond to an international crisis.

At the conclusion of the conference, the young scholars assume the roles of the U.S. Reps by debating, amending and voting on proposed legislation dealing with juvenile justice.

The National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization, founded in 1985. Each year only 7,000 youth nationwide participate in the 20 sessions.

James Brown released from hospital

BEECH ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — James Brown was released Wednesday from a hospital where he had been treated for an addiction to painkillers.

"Everybody's making a big deal out of nothing. He's fine," said his agent, Jeff Allen, from his New York office.

The 64-year-old soul singer was admitted to a Columbia hospital on Jan. 15. Allen said Brown began taking painkillers after hurting his back while doing a split during a recent show in Florida.

Brown's attorney, Albert "Buddy" Dallas, said he expects his client to make a complete recovery.

Datebook

Jan. 21, 1998

Today is the 21st day of 1998 and the 32nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1950, Alger Hiss was convicted of perjury for his denial of espionage charges against the United States.

On this day in 1957, Patsy Cline appeared on "Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts."

On this day in 1977, in one of his first acts as president, Jimmy Carter pardoned American Vietnam War-era draft evaders.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson (1824-1863), Confederate general; Telly Savalas (1924-1994), actor; Benny Hill (1925-1992), comedian; Jack Nicklaus (1940-), golfer, is 58; Placido Domingo (1941-), opera singer, is 57; Jill Eikenberry (1947-), actress, is 51; Geena Davis (1957-), actress, is 41; Hakeem Olajuwon (1963-), basketball player, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1990, John McEnroe became the first player to be kicked out of the Australian Open for misconduct.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Sweet mercy is nobility's true badge." — William Shakespeare

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1959, a tornado picked up a woman in Louisiana and carried her around her house without hurting her.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter.

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Berry's World



Just one more condition ...

Safety probe set

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government's highway safety agency is investigating complaints of wheels falling off some Ford pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles.

There are 36 complaints from vehicle owners that the wheels separated from 1997 F-150 trucks and Expedition sport utility vehicles, according to a monthly report Wednesday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Nine crashes and one injury were reported.

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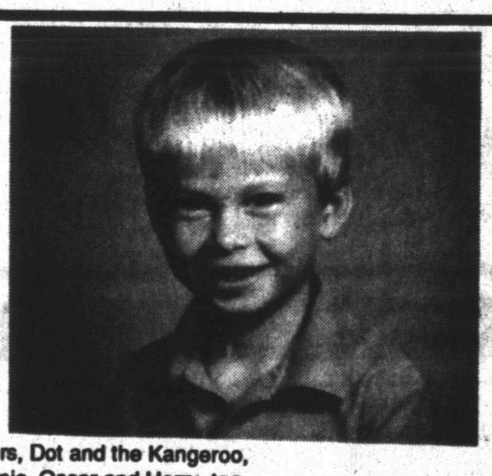
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Quick snacks for Super Bowl

Need some Super Bowl recipes for the biggest football day of the year? Plenty of meals and snacks will be conjured up for guests to watch the Super Bowl. Following are several recipes that will surely please family and friends.

SMOKED SAUSAGE MEXICALI

Serves: 40 bites
Preparation Time: 5 min.
Cooking Time: 5 to 10 minutes

1 lb. smoked sausage
Mexicali Sauce (recipe follows)

Cut smoked sausage into 1/2-inch slices. Place the sausage in a skillet large enough to hold sausage slices all in one single layer. Cook over medium heat until brown on both sides, turning once. Before serving, cut slices in half, forming half-circle shapes. Put toothpicks in each piece. Serve warm with Mexicali Sauce for dipping.

MEXICALI SAUCE

Yield: about 2 cups
Preparation Time: 10 minutes

3/4 cup picante sauce
½ cup light sour cream
½ cup chopped red onion
1/2 cup yellow pepper
1/3 cup chopped green onion
1/4 cup cilantro leaves, chopped

Mix picante sauce, light sour cream, chopped red onion, chopped yellow pepper and green onion and chopped cilantro leaves together in a bowl. Garnish as desired and serve as a dip with the smoked sausage.

HOT SMOKIES IN A BLANKET

Serve: 50 hors d'oeuvres
Preparation Time: 5 minutes
Cooking Time: 13 minutes

1 16-oz. package of cocktail smokies
12 oz. sharp cheddar cheese, grated
1 small jar sliced jalapeno peppers
4 8-oz. packages of crescent rolls

Remove crescent dough from package. Cut each of the 8 triangles in half lengthwise. You should have 16 pieces of dough per package. At the widest end of dough, place one slice of jalapeno pepper, a small amount of cheese, and one smokie on the dough. Roll dough from widest end to the most narrow end. Place on greased cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 11-13 minutes or until golden brown. Serve with picante sauce as dip.

POPPY SEED HAM & CHEESE BISCUITS

Serves: 8
Preparation Time: 10 minutes
Cooking Time: 30 minutes

2 pans pre-made rolls (24 in a foil pan)
1 lb. Mozzarella cheese
1 10-oz. package sliced ham
2 sticks oleo, melted
2 tbsp. poppy seeds
3 tbsp. prepared mustard
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 small onion chopped finely (optional)

Slice each pan of rolls lengthwise, completely taking off the top layer. Place this layer to the side. Next, lay out half ham and cheese on bottom layer covering completely. Replace the top layer. Mix all other ingredients in a small bowl and pour over the top of rolls, covering all areas. Bake at 300 degrees for 30 minutes, uncovered. Slice along the premade indentation.

Recipes courtesy of Bryan Foods



DAR MEETS — "How to Preserve Papers" was the topic for Helen Hatter's program at the recent Martin Preuitt Jr. Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held at the Snyder Country Club. Hatter and Nonnie Ward were hostesses. DAR will meet again on Feb. 10 to hear a program on West Texas history by Dorothy Browne, president. Pictured from left are Browne, Hatter and Louwayne McQuirk. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 01-22-98
♠ Q J 8 2
♥ ----
♦ Q 6 5
♣ K Q J 9 7 4

West
♠ A 6 5 3
♥ A J 7 6 5 4
♦ 10 2
♣ 5

East
♠ 9 4
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ 8 3
♣ A 10 8 3 2

South
♠ K 10 7
♥ 10 9 2
♦ A K J 9 7 4
♣ 6

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♦	1 ♥	Dbl.	2NT
3 ♦	4 ♥	5 ♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♥ A

A defensive gem

In each year, there are far more good declarer-plays than defenses. However, the latter, because they are so rare, tend to receive more publicity. But not always. I spotted this deal while reading through the bidding-and-play records from the final of last year's Spingold Knockout Teams. How would you expect the play to go in five diamonds?

In the other room, South was in five diamonds undoubled. West led his singleton club, East taking dummy's king with his ace and returning the two. Working out what was happening, Grant Baze (South) ruffed with the diamond king. Then he led the spade king. If West ducks (as he should), declarer gets home because the missing trumps are split 2-2. And when West took the trick, declarer won the spade return, drew trumps, and claimed 11 tricks via three spades, six diamonds and two clubs.

At this table, East's two no-trump showed a high-card heart raise.

After ruffing the heart ace in the dummy, declarer called for the club king. Marcin Lesniewski (East) won with the ace *and switched to a trump.*

This duped the declarer completely. He won with his jack, ruffed a heart in the dummy and discarded his final heart on the club queen. It's a pity there wasn't a photographer on hand to snap South's expression when West ruffed. Immediately, Marek Szymanowski (West) cashed the spade ace to defeat the contract.

Is it surprising that Baze, Lesniewski, Szymanowski and teammates Tipton Golias, Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski won the Spingold with play like that?

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; hostess, Genetha Payne; 7 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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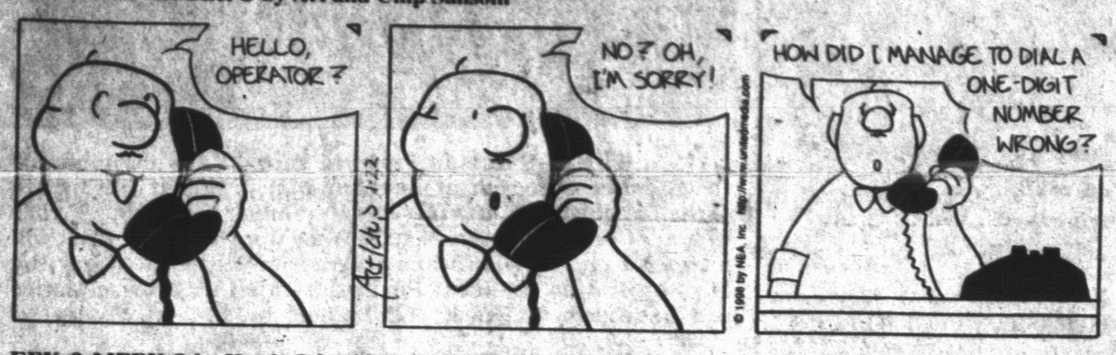
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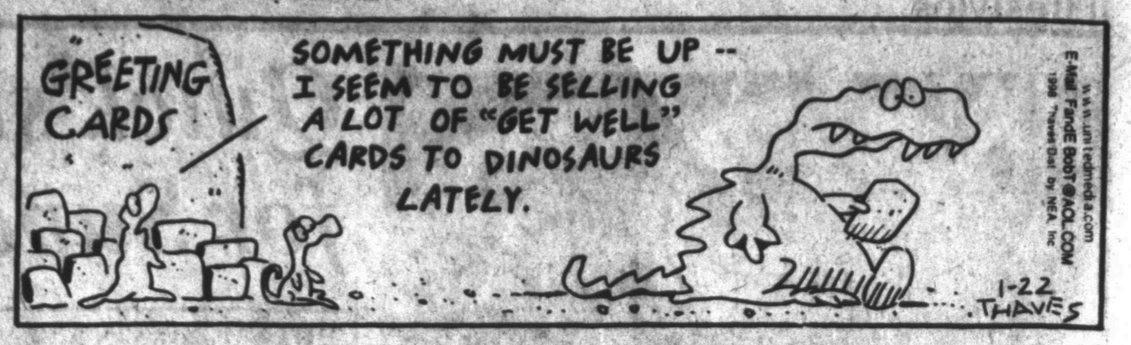
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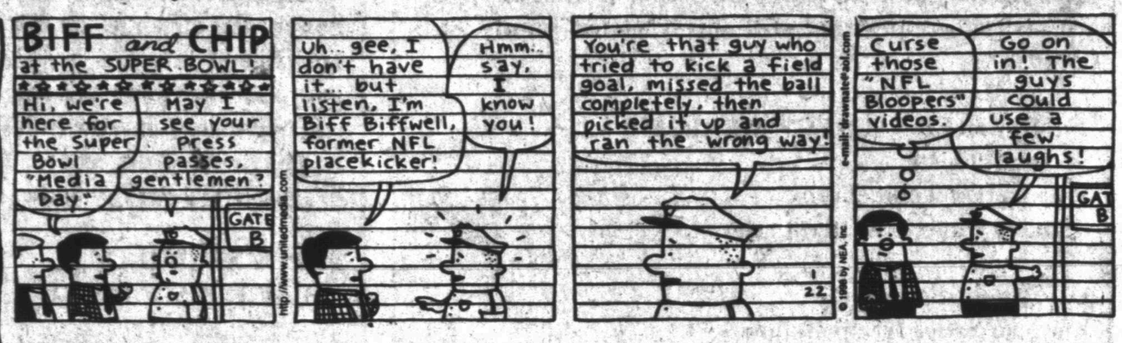
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25 Actor Novello
27 Made a mistake
29 Capital of Korea
31 Lingers
35 Jewish prayer
37 Weird
38 Outer
40 Fade
41 Atlas page
44 Like a beaver?
46 Actor Beatty
47 — — a man . . .
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51 Steele or Ludlum
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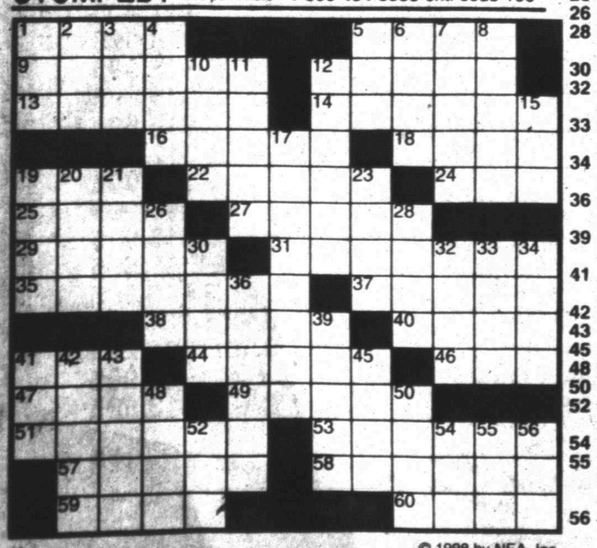
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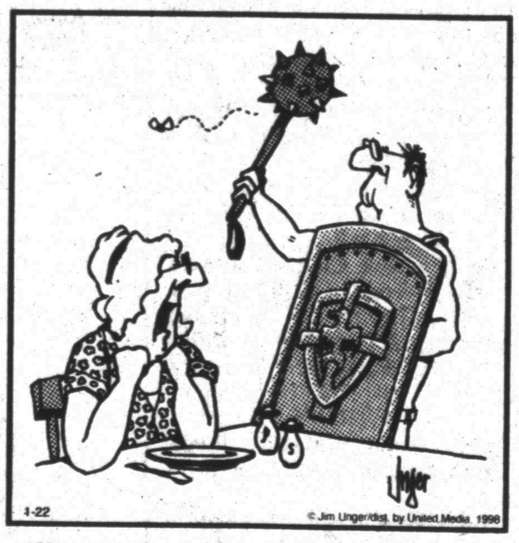
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SPORTS

Ira ready to bite into District 27-A action

IRA — What a difference a year can make.

Ira High School's hoop squads finished a combined 0-12 last year in district play. But 27-A opponents had better watch out, because the orange and black is back.

Ira opens district play at 5 o'clock Friday night in Westbrook, riding a tidal wave of recent success.

The Lady Bulldogs currently own the area's best record at 18-1, while the boys sport a 14-5 mark.

Terri Robinson spearheads the Lady Bulldog offensive attack. The junior scoring threat has poured in 30+ points in several outings already this season.

On the defensive end, Jamee Goolsby, Audra Oliver and E'Lisa Goolsby can frustrate opposing shooters.

On Tuesday, the three Ira athletes teamed up to surrender only 19 combined points to Highland's leading scorers.

The Westbrook girls enter Friday's contest with a 7-7 record, while Grady (16-6) faces Sands (15-5).

On the boys' side of the standings, Ira squares off with a Westbrook squad toting a 6-7 mark.

On the hardwood as on the gridiron, the Bulldogs are paced by sophomores.

Second-year players Jerek Brown and Logan Daves lead the scoring charge, while seniors Billy Keith Box and Caleb Wilson add the much needed experience.

Battling the Bulldogs for the district crown, in addition to Westbrook, will be Grady (9-11) and Sands (13-7).

Hermleigh hoopsters prepare to take flight

HERMLEIGH — When Hermleigh's hoop squads hit the hardwood Friday night in the district opener, they'll have different objectives.

The Lady Cardinals will be looking for a repeat performance of the 25-A title run.

The Cardinals, on the other hand, have already matched their total number of wins from '97 and are hoping to improve on last year's 1-5 district mark.

Hermleigh's girls captured the crown a year ago, going undefeated in loop competition, before bowing to Robert Lee in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

The Lady Cardinals' main weapon this season is Jennifer Roemisch, who has the ability to pour in 40 or more on any given night.

The 1-13 Highland Lady Hornets will be the first obstacle on Hermleigh's road back to the postseason.

The Lady Cards host Highland at 6:30 Friday before traveling to Loraine on Tuesday.

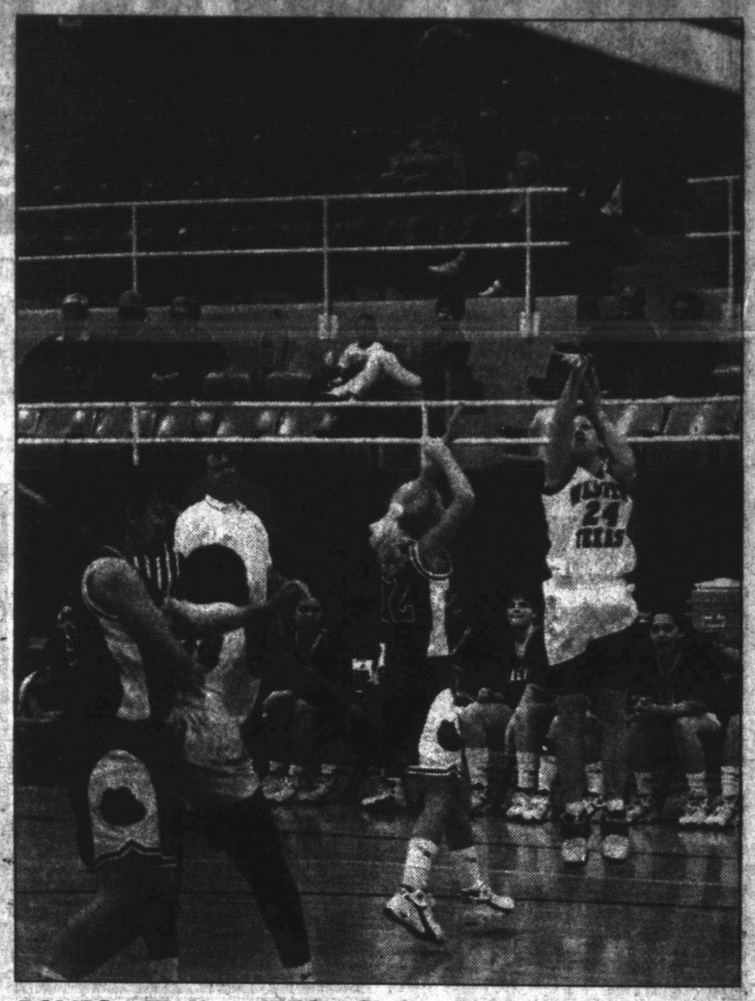
Loraine, who is off to a rough start, faces Blackwell (2-16) in the opener.

As for the Hermleigh boys, it's a matter of building on what they've started.

The Cardinals will carry a 6-12 mark into district, already equaling last season's total number of wins.

Hermleigh is paced by a number of players, including Billy Hernandez, Jason Hernandez and Caleb Callaway.

The Cardinals tip off the 25-A schedule Friday against 5-14 Highland. In other district action, struggling Loraine faces 7-12 Blackwell.



BOMBS AWAY — WTC's Christy Wells unleashes a three-pointer during action against Clarendon on Monday. The Lady Westerners will be looking for their first conference victory when they take on Frank Phillips this evening in Borger. (SDN Staff Photo)

NCAA BASKETBALL SCORES

By The Associated Press

SOUTH

American U. 61, James Madison 54
Appalachian St. 79, W. Carolina 64
Arkansas 79, Auburn 65
Furman 59, Citadel 57
Jackson St. 67, Ark.-Pine Bluff 59
Kentucky 70, Alabama 67
Maryland 70, Georgia Tech 67
Miami, Ohio 71, Marshall 54
Mississippi 80, LSU 58

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 71, Ohio U. 58
Creighton 94, SW Missouri St. 80
Illinois 62, Wisconsin 48
Illinois St. 57, Bradley 54
Michigan St. 78, Iowa 57
Notre Dame 83, Syracuse 63
Purdue 82, Ohio St. 71
Toledo 101, Cent. Michigan 79
Valparaiso 87, N. Illinois 73
W. Michigan 98, E. Michigan 85

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma 64, Iowa St. 63
Texas 105, Nebraska 91
Texas Tech 79, Kansas St. 76

FAR WEST

Colorado 84, Baylor 71
Colorado St. 81, San Jose St. 52
Loyola Marymount 81, Pepperdine 79, OT
Portland St. 77, Weber St. 65
UCLA 101, Southern Cal 84

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	25	14	.641	—
NewYork	23	16	.590	2
NewJersey	23	17	.575	2½
Washington	21	21	.500	5½
Orlando	20	22	.476	6½
Boston	17	22	.436	8
Philadelphia	13	24	.351	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	29	12	.707	—
Indiana	26	12	.684	1½
Atlanta	26	14	.650	2½
Cleveland	22	16	.579	5½
Charlotte	23	17	.575	5½
Detroit	19	20	.487	9
Milwaukee	19	22	.463	10
Toronto	7	33	.175	21½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	27	12	.692	—
SanAntonio	28	13	.683	—
Minnesota	23	16	.590	4
Houston	18	19	.486	8
Vancouver	11	30	.268	17
Dallas	7	32	.179	20
Denver	2	37	.051	25

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	32	9	.780	—
L.A.Lakers	31	9	.775	½
Phoenix	25	13	.658	5½
Portland	23	16	.590	8
Sacramento	17	24	.415	15
L.A.Clippers	10	31	.244	22
GoldenState	7	31	.184	23½

Wednesday's Games

Portland 100, Washington 97
Toronto 99, Sacramento 98
New York 97, Indiana 89
New Jersey 117, Houston 112, OT
Milwaukee 91, Orlando 84
Miami 92, Philadelphia 87
Minnesota 104, Boston 95
L.A. Lakers 119, Phoenix 109
Chicago 110, Charlotte 79
San Antonio 90, Atlanta 76
Detroit 87, Denver 67
Utah 98, Golden State 85

Thursday's Games

Houston at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Utah at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Chicago at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 8 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	30	14	3	63	140	95
Philadelphia	26	11	9	61	140	100
Washington	24	17	8	56	138	126
N.Y.Rangers	16	20	12	44	121	130
Florida	15	24	10	40	123	145
N.Y.Islanders	16	26	6	38	122	139
TampaBay	9	30	8	26	84	151

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	26	16	7	59	149	117
Pittsburgh	24	15	9	57	131	110
Boston	21	17	9	51	119	113
Ottawa	19	21	8	46	111	115
Buffalo	18	21	8	44	113	121
Carolina	17	26	6	40	119	139

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	31	11	8	70	152	101
Detroit	28	13	10	66	159	117
St.Louis	26	18	6	58	144	122
Phoenix	22	19	8	52	139	132
Chicago	19	20	9	47	116	110
Toronto	15	24	7	37	109	136

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	24	10	16	64	148	119
LosAngeles	20	19	8	48	133	132
Edmonton	17	22	9	43	122	138
SanJose	17	24	6	40	116	129
Anaheim	16	25	8	40	117	146
Calgary	12	28	10	34	123	158
Vancouver	12	29	8	32	127	175

Buffalo 2, Carolina 1
Montreal 4, Boston 2
Washington 3, Tampa Bay 2, OT
Toronto 3, Detroit 0
Dallas 3, Colorado 2
Phoenix 6, Vancouver 1
San Jose 7, Calgary 1
Anaheim 8, Florida 3

Thursday's Games

Carolina at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Florida at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

WJCAC Glance

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Midland	3	0	1.000	-
Howard	2	1	.667	1
Odessa	2	1	.667	1
Clarendon	2	1	.667	1
South Plains	2	1	.667	1
New Mexico	1	2	.333	2
WTC	0	3	.000	3
Frank Phillips	0	3	.000	3

Today's Games: WTC at Frank Phillips; New Mexico at Howard; Midland at Clarendon; Odessa at South Plains.

Monday's Games: Odessa at WTC; South Plains at Howard; Clarendon at New Mexico; Frank Phillips at Midland.

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Jones, Seifert meeting today

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones reportedly is meeting with former San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert today to discuss the team's vacant head coaching position.

Quoting a source it didn't name, The Dallas Morning News reported today that Jones and Seifert would be joined by Larry Lacewell, the team's pro and college scouting director.

Jones declined to comment on the report, but said he won't hire anyone to replace Barry Switzer until after the Super Bowl, because he plans to interview Green Bay offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis.

The New England Patriots also were reported to be interested in talking with Lewis. The Boston Globe and the Boston Herald reported that the team had approached Lewis through a third party.

Lewis told the Herald that he has not been contacted by the team and has no intention of joining the Patriots.

NFL rules prohibit teams from discussing job possibilities with members of Super Bowl coaching staffs until after the game is played. Green Bay and Denver meet Sunday.

Jones said his plan to interview Lewis is unrelated to criticism recently from black assistant coaches that they aren't being considered for head coaching jobs.

"It has been my intent all along to visit with him," Jones said. "I would point out what happened in Green Bay this season as a logical reason for why I would want to talk to him."

Texas Tech 79, Kansas State 76

LUBBOCK (AP) — Cory Carr scored 31 points and Rayford Young hit four clutch free throws down the stretch as Texas Tech ended a three-game losing streak with a 79-76 victory Wednesday night over Kansas State.

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Friday

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Lamesa JV boys and girls at Snyder, 5 p.m.

Highland varsity girls and boys at Hermleigh, 6:30, 8 p.m.

Ira JV boys, varsity girls and boys at Westbrook, 3:30, 5 p.m., 6:30.

Snyder 7th and 8th girls at Snyder tourney.

Saturday

Snyder 7th and 8th girls at Snyder tourney.

Westerners Borger bound

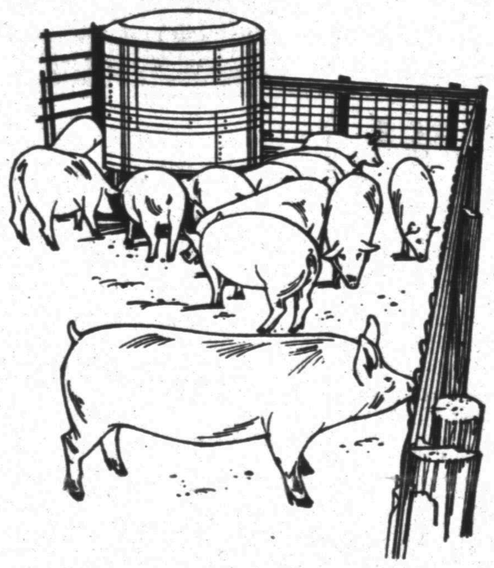
The Lady Westerners will be looking to get untracked in WJCAC play tonight when they travel to Borger for a 5:50 match-up with Frank Phillips.

WTC takes with it a 5-14 mark, while the Lady Plainsman sport a 5-14 record.

Frank Phillips' two inside players will have to control Pam O'dhuoug'o. The 6'2" freshman has shown improved play in each of her last three outings.

But the biggest threat the Lady Westerners possess is Christy Wells. The freshman point guard is averaging 22 points per outing in conference action.

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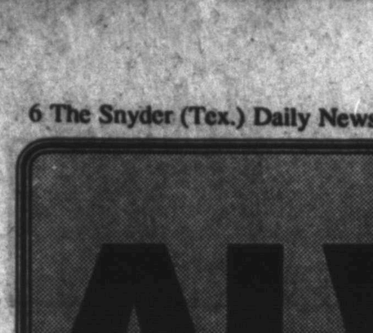
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Postal service chief resigns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Marvin Runyon resigned as postmaster general Wednesday after six years during which he put the U.S. Postal Service in the black for the first time since 1989 — even as mail delivery was competing with faxes and overnight service.

Runyon, 73, who said he was leaving because he's ready for a change, told The Associated Press that he plans to stay until May 15 to allow for a smooth transition to a successor.

He said he is proud of the Postal Service's recent profits — $1.77 billion in 1995, $1.57 billion in 1996 and $1.26 billion last year — profits that began the same year as the only rate rise for regular mail of Runyon's tenure, from 29 cents to 32 cents. But he wants his legacy to be turning the Postal Service into a more customer-friendly place.

"Today the postal service recognizes that it has customers," Runyon said in an interview. "Customers are our primary interest. That's what our business is. We're not a bureaucratic government agency anymore."

Runyon's time at the helm was marred by a conflict of interest investigation that ended last year with him paying $27,550 as part of a civil settlement. He was accused of breaking federal law by participating in talks about placing Coca-Cola machines in post offices. He owned Coke stock at the time. The deal was never completed.

The former executive at automakers Ford and Nissan America entered public service in 1988 when President Reagan named him chairman of the then-troubled Tennessee Valley Authority, where he earned the nickname "Carvin Marvin" for slashing the payroll by one-third.

In 1992, the governors of the U.S. Postal Service recruited him to become postmaster general, overseeing the system that delivers 190 billion pieces of mail each year from the most easily reached places to the most remote.

Unlike Runyon's days at the TVA, the Postal Service's total work force has remained about the same during his tenure even as its mail load grew, by about 11 percent over the last four years alone. The nation's largest civilian employer, it has more than 765,000 workers. However, Runyon did trim management jobs by 23,000 while adding letter carriers and other employees to improve customer service.

Runyon also has focused on speeding up mail delivery by adding robotic computers, optical character readers and other computer automations.

Cloned calves shy in media spotlight

FRANKLIN (AP) — Charlie and George have joined the world of reluctant celebrities.

Sure, they've got the movie star looks — big brown eyes, nice long lashes — but on Wednesday, one day after making their big debut, the Holstein bull clones seemed more interested in lying down and licking their backs or nuzzling each other than in having their picture taken.

Charlie and George were thrust into the media spotlight Tuesday when scientists Steven Stice and James Robl announced they had developed a technique for cloning genetically customized calves able to produce medicines for humans in their milk. Charlie, born on Jan. 14th, and George, born one day later, were two of the results. A third clone, born on Jan. 16th, is still under wraps.

The calves are currently in a display pen on Camp Cooley Ranch, about 30 miles northwest of College Station, where the newborns spend most of their time doing what most babies do — drinking milk and sleeping.

By Wednesday afternoon, the young bulls, which are under guard, seemed tuckered out from all the attention.

Charles Looney, president of Ultimate Genetics, a service provider for Stice and Robl's Advanced Cell Technology, said it's been like a circus. Ultimate Genetics is managing Charlie (who Looney said was not named after him) and George, along with other pregnant cows on the ranch poised to deliver more clones.

"We're just dadgummed tickled," Looney said of the implications of cloning Charlie and George. "It's kind of like we've won the Super Bowl and are resting for next season to see exactly how we're going to play."

The black and white calves aren't exactly alike, however. George is larger and the two have very slight coloring variations, but genetic testing on a piece of each of their ears has confirmed that they are indeed clones, Looney said.

In 10 or 11 months, when George and Charlie hit puberty, they won't be able to get by on just looking cute anymore. They'll be put to work, sort of, when their semen is collected and used to inseminate cows.

That will show if the bulls will pass on their modified genetics to offspring. For that reason, male clones are an important part of the process, Looney said.

"Males are most important because males can produce millions and billions of sperm cells and those can be used to inseminate lots of different female cows," Looney said.

Looney, an animal science specialist, and his partner, Ray Record, said it's no wonder cloning grabs people's attention, with the raging debate over human replication which has brought with it images of a brave new world made up of genetically engineered humans.

"We need to make cattle just like Toyota makes cars," Looney said, quoting an old company saying. "It's like Xeroxing pieces of paper. That's the kind of process we need to get to."

Brain area linked to ear ringing may help tests, research

NEW YORK (AP) — Brain scans of people with ringing in the ears have found a clue to what causes the buzzing, roaring, whistling and other phantom noise affecting some 50 million Americans.

One expert called the work a breakthrough toward finding the cause of the problem, called tinnitus, and perhaps better treatments. The scans found abnormally high activity in a pecan-sized area that helps the brain process sounds.

Within that area, "there may be one spot that's triggering off all that activity," said Dr. Alan Lockwood of the State University of New York at Buffalo and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in that city.

He and others report the work in January's issue of Neurology.

For most people, tinnitus is just annoying. But an estimated 12 million Americans have it bad enough to seek medical help or to be considered disabled, according to the American Tinnitus Association.

No cure is known. Patients can learn to cope and use noise-producing devices to distract them or cover their phantom sound.

Scientists already knew that tinnitus can be triggered by loud noise, some medications and blows to the head. But they don't know what goes wrong within a person to keep the phantom sound going.

Recent studies have implicated the brain in most cases. The new work studied people with tinnitus in one ear, and it found abnormally high activity in an area on the opposite side of the brain.

"It's a very significant breakthrough" toward understanding what brain structures are involved in tinnitus, said James Kaltenbach of Wayne State University in Detroit, who wasn't involved in the new study.

"Until now we haven't really had a good handle on what structures are involved," Kaltenbach said. Once researchers find that out, they can begin exploring what goes wrong to produce tinnitus, and "you can begin custom-designing drugs that target those mechanisms."

Lockwood's work found the abnormal activity in a cluster of sites within the auditory cortex, which is one of a chain of brain centers that process signals from the ears.

While the new work implicates the auditory cortex, "it doesn't say the problem begins there," Kaltenbach said. So sites that communicate with it must be investigated, he said.

The scans were performed on four people with severe tinnitus and the unusual ability to adjust the volume of the phantom sounds by tightening their jaws. The study compared their brain activity with jaws relaxed and jaws clenched, and found that made a difference in the auditory cortex.

Lockwood and Kaltenbach cautioned that because the participants had an unusual form of tinnitus, it's not clear that the result will apply to the disorder in general. Other patients will have to be studied.

Lockwood said, however, that the participants' tinnitus was typical in ways other than the volume control.

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Pistol places man in trouble with cops

Officers arrested an 18-year-old male early this morning for a Class A misdemeanor offense of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

The man, who was taken into custody at 1:42 a.m. in the 4900 block of College Avenue, was carrying a .22-caliber pistol.

One other arrest was made Wednesday as a 33-year-old male was jailed at 6:10 p.m. at the sheriff's office for public intoxication.

Deputies were contacted around 11 a.m. in reference to a 16-year-old girl running away from home. Her mother notified officers around 12:40 this morning that she had been located in Post and she was en route to pick her up.

Officers were called to Everybody's around noon in reference to a person using another person's driver's license for identification. The license had been reported stolen three years ago. When questioned about the license by store employees, the person ran.

Officers investigated a report of two cars drag racing on Brick Plant Road around 10 p.m.

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Albertsons	47¼	46¼	46 15-16	+ 3-16
AlldSignal s	36 11-16	36¼	36 11-16	+ ¼
Alltel	41¾	41½	41 11-16	— 3-16
AmerOnline	95¼	93¾	93 11-16	—1 9-16
AmStoress	22	21¾	22	+ 7-16
Ameritech	85¾	84¾	85½	+ ¼
Amoco	81¼	80¼	80 13-16	— 1¼
AndarkPtr	60¼	58 9-16	58 13-16	—2 3-16
ArmcoInc	4¾	4 11-16	4 11-16	— ¼
AtlRichfld s	76 5-16	75¼	76¼	— 1¼
ATMOS Egy	27 13-16	27¼	27½	+ ¼
Aviall	13¾	13¾	13¾	— 1-16
BakerHughes	39¼	37	37¼	—2 15-16
BellAtl	91	89¾	90 13-16	+ ¾
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BethSteel	8 9-16	8 3-16	8 5-16	— 5-16
BritPet s	77¼	76 7-16	76 9-16	—2 7-16
BurlNoSFe		87½	86¾	87 — ¾
CBS Corp	30 11-16	30 1-16	30 3-16	— 9-16
Caterpillar s		47¾	45¾	45¾ — 1
CenSoWst		27¼	26¾	27 1-16 + ¼
Chevron	76 13-16	75¼	75¾	— 1¼
Chrysler	34 5-16	34¼	34 5-16	— 3-16
Coastal	56 9-16	55 13-16	55 13-16	—11-16
CocaCola			65¼	64 11-16	65½
ColgatePalm s		69¾	68¾	69¼ — ¼
ComclMetals	2 9 15-16	29 13-16	29 13-16	— 3-16
CooperIn	49 11-16	49¾	49 7-16	— ½
CyprusAmax			14¾	14½	14¾
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IBM s	100¾	98¼	99	— 1¾
IntlPaper	45 11-16	44¼	45¼	+ 1-16
JohnsonJn	68	67¼	67 9-16	— 9-16
K mart	10 13-16	10¾	10 11-16	— ¼
Kroger s	37¾	36¼	36 9-16	+ 9-16
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Penney JC	61 7-16	61	61 1-16	— 1¾
Pennzoil	65	64¼	64¼	—15-16
PepBoys	22¾	22 3-16	22 5-16	
PepsiCo	36 15-16	36 9-16	36 11-16	— 5-16
PhelpDodge	61¾	60¾	61	— 9-16
PhilipPet	44¾	44 5-16	44¾	— 7-16
PilgrmPrd	14	13-16	14¼	14 13-16
Polaroid	42¼	41 9-16	42 1-16	+ 7-16
Praxair	41 1-16	39 15-16	40 1-16	— 3
ProctGamb s	81¼	79¾	80	— 1
PubSNwMx	22¾	22¾	22¾	— ¼
RoyalDut s	51¾	51 5-16	51¾	— ¾
SBC Comm	75 1-16	74 7-16	74¾	— 3-16
SaraLee	57¾	56¼	56½	— ¾
Scripps EW	47¼	46¾	46¾	— 7-16
SearsRoeb	45 3-16	42¾	45 1-16	— ¾
SherwinW s	26 9-16	26¼	26 5-16	— 7-16
SmthBc ADS s		59¾	58¾	59¼ + 2¼
SouthernCo	25	24¾	24 11-16	— ½
SwstAirl s	27 15-16	27	27 9-16	— 7-16
Sprint	59 11-16	59 1-16	59 9-16	+ ¼
SunCo	40 3-16	39	39¾	— 2¼
TNP Ent	33¾	33 1-16	33 1-16	— 3-16
Tandy s	35¼	35¼	35 3-16	— ¾
TempleInland	54¼	53 15-16	53 15-16	— ¾
Tenneco			38	37¾	38
Texaco s	53¾	52 11-16	52¾	— 1¾
TexInd s	48 15-16	48 7-16	48½	+ 3-16
TexasInst s	47¼	46¼	46 11-16	—1 5-16
TexUtil	41¾	41 3-16	41¾	— ¼
Textron s	58	57 1-16	58	+ 7-16
Travelers s	49¾	48¼	48¼	— 1¾
TriconGlbR n	27 7-16	27	27 1-16	— 5-16
TrinityInds	45¾	45¼	45 5-16	— 5-16
TritonEngy	29	28	28 1-16	—1 1-16
Tyler	5 11-16	5 9-16	5 11-16	
US WestCm	48¾	47 13-16	48 3-16	+ 1-16
USWstMda	29 1-16	28 9-16	29 1-16	— 5-16
USX-Marathn	33 1-16	32 9-16	32¾	— 1¼
USX-USS	31¼	30¾	30 9-16	— ¾
UnCarbde	40¾	40 9-16	40 11-16	— 3-16
UnionPacif	58¾	57¾	58¾	— ¾
UnitedTech	75¾	72¾	75¾	+ 3¾
Unocal	34 15-16	34¼	34 7-16	— 9-16
WalMart	40¾	39¾	40¾	— 7-16
WstnGasRs	19 15-16	19¾	19 11-16	— ¾
WinnDixie	46 5-16	45 7-16	46¼	+ 5-16
Woolworth	20¼	19¾	19¾	— 7-16
Xerox Corp	72¾	71¾	71¾	— ¾
ZenithE	7 3-16	6 15-16	7	— ¼

Abortion case splintered Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Roe vs. Wade abortion case that has divided Americans for decades splintered the Supreme Court from the start as well. Pointed memos flew among the justices. Personalities clashed. One justice threatened to go public with the discord, then backed down.

So divided were the justices at the outset that there were "literally not enough columns to mark up an accurate reflection of the voting," Chief Justice Warren Burger wrote to a fellow justice at the time.

The first draft of the decision looked nothing like what would emerge eight months later. The justices even argued over who would write the opinion.

In the eye of the storm was mild-mannered Harry Blackmun, who penned the 1973 decision, which legalized abortion and causes continuing debate as America marks the ruling's 25th anniversary Thursday.

Susie Blackmun, the retired justice's youngest daughter, quotes her father as saying, "The federal bench is no place to win a popularity contest."

The court works in secret, and many questions remain about how the justices reached the landmark decision. But personal papers left by deceased justices William O. Douglas and Thurgood Marshall offer a peek at their private wrangling.

Roe vs. Wade started in Texas when a pregnant waitress, then known as Jane Roe, sued Henry Wade, the district attorney in Dallas County whose job it was to enforce a state law prohibiting abortion except to save a woman's life.

Two seats were vacant on the Supreme Court in December 1971 when the justices first huddled to discuss their leanings. After the meeting, the seven justices couldn't even agree on how each had voted, an omen of the dissension that lay ahead.

That first tally mattered because the senior justice on the majority side traditionally writes the majority opinion, or assigns the job to a justice of similar persuasion.

Douglas, independent and liberal-minded, thought he was the senior justice among a majority that later would vote to strike down the Texas statute. His notes put Burger in the minority.

But Burger assigned the abortion opinion. He gave the pen to Blackmun, a boyhood friend, the best man at his wedding and a fellow Minnesotan. Those who saw Blackmun as a Burger clone called them the "Minnesota Twins."

That perception was about to change. "Roe vs. Wade was the first opinion where people came to perceive Blackmun on his own, not one of the Minnesota Twins," said George Frampton, a onetime clerk for Blackmun who now is Vice President Al Gore's lawyer.

Douglas fumed at the selection. Believing Burger was trying to manipulate the decision by giving the job to someone with a more mainstream voice, he sent a curt memo of protest to the chief justice. Burger wouldn't budge.

In May 1972, Blackmun circulated his first draft. It said the Texas law was unconstitutionally vague but was silent on whether women had a constitutional right to abortion. Douglas and William Brennan, another liberal justice, insisted the court confront constitutional questions.

Brennan "used a kind of Irish charm" to get Blackmun to strengthen the opinion, recalled Geoffrey Stone, a former Brennan law clerk and current provost of the University of Chicago. Blackmun adopted some of Brennan's ideas, rejected others, Stone said.

Then controversy flared anew.

Burger said he needed more time to study the case and urged his colleagues to rehear Roe vs. Wade in the court's next term.

Somewhat reluctantly, Blackmun agreed the case should be reheard after two new justices — William Rehnquist and Lewis Powell Jr. — joined the court. "I believe, on an issue so sensitive and so emotional as this one, the country deserves the conclusion of a nine-man, not a seven-man, court," he wrote at the time to his colleagues.

But Douglas and others wanted to push ahead, believing they had at least four votes — a majority on a seven-man court. They didn't know how the new justices appointed by President Nixon would vote.

Douglas also smelled election-year politics aimed at smoothing the re-election campaign of Nixon, who favored abortion restrictions. He fired off a brusque memo to Burger threatening to expose the burgeoning dissension.

"If the vote ... is to reargue, then I will file a statement telling what is happening to us and the tragedy it entails," Douglas wrote. He never made good on the threat.

Blackmun labored over the decision that summer at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where he had been general counsel for years.

In his second draft, circulated in November 1972, the nine-month pregnancy was broken into trimesters. The opinion said a woman's decision to have an abortion during the first three months of pregnancy must be left to her and her doctor, but states could impose restrictions and regulate abortions after that.

Name, picture of high-risk sex offender printed

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Under Megan's Law, authorities may go door-to-door to tell residents about sex offenders moving into their neighborhood.

Now two newspapers have printed stories quoting information from a "sex offender release notice," angering authorities who meant it only for neighbors' eyes and alarming those who fear such notices can lead to vigilante action.

The Home News Tribune of East Brunswick ran a front-page story Wednesday, including two mug shots from the notice naming Ronald Terpak.

The flier was distributed to a small area straddling Union and Middlesex counties, with a warning that it "may not be released beyond your immediate household, given to the press, or posted anywhere."

The newspaper omitted Terpak's address, but the article and a front-page map identified the streets of his neighborhood.

The article, but not the pictures, also was published in the Asbury Park Press, a sister paper, and posted on the newspapers' Internet sites, making it accessible from anywhere in the world.

"We heard the fliers were going out, and thought we'd be remiss if we didn't do it," said Teresa Klink, managing editor of the Home News Tribune. She wouldn't say how the newspaper got the notice.

Ms. Klink said the newspaper considered the flier "public information." Asked whether she believed it raised the risk of vigilantism, the editor said, "I don't know whether it will or not. We decided to be fair and not publish the man's address."

Today, the paper reported that when public documents on Terpak's criminal record were sought this week, a Home News Tribune reporter was told by authorities that because of Megan's Law, they couldn't be released.

W. Raymond Ollwerther, executive director of the Asbury Park Press, defended the decision to publish the information. He said the newspaper decides whether to publish information about sex offenders on a case-by-case basis depending on newsworthiness.

Terpak has been free since March 1993 after serving three years for attempting to endanger the welfare of a child. He does not have a phone listing and could not be reached Wednesday for comment.

Attorney General Peter Verniero said it was improper for the information to be given to the newspaper. He said prosecutors will investigate how the information got out.

"Improper dissemination may be considered contempt of court," Verniero said in a statement. "I also reiterate that any act of vigilantism against a known sex offender will not be tolerated."

Under Megan's Law, authorities may go door-to-door to notify residents that sex offenders considered to pose a high risk of committing new crimes have moved nearby. The notification area must be approved by a judge and may be challenged by the offender at a closed judicial hearing.

The law was named for Megan Kanka, a 7-year-old who was raped and murdered by a sex offender who had moved into her neighborhood.

When it upheld Megan's Law in 1995, the state Supreme Court wrote "we assume that the media will not knowingly frustrate the explicit legislative goal of confining notification to those likely to encounter the offender."

The state public defender's office, which is pursuing several appeals of Megan's Law, said the newspaper's action is evidence that notification can result in an invasion of the offender's privacy.

A lawyer who represents offenders challenging the law predicted vigilante action and flight for Terpak.

"When this happens, bad things happen to the registrant," said John S. Furlong, who does not represent Terpak.

Card made for those whose loved ones commit suicide

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Hallmark Cards Inc. is making a sympathy card for those who lose someone to suicide, expanding the company's collection of death- and illness-related cards.

The card, the first in a possible line, is to be released in April.

Hallmark's Lifesong collection, which includes the card, celebrates all experiences, beautiful and painful, company spokeswoman Rachel Bolton said Wednesday.

"There was a resounding response for this kind of card, cards that deal with death and dying and spirituality," she said.

Hallmark tested the idea for a suicide condolences card in at least six cities and received an overwhelmingly positive response, she said. One woman said none of the cards she received after her husband's suicide showed that people knew or understood the loss.

"What these cards do is they open the door to communication," Bolton said. "The challenge is to educate people about what it means to lose someone like this."

The card is set on a light blue background with a cloudy skyline across the front. At the bottom, a lone sailboat sits on calm water.

The message inside describes someone fleeing from life and the impossibility of knowing that person's suffering. It also seeks to reassure the reader that "our compassionate Creator" understands and "already has welcomed" the loved one home.

The cards will be identified in stores by a "suicide" tab. Bolton said the card will be available in about 7,000 Hallmark stores and Hallmark-brand marketers.

Hallmark is the greeting card industry's domestic leader with 44 percent of the market share.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 23, 1998

Unique trends and unusual conditions could have a marked influenced over your work or career in the year ahead. What they have to offer could be both exciting and profitable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your leadership instincts are likely to come to the front today in any group involvement. Others will look automatically to you for direction and encouragement. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that will govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The best chances for success today will come through your progressive contacts. Avoid involvements with associates who are mired in tradition.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not discard any unusual, inventive concepts that buzz in your brain today. You might be able to resuscitate something others consider obsolete.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An associate's initiative might furnish you with the opportunity today to accomplish something that thus far has been unachievable. Be swift.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Foreboding feelings of insecurity mustn't be allowed to sway your judgment today. Everyone other than yourself knows you can do what needs doing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In your career today, you'll have matters under control while others are trying to define the problem. Your knowledge gives you a definite edge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It could prove quite worthwhile today to accept an unusual invitation. You might meet someone new who you will find extremely interesting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Give credence to flashes of inspiration you may get today pertaining to changes. What you perceive could be of value to you materially.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You will function best today if both your plans and your mind-set are flexible. Unusual developments might seek a spot on your agenda.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're alert today, there is a good chance you could generate gains for yourself in an area that has been ignored by your contemporaries.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Being a good listener today will enable you to analyze information that comes your way in a manner that will prove personally advantageous.

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GOP eyes broadening lowest tax bracket

WASHINGTON (AP) - Majority Republicans in Congress are considering a plan to tax more income at the lowest level of 15 percent, officials said Wednesday, a proposal that would cut taxes for millions of middle-income individuals as well as families.

These officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the proposal had emerged recently as an alternative to a phase-out of the "marriage penalty," which requires some two-earner couples to pay more in taxes than they would owe if they were filing returns individually.

Several Republicans interviewed stressed that the GOP leadership has made no decision on what type of tax cuts to propose when Congress convenes for the year, and likely wouldn't make one until spring.

Under the proposal, the current 15 percent tax bracket would be expanded to apply to some income that is currently taxed at the next-highest rate of 28 percent. The size of the adjustment would depend on the amount of money that tax-writers decide to make available for cuts.

In political terms, broadening the 15 percent bracket would bestow tax cuts on childless couples or individuals who were left out of the $500-per-child tax cut that Congress passed last year and President Clinton signed into law, or taxpayers who didn't qualify because their children are over 16.

One lawmaker, Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., has proposed legislation that would tax single individuals up to the first $35,000 of taxable income at the rate of 15 percent, as opposed to the $25,350 in effect for 1998. For married couples under his plan, the 15 percent bracket would be extended to the first $50,000 rather than $42,350. For single heads of households, the bracket would expand to $50,000 taxable income from $33,950.

Coverdell, who is a member of the GOP leadership, estimated the cost of his proposal at $25 billion for one year.

In announcing his proposal earlier this week, Coverdell said the approach directs "the vast majority of the relief" to the lower- and middle-income taxpayers as well as marking a step toward a flatter, simpler tax code.

Rep. Bill Archer of Texas, the chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, told reporters Tuesday his panel "will be considering broadening the 15 percent rate" and would hold hearings on that subject as well as other tax-cut proposals. An aide said that by his comments, Archer was not attempting to indicate a preference for any particular tax cut.

The impetus for the change in the lowest tax bracket came from Stephen Moore, an official with the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank in Washington. Moore was traveling during the day and could not be reached for comment, but several Republicans said he had written a memo last fall outlining his proposal, and it caught the attention of policy-makers.

One GOP congressional aide listed the bracket change and the marriage penalty as the two issues lawmakers are most interested in having in this year's tax bill.

Even the wealthiest taxpayers would receive some benefit from the bracket change, since some of their income that now is taxed at 28 percent would be shifted to the 15 percent bracket.

Still, in political terms, broadening the 15 percent bracket would allow Republicans to spread tax breaks to a broader population than last year's bill.

On the other hand, according to one Republican who asked not to be identified by name, there is symbolic political appeal in phasing out the marriage penalty, since it is unfinished business left over from the 1994 "Contract With America." In addition, this source added, it would dovetail with an overarching GOP agenda of passing pro-family legislation.

Several other proposals have been circulating among Republicans in the run-up to the year's congressional session. These include capital-gains tax cuts that build on the reductions passed last year; a permanent extension of the tax credit for research and development; some sort of relief from payroll taxes; and accelerating the tax deductibility of health insurance premiums for the self-employed.

Trooper shot near Ardmore

ARDMORE, Okla. (AP) — An ex-convict critically wounded in a shootout with Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers faces a variety of charges in he survives, prosecutors say.

"I'm not talking to New Mexico about extradition. What he's done here to our troopers is more serious than anything out there," Carter County prosecutor Gary Henry said Wednesday.

Trooper Rocky Northcutt was in fair condition Wednesday at Mercy Memorial Hospital. Suspect Ricky Lee Barnes, 44, was in critical condition. His prognosis was not good, authorities said.

Henry said if Barnes survives, he'll be charged with several felonies, including shooting with intent to kill and possession of a firearm after a felony conviction. No charges were filed Wednesday.

Highway Patrol spokesman Stewart Meyer said Terence Richard Braumley, who also is known as Travis Beeson, died in Tuesday afternoon's gun battle on U.S. 70 along the southern edge of Ardmore.

New Mexico authorities said they had been searching for Braumley and Barnes, ex-cons living in the Albuquerque area, since Jan. 12 when the men allegedly robbed a Bernalillo County deputy sheriff and left him tied to a tree in the mountains east of Albuquerque.

Trooper Kent Martin found the men about 4:45 p.m. Tuesday when he stopped Barnes for speeding. Northcutt was Martin's backup.

Authorities gave this account of what happened:

Martin was writing Barnes a ticket as Barnes, described as cordial, sat in the patrol car. Northcutt came up to the vehicle and asked Martin if he still needed assistance. Martin said he did and asked Northcutt to watch Barnes while Martin went up to check on Barnes' passenger.

Braumley came out of the vehicle with a gun. Martin and Braumley struggled and Northcutt went to Martin's aid. Shots were fired and Barnes came out of the patrol car and began firing. The gun battle lasted 30 to 45 seconds.

Northcutt, who was wearing a protective vest, was shot in the lower left abdomen. Barnes was shot several times in the lower abdomen.

Jim Sturgis, a Carter County sheriff's deputy, was nearby. Sturgis disarmed Barnes before he fired again, Henry said.

Henry said the men had a lot of cash and a lot of weapons in the car, which was stolen in New Mexico. He wouldn't comment on how many weapons were in the vehicle. The vehicle also contained stolen property, he said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Heed the warnings of TIAs

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a healthy 69-year-old woman with normal blood pressure. Last year, I had a TIA that lasted about six hours. I recovered completely. Two months ago, while driving, I suffered a severe headache and slight confusion. This was followed by a similar episode a week later.

My doctor diagnosed migraine, which I've never had before, and put me on Elavil, an antidepressant. Should I be doing something else?

DEAR READER: You bet you should.

A TIA (transient ischemic attack) is a temporary stroke, usually caused by a small blood clot that becomes wedged in brain tissue. Unlike a completed stroke, in which permanent damage occurs, a TIA resolves within 24 hours because the body dissolves the clot before it can cause damage. Nonetheless, this is a significant warning that a more disastrous neurological event is waiting in the wings — especially since you have had two further attacks. At this point, your physician should be aggressively searching out the source of the blood clots.

In my opinion, you need a CT or MRI scan of your brain (to check for bleeding), as well as a Doppler ultrasound of your carotid arteries. These tests will, among other things, show the presence of arteriosclerotic plaque, the presumed origin of the clots.

It is reprehensible that your doctor diagnosed migraine (extremely unusual to develop at your age) without obtaining the tests I mentioned. If he is disinclined to follow up with the testing, insist on a referral to a neurologist. In my view, you're sitting on a time bomb.

If you haven't had bleeding into the brain, you should be treated with anticoagulant drugs — at the very least, aspirin. If significant arterial blockage is present, you may have to consider surgery or other techniques to unblock the arteries. In any case, you can ill afford to wait — because if I'm correct, you're a candidate for preventable, serious future consequences.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I take daily vitamins. Previously, I took regular Centrum; however, now that I am over 50, I have changed to Centrum Silver. I was surprised to discover that my pharmacy charges half again as much for the Silver. Why?

DEAR READER: I don't know. The two types of multivitamins are basically identical, except that Centrum Silver contains less iron, vitamin K and phosphorus, and has no tin at all. Such minor alterations do not, in my opinion, justify a price discrepancy. I suspect that the manufacturer has priced the Silver to be more profitable — because the product is marketed to older people, who are generally more health-conscious and well-heeled than the young. We, the consumers, end up paying for the advertising blitz that currently encourages older people to purchase supplemental vitamins, most of which are not needed in the presence of a well-balanced and nutritious diet.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Best Way to Catch a Man Is to Lure With Rod and Reel

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR READERS: I recently printed a letter from "Wilting Wallflower in Arizona," a woman who asked me to put out the word to men that the way to attract women is to dance with them.

To my delight, I received this clever rebuttal: [illegible]

DEAR ABBY: All my life I have loved fishing, as do most other men I know. It is exciting, fun and great exercise. Couples fishing together are so romantic. When I see a woman who can fish with a man, I'm instantly fascinated by her — and so are my friends.

Why, then, are women who can fish so hard to come by? Women are supposed to be charming, romantic and good companions. Fishing is all of that. Yet most women are "dancers" who say, "I don't fish."

I thought women liked attracting men. I know some people say women are dense. But this fact cannot escape anyone's attention: A woman can attract men by going fishing.

Will you please put out the word for us and tell women how sexy and attractive they are when they're fishing?

WAITING WITH BAITED HOOK IN NEVADA

DEAR WAITING: I receive letters every day from women who complain about how hard it is to meet men. Women, now you have heard it from the source! Get off the dance floor and onto the lake, river or ocean. You won't even have to take lessons. My experts tell me that fishermen love to tie knots. With the right bait, there's no telling what you might reel in! Trust me.

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DEAR ABBY: I am sending you a poem I wrote in 1962 when our twins were born. I thought that since you are a twin, you would appreciate it.

AL WILLIS, ARLINGTON, TEXAS

DEAR AL: You thought right. I'm printing your poem to be enjoyed by those readers who were also blessed with "double trouble." (Please forgive me, but I can't help but brag that my wonderful son, Edward Jay, and his lovely wife, Leslye, blessed our family with "double trouble" in 1994, a boy and a girl — the twins are named J.J. and Hutton.)

TWINS
ARE DOUBLE TROUBLE
by Al Willis

Twins are double trouble.
They cry, they smash, they tear.
They break and spill and bite and scratch
And pull each other's hair.

They practice art upon the walls
And yank electric plugs.
And cookies, milk and something else
Get ground into the rugs.

They drive their mother crazy,
Their father is berserk,
He's glad when Monday comes around,
So he can go to work.

The diaper pails are filled again;
The laundry tub's piled high.
The doctor bills (and others, too)
Are mounting to the sky.

So if you have a single child
As placid as a dove,
Contain your envy, if you can;
We have a double love.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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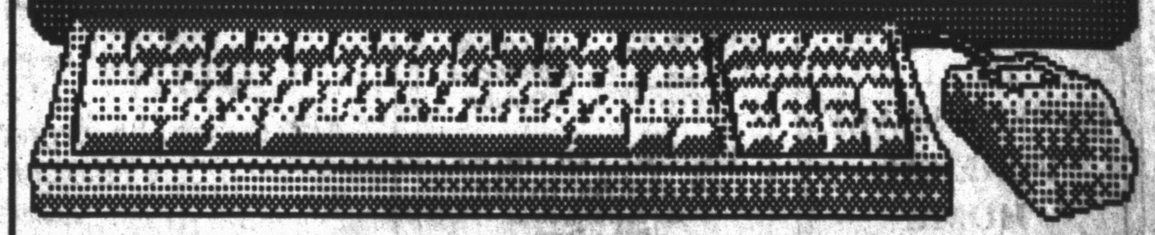
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Pro, con forces mark 25th anniversary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Activists on both sides of the abortion debate today observed the 25th anniversary of legalized abortion with vigils, luncheons, noisy demonstrations and the annual march to the Supreme Court by opponents of the court's landmark ruling.

Thousands of abortion foes rallied near the White House to make it clear, they said, that they won't give up — not even a quarter-century after the nation's highest court said a woman's access to abortion was covered by the constitutional right to privacy.

They planned to walk to the Supreme Court chanting and carrying placards as they have every year since the ruling to protest the court's decision in Roe vs. Wade.

Hundreds of anti-abortion activists from Missouri rose and applauded as Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., joined them this morning. A handful of supporters tried to start a chant of "2000! 2000!" in support of the Republican freshman's presidential hopes.

Ashcroft held up pictures of an ultrasound image of his unborn grandchild, telling the crowd: "If we'd had this kind of technology that literally demolishes the artificial reasoning of the Roe vs. Wade decision, then I wonder if they would have made the same decision."

"Science and the truth have emerged," he said. "These are children and they experience pain and it is a horrible thing to do."

The founder of the anti-abortion march predicted the movement would fight for as long as it takes to prevail.

"In 1973, it seemed that feminists (and) abortionists expected pro-lifers to grumble a bit over Roe vs. Wade and then go away," said Nellie Gray, president of the fund that sponsors the annual March for Life. "We have endured for a quarter of a century. Pro-lifers will never go away."

Abortion rights supporters also were digging in their heels.

"The pro-choice movement is going to be speaking up and speaking out," Gloria Feldt, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, said in an interview before a breakfast rally Tuesday. "To those who oppose abortion, my message is, 'Join with us to prevent the need for abortion.'"

Wanda Franz, president of the National Right to Life Committee, told a news conference that her movement was encouraged by three developments: Abortion rates have declined in recent years; "The pro-life movement is stronger than ever"; The "misinformation campaign" of abortion rights supporters "is disintegrating."

Obituaries

J.D. Vaughn

1926-1998

J.D. Vaughn, a longtime Snyder resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Vaughn, 72, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Odom Chapel of the First United Methodist Church. Dr. Craig Curry, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 19, 1926 in Snyder, he was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in China, Burma and India.

He married Sybil Johnson on July 11, 1949. She died in 1974. Mr. Vaughn was a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

Mr. Vaughn worked for the Palace Theatre and for Rainbow Market. He later worked 10 years in the maintenance department of the Snyder Independent School District.

Survivors include one daughter, Nancy Vaughn of Post; and several cousins, including Patsy Martin and Bobby Nolan, both of Snyder.

Tommie Cox

1930-1998

BONHAM — Tommie Louise Cox, a former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, in Wilson N. Jones Hospital in Sherman.

Funeral service for Mrs. Cox, 67, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Telephone Baptist Church in Telephone. The Revs. Olan Pumphrey and Mickey Lyles will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Forest Grove Cemetery in Telephone under the direction of Cooper-Sorrels Funeral Home of Bonham.

Born Dec. 24, 1930 in Houston, she married Jewell Farris Cox on March 19, 1949 in Snyder. He died in 1995.

Mrs. Cox lived in Snyder during the 1940s and 1950s. She worked as a supervisor for Bonham Manufacturing for 20 years. She also was a homemaker and operated the Telephone Store and Cafe. She was a member of the Duplex Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Carl Cox of Telephone; two daughters, Connie Nichols and Farris Murray, both of Ivanhoe; two sisters, Jackie Nungusser of Houston and Carlene Smith of Elk City, Okla.; a brother-in-law, Odell Cox of Snyder; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Microsoft's offer accepted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. today agreed to offer the latest version of its Windows 95 operating system without requiring easy access to its Internet Explorer software, avoiding contempt of court.

The offer by Microsoft was accepted by the Justice Department and U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson.

It settled a part of a larger antitrust suit accusing Microsoft of violating a Dec. 11 court order. That order requires the company not to force computer makers to install Internet Explorer software as a condition of licensing the Windows 95 operating system.

Microsoft attorney Richard J. Urowsky said today's agreement leaves other issues in the larger case unresolved, including Microsoft's claim that it has the right to integrate its Internet software with its Windows 95 operating system.

An April 21 hearing has been set on the company's appeal of Jackson's order to separate the two programs.

"Microsoft will continue to defend the software industry's right to updates and enhance products without unnecessary government interference," said William H. Neukom, Microsoft senior vice president.

Microsoft today agreed to let computer makers install Windows 95 but delete the Internet Explorer icons — the graphical pictures that launch a program with a click of a computer mouse — from the computer's desktop or opening screen.

That proceedure leaves the bulk of the Internet Explorer program on the computer, but not visible to the average computer user. Internet Explorer files are integrated with Windows 95 to allow other programs, such as Intuit's Quicken pesonal financial software, to access the Internet, Microsoft has said.

Computer makers will be able to delete the Internet Explorer files via the "Add/Delete" program that comes with Windows 95. The heart of the government contempt argument was that Microsoft didn't offer computer makers an easy option to remove Internet Explorer using the "Add/Delete" function.

Computer makers also have a second option, which also removes all of the Internet Explorer icons but leaves the bulk of the program stored on a computer's hard drive.

Today's settlement was hailed by Joel Klein, assistant attorney general in charge of Justice's civil rights division.

The Justice Department said the settlement provides "an opportunity for good competition."

In frozen Northeast, stores wait for customers to return

WATERTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Getting electrical power restored four days after a devastating ice storm didn't lighten jeweler Mark Waterbury's load.

For more than a week, he's been waiting for customers to trickle back in.

"I'm on the bottom of the stack right now — jewelry is a want, not a need," he said, peering out the window of his empty store at a desolate business quarter in this old mill town in northern New York.

Instead of pulling in his usual $1,000 a day in sales, Waterbury has grossed less than $200 in two weeks.

"As everyone knows, small business is fragile — all of us are always walking a fine line," he said. "What makes me nervous is it's going to be months before things come on the way they were."

Some businesses have thrived on want since the Jan. 8 storm knocked out power, disrupting everyday life for millions of people across vast swaths of New York, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and eastern Canada.

Electrical suppliers, plumbers and tree-pruning crews have never been busier. Motels are packed with utility workers who flew in from as far off as the Sun Belt. Hardware stores sold every last battery, gas heater and generator.

Many more businesses, from restaurants and dentists to day-care centers and dairy farmers, took a big hit.

"These people are out — government may give you a loan to rebuild, but that lost business is lost forever, it seems to me," said Jim Follain, an economics professor at Syracuse University.

The results are messy. Some businesses have resorted to at least temporary layoffs. Others must load up on loans to tide them over. Many are trying to soothe out-of-town creditors or battle insurers.

The U.S. Small Business Administration has already sent out disaster loan applications to more than 3,700 businesses in the Northeast. They can apply for low-interest loans of up to $1.5 million.

In northern New York's already glum economy, many businesses don't expect to pull clear of the wreckage for at least one to three months.

Hurting the most are businesses in isolated regions where electricity is still out and splintered poles and ice-coated tree limbs lie strewn along rural roads for miles. The damage to utilities, public buildings, roads and homes could exceed $100 million in Maine alone.

The storm may be the knockout blow for some.

Take George Hayes' 100-cow farm in Gouverneur, 40 miles northeast of here.

A crop grower for 18 years, Hayes made an unfortunate leap into dairy farming last year as milk prices dipped to a 20-year low. He persevered until prices bobbed up this winter, only to get caught in a power outage without a back-up generator. He ended up dumping three days of soured milk.

Asked if he was close to losing his business, the father of three answered softly, "Just about," then pushed his thumb and forefinger into his eyes to hold back the tears.

Hayes' hope is that the breadth of the catastrophe will save him.

"I believe I have so much company that there will be some help," he said, "because otherwise the bankers are going to have so many farms they don't want."

In the nearby village of Philadelphia, dentist Dean Christman isn't sure what to expect once he re-opens. He expects cancellations and delayed payments.

For those already open, that's the way it's turning out.

"You've gotta say yes," said Waterbury, the jeweler. "For these people, $50 is gas for the generator."

That leaves him out-of-pocket, plus "what I have in the case I own — I can't send it back," he said.

"As they say in this business, if you're closed for a day, it's gone," added John Kennedy, who owns the J Opticians store next door.

"We're just going to be holding out breaths until we can get through it," Kennedy said. "We're a resilient group up here. Somehow we always manage to survive, but this will be the test."

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May this day be as great, as the one having the birthday!
Love,
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events WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Ratite association to meet

Rolling Plains Ratite Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at The Shack.

Deadline to order SHS yearbooks

February 3 is the deadline for ordering 1998 Snyder High School yearbooks. The cost is $40. No extra books will be ordered; this will be the only time to purchase them. Call 573-6301, ext. 35.

DECA fund-raiser set

DECA students are seling coupon booklets, a $250 value, for $12 each. All coupons are from local merchants. Booklets can be purchased from any DECA student or by calling Lisa Williams at 573-6301. The deadline to purchase a booklet is Jan. 30.

Bible study tapes airing

The "Key to the Kingdom" video tapes and "Getting to Know God" series air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Concern Without Worry," followed by "Getting to Know God's Provision," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Blood pressure clinic

Total Home Health Care of Post will conduct a free blood pressure clinic from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fluvanna Cafe.

TOPS 50th anniversary

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) invites everyone to a 50th anniversary open house from 5-6 p.m. Tuesday at 2501 35th Street.

Weather spotting class

George Mathews of the National Weather Service in Midland will present a severe weather spotting class at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Central Fire Station. Fire Chief Terry McDowell said the public is invited.

Spring portraits at Ira ISD

Spring portraits will be taken for grades K-12 at Ira Wednesday. No money is needed that day, unless you are doing "friendship" pictures which cost a $2 sitting fee per person, to be paid that day. Exact change is necessary. Up to five people will be allowed in a photo. Families will not be charged a sitting fee per person. Families need to call the school to set up a time. Group pictures of each class with its sponsor or teacher will be taken. Proofs will be sent home, when they come in, for orders to be placed.

Pancake supper set

Snyder High School Senior Class will sponsor a pancake supper at McDonald's from 6-8 p.m. next Thursday. Tickets are $2.50 and available from any senior or by calling 573-1400 and leaving a message.

Windbreak trees

The deadline for ordering windbreak trees is Jan. 31. A variety of evergreens and hardwoods is available. The district is also offering evergreens in one-gallon yearling size for fill-ins. For more information, contact the Upper Colorado SWCD at 573-6317 or go by 5309 Big Spring Highway.

Road to Recovery program

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

Tiger banners for sale

Snyder Girls Hoops Club is selling Tiger banners for $25. Call 573-1769 or 573-4283. They will deliver.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs.

Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Circus Gatti

Scurry County Sheriff's Posse will be sponsoring the annual Circus Gatti production Feb. 18. Representatives from the production will work on ticket sales in the coming weeks.

Support group ministry

Three support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Please enter on the east side, which faces the Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome; child care will be provided. For more information, call 573-2631.

Pick 3

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

3-6-4

(three, six, four)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 12-19-20-40-41-44

(twelve, nineteen, twenty, forty, forty-one, forty-four)

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $17 million.