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TUESDAY

Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—When will they be having plays and other activities at the Ritz Theatre? How much does it lack being finished?

A—During the last several months, the Ritz board has been active in pursuing grants for interior renovation, prior to going to the general public for contributions. A sequence for beginning fund-raising and renovation should be announced by early summer, said Mike Thornton, president of the Ritz board of governors. Exterior renovation is complete. Interior renovation has yet to begin.

Local

Genealogy

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 this evening in the county library.

United Way

Scurry County United Way board will meet at 7 this evening in the chamber board room.

Central

Central Elementary's parents night out will be this evening at Golden Corral.

Historical

Scurry County Historical Commission will meet today at 5 p.m. at the Dermott School.

SNS board

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

Ira one-act

Ira's one-act play, "la Mancha," will be presented at 7:30 this evening in the new gym. A pot luck supper will be held at 6:30 in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome.

Predators

Representatives from the Texas Animal Damage Control Service will be at the Senior Center at 7 this evening to discuss predator control in Scurry County.

The program will include an overview of problems in the area and information on how producers can work with the service for predator management. The meeting is free and open to the public.

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Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 60 degrees; low, 31 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 34 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 1.11 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low in the mid 30s. Northeast wind 10-20 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy in the morning, then decreasing cloudiness in the afternoon. High in the upper 50s. Northeast wind 5-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 7:02. Sunrise Wednesday, 6:35. Of 87 days in 1994, the sun has shone 80 days in Snyder.

NEW PARK FOUNTAIN — Scurry County parks department employee Robert Hinkle is getting Towle Park ready for the thirsty summer crowd by installing a new water fountain. (SDN Staff Photo)

Business owners must render property by middle of April

Chief Appraiser L.R. Peveler wants to remind businesses that they must render their property with Scurry County Appraisal District by a new deadline — April 14. Beginning this year, state law changed the rendition deadline from April 1 to April 14.

To "render" means to list the taxable property that businesses owned or managed as of Jan. 1, 1994.

While state law requires business owners and operators to render, any property owner — including homeowners, farmers and ranchers — may render their property with the county appraisal district.

"Homeowners who render are in a better position to exercise their rights as taxpayers," Peveler said. "They are ensuring that the appraisal district has their correct address so they will receive notices of any actions that affect their property or tax bills."

If the tax collector cannot deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect address, the property owner is responsible for paying the taxes, plus the late payment penalties, Peveler added.

State law requires anyone who owns or manages income-producing personal property on Jan. 1 to render with the appraisal district. An exception is a business that receives the freeport exemption for managing cotton stored in a warehouse.

"For example, businesses must report their inventories, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other tangible personal property by filing this annual report," Peveler said. "Appraisal districts use the reports to set business property values. When a business owner doesn't render his or her property, the chief appraiser estimates the value."

Peveler also announced that property owners who had property damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that may lower their final tax bills.

Property owners may ask the chief appraiser for additional time — through April 30 — if the owner can demonstrate good cause. The chief appraiser must grant owners of property regulated by the Public Utility Commission or the Railroad Commission an extension to April 30 to file the reports and may extend the deadline another 15 days if the owners request it in writing and show good cause.

Also, property owners can record their opinions of their property's value. By stating their opin-

(See APPRAISAL, Page 8)

Area gardeners arrive for spring convention

About 100 garden club members are in Snyder today for the annual Texas Garden Club District VIII Spring Convention.

"Springtime in West Texas" is the theme for the convention, cosponsored by Snyder Garden Club and Colorado City Garden Club.

A coffee and registration open the festivities this afternoon at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Club members will have dinner at 6 this evening at Snyder Country Club.

Colorado City Garden Club will host a coffee at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Methodist Church.

The general assembly will convene at 9:30 at the church with Mrs. I.H. Rogers, District VIII director from Stamford, conducting.

Lunch for the convention will be at noon Wednesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Keynote speaker for the convention will be Joyce Ewald of El Paso. She is a certified design consultant of Texas Design Seminars, and has given numerous design programs in Texas and New Mexico.

She is past president of the El Paso Council of Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges and a nationally accredited master flower show judge. She has served as an officer on a number of boards affiliated with design and the arts.

The District VIII Convention chairman is Billie Jean Sterling. Co-chairman is Gertrude League.

Damage suit is settled

An out-of-court settlement was announced Monday afternoon prior to the start of testimony in 132nd District Court.

Attorneys announced the settlement about 2:30 p.m. Herman Gene Wright and his wife, Joira D. Wright, were seeking damages against JPL Supermarkets for injuries Wright sustained while shopping at Lawrence IGA in 1992.

Jury selection in Judge Gene Dulaney's court began Monday morning, and a jury was seated about 12:30 p.m. Court recessed for lunch. When court resumed at 2 p.m., attorneys asked for time to confer, resulting in the settlement.

In the suit, plaintiffs contended that the injury occurred when Wright slipped on a pinto bean and fell.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs were Forrest Bowers and Donald Curry, both of Lubbock. Defense attorney was James Killion of Lubbock.

SHS choirs set for UIL contests

Snyder High School choirs will be competing in University Interscholastic League concert and sight reading contests Wednesday in Lubbock.

The competition begins at 2:40 p.m. on the Texas Tech University campus.

Four SHS choirs will be competing. These are the varsity mixed choir, the non-varsity mixed choir, the women's chorus and the men's chorus. Some 86 Snyder students will be involved.

Choir director Melanie Smith will be directing. Doug Fishel, minister of music at First Baptist Church, will accompany the group.

Places drawn for municipal ballot

The ballot for the Snyder municipal election on May 7 was finalized Monday.

Drawing for places on the ballot were conducted Monday afternoon at city hall.

For Place 1, incumbent Vernest Tippens will be listed first followed by challenger Lynn Gardenhire. For Place 2, Robert Sanders will be listed first, followed by Jerry Webb.

For District 3, the candidate order will be Kenny Gambrell followed by Kenneth Gibson II. For Place 4, candidates in order in which they will appear on the ballot are Wylie "Buff" Hearne and incumbent I.E. Martin.

HISD trustee...

Unexpired term will be on ballot

Hermleigh public school trustees Monday evening unanimously decided to place an unexpired board term on the May 7 ballot and scheduled a brief filing period.

The move comes following the resignation of trustee Ronnie Price, who is moving from the district. Board members had considered the possibility of appointing someone to finish out the final year of Price's three-year term, but after reviewing information from the Secretary of State's office, decided to place the unexpired term on the ballot.

The filing period opens Friday, April 1, and will run through the close of business on April 7. Hermleigh will be closed Friday through Monday, April 4, for Easter holidays. Anyone wishing to file during that time is asked to contact Supt. Jerry Church.

Monday's action by the board means the unexpired term will be placed on the same ballot with three full terms which are up for election. The filing period for the full terms ended last week with nine candidates opting to file. They are incumbents Jimmy Hudgins and Tony Lambaren, as well as Jay Roemisch, Andres Rodriguez Jr., Rex Glass, Brian Blair, Chip Roemisch Jr., Carole Haynes and John Williamson.

Supt. Church said that April 1-7 filing for the unexpired term is also open to candidates who have filed for a full term. However, they must withdraw their full-term candidacy by the close of business this Thursday, and then re-file for the unexpired term.

All trustee positions on the Hermleigh school board are at-large; however, according to the state, a candidate must designate whether he or she is seeking to fill a full term or an unexpired term.

Friday deadline to remove name off school ballot

Tim Riggan, candidate for Place 2 on the Snyder school board, has until Friday to remove his name from the May 7 ballot.

Riggan, who filed last Wednesday against incumbent Geraldine Parker, learned that he might not be able to serve out a full term since he plans to move from District 2 to District 5.

Riggan is seeking clarification from the Secretary of State's office and has said he would make a decision concerning his candidacy early this week.

Should he withdraw, Riggan said he likely would be a candidate for the District 5 seat when it comes up for re-election.

Riggan is building a new home just a few blocks south of his present residence in Cedar Creek, but the new home site is just outside of District 2.

DA considers course to take concerning voting violations

District Attorney Ernie Armstrong said this morning he was seeking to determine the proper course of action following a report of possible voter irregularities.

Armstrong said he had not received anything in writing nor had he looked at any material. He said there is some indication in the election code that the Attorney General's office will handle all violations of the election code, and he said he hoped to have that clarified by the end of the day.

He said the alledged violations would likely be investigated by some law enforcement agency, and if probable cause is found to file a complaint, then it would ultimately be considered by a grand jury.

A routine cross-check by the county clerk's office of persons voting revealed that four Scurry County residents cast ballots in both the Republican and Democratic primaries held on March 8.

The Secretary of State's office said Monday that the violation is a felony. There were no close races in Scurry County.

WTC board meets Thursday

Western Texas College trustees have scheduled a noon Thursday board meeting to hire a new women's basketball coach.

The board has scheduled an executive session to hear a recommendation from a search committee that Sunday afternoon spent almost five hours interviewing the same number of finalists.

Following interviews, Howard County assistant coach Terry Gray Sunday evening removed his name from consideration. Gray's wife reportedly has been named to coach girls softball at Howard.

The committee has made a recommendation to WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek who will make a recommendation to the board.

Finalists include Charles Mancil, women's coach at Tyler Junior College; Jay Kelly Howell, an assistant coach at Mississippi State University; Brenda Welch Nichols, a former WTC all-American and presently assistant coach at Pensacola JC in Florida; and Arthur Portley, assistant coach at Ranger JC.

The position came open early last month when WTC coach Ron Jones resigned to become head coach at Midland College.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The uppercrust is where a lot of crumbs stick together."

A perfect job to many might include plenty of money, power, success and influence.

Add to that free tickets for the best box seat in the stadium for Sunday afternoon professional football games. And, if you want, you can watch an exciting finish from the sideline and join the team's locker-room victory celebration.

But that doesn't always spell happiness, and the most recent rift between Dallas Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones and head coach Jimmy Johnson is a textbook study in interpersonal relationships gone sour.

Both are riding the crest of consecutive Super Bowl championships, guiding America's team from the valley to the mountain top once again.

Everybody has ego, but some folks' ego require more attention than others. In Dallas, there are two guys whose egos are "bigger than Dallas."

According to insiders, the problem is whether the coach or the owner gets the credit for rebuilding the championship team. The two are now acting like grade school sand-lot players where arguments are settled over who owns the ball.

Whether in football, business, civic clubs or community affairs, much more can be accomplished if people focus on the goals of the project, rather than worrying about who gets the credit.

There is one way for people to succeed in working in organizations, where people inevitably are gonna be people.

A wise observer once counseled a younger employee who was angry over a colleague's thoughtless behavior:

"Never ascribe to malice what can be perfectly well explained by stupidity."

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Malpractice: why doctors insure

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is malpractice insurance and why do doctors and hospitals pay such high premiums for the coverage?

DEAR READER: Malpractice insurance, a necessity in today's litigious society, is purchased by doctors, nurses, hospitals, and health care facilities — as well as by increasing numbers of attorneys and other professionals. If a patient claims that the services he or she received were deficient or below a certain standard of care, a lawsuit may result. The plaintiff can sue for millions of dollars, to cover pain, loss of income and damages.

The defendant then turns to his malpractice insurer to protect him, defend him and — if necessary — pay all or part of the court-awarded judgment. Without such insurance, the defendant would have to pay all legal expenses and awards out of pocket, a daunting possibility.

Malpractice insurance is like homeowners' insurance: You may never use it but when you do, it's nice to have.

To a large degree, insurance companies set their premiums in relation to risk. For example, the risks of neurosurgery are much higher than those of routine general medical practice. Thus, neurosurgeons pay much more in annual premiums (tens of thousands of dollars) than do low-risk practitioners, such as family physicians (several thousand dollars).

Doctors and hospitals pay more in insurance premiums than used to be the case because people are more likely to sue and dollar judgments have increased over the years. Of course, these added costs are passed on to the patient, thereby inflating the price of medical care.

There are no easy answers to this increasingly troublesome problem. However, to control burgeoning insurance costs, some experts have urged that legislators pass laws to cap malpractice awards. This and other solutions seem a long way off to the physicians, surgeons and hospitals who live in constant dread of being sued.

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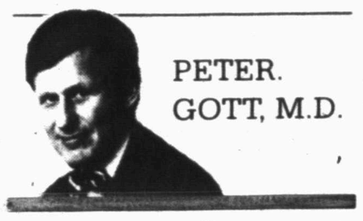

PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Imprisoned asylum-seekers begin fasting for freedom

LONDON (AP) — More than 100 Africans and Asians seeking political asylum in Britain are refusing food in hopes the government will end their imprisonment.

Many of the hunger-strikers, in nine detention centers and prisons throughout England, have refused to eat since March 11. Some pledge to fast to the death rather than be sent back to countries where they say torture or assassination awaits them.

The protests have highlighted the way Britain handles its illegal immigrants, hundreds of whom remain locked up while officials decide whether to deport them or grant them political refugee status.

"These people have real fears and experiences of persecution in their home countries. ... None ... have been charged with any crime, and yet they are being held like animals in a cage," said Claude Moraes of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants.

His lobbying group supports the hunger strikers.

The Home Office, which oversees immigration controls, says it will not speed up the applications of those refusing to eat.

"That would be unfair to all the other applicants for asylum," a spokesman said, speaking in customary anonymity.

He said the Immigration Service has 47,000 outstanding asylum claims to handle, but only 640 of those applicants were being held under guard "as a last resort, because they were judged likely to abscond or go into hiding otherwise."

Most recent asylum-seekers in Britain have come from three of Africa's most anarchic spots — Zaire, Nigeria and Angola — from Kurdish southeastern Turkey and from India, where government forces are challenging Kashmiri and Sikh separatists.

Among the first to protest their detention were Algerians, who fled last year fearing assassination by Islamic radicals.

Ten went on hunger strikes in January. One man, Kamal, lost 15 pounds in nine days, and last month gained his freedom from London's Pentonville prison. He has averted deportation, but his case will be reviewed in six months.

Kamal, who refused use of his full name, said his work as a prison guard in Algiers made him a target for Muslim assassins. He fled to Britain, figuring he would have a better chance of winning refugee status in Britain than in France, Algeria's former colonial ruler. But he was arrested after reporting to the British Home Office.

He said he thought his hunger strike made the difference between winning the right to stay in Britain and deportation.

His Algerian friends agreed their hunger strike was worth it.

"I am still weak, but I am free," said Djamel, a 27-year-old electrician from Algiers.

Djamel spent 16 days without food at Campsfield House, a modern detention center opened in November 1993 to house asylum applicants under guard. He was granted release in March.

The number of detainees on hunger strikes since March 11 has fluctuated from about 100 to 200.

None is reported in life-threatening condition but some have refused water in recent days, a decision that could bring death within a week.

Charles Wardle, the minister responsible for immigration, said any jailed illegal immigrants who want to leave Britain "are perfectly free to go."

Report: American allowed to erect dangerous signs

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines thought it was helping customers last year when it erected eight roadside signs listing the gates of its arrivals and departures at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Some airport workers disagreed in fear of the signs leading to traffic accidents and they said so in writing to high-ranking DFW officials, who ignored the warnings and let signs go up, The Dallas Morning News reported today in a copyright story.

According to documents obtained under the Texas Open Government Act, The Morning News reported that staffers sent memos to former airport Executive Director Vernell Sturns and other top officials warning them of the dangers.

Since the 63-foot-tall signs costing a total of $4 million went up last year, police have blamed them for nine multiple-car accidents that injured 13 people, including four seriously.

Police reports show that drivers were distracted by the signs in each of those wrecks. In the year before the signs, police records show two accidents for that stretch of roadway.

Sturns and other officials approved the signs based on a four-page, airline-funded report that said the electronic billboards would be safe, according to memos and letters.

American officials consider the signs a public service, saying they balanced safety considerations along with the need to improve gate information.

Police Lt. Bob Burkhart wrote in a memo that he "received complaints from our officers regarding the serious traffic problems and potential serious accidents that have or will occur as a result of these signs and their locations."

Sturns, who resigned in February to open a title company in Fort Worth, says the signs are useful.

"I understand that every accident serves as reinforcement to those who had their doubts initially, but from my vantage point, it still doesn't mean it was a wrong decision," he said. "Some decisions just have more risks than others."

In a memo dated Dec. 9, airport assistant director of planning and engineering Leslie Sagar said the signs "have created a traffic safety problem."

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are the Lotto Texas Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:

6-1-5

(six, one, five)

Hubble repair crew gets award

HOUSTON (AP) — The astronauts who repaired the Hubble Space Telescope during a historic space repair mission have been awarded The Freedom Forum's Free Spirit Award.

Freedom Forum Chairman Allen Neuharth and Alan Shepard, the first American in space, presented the organization's highest honor to the crew Monday night.

The award recognizes those who embody the principles of free press, free speech and free spirit. The forum also will award $250,000 in the astronauts' names to a scholarship fund for dependents of NASA employees.

"When people ask what we mean by 'free spirit,' we talk about independence of mind and action, strength of convictions, and abiding commitment to be the best one can be and a sometimes lonely journey on the chosen path," said Charles Overby, the forum's president.

Berry's World

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"Somebody on your staff called and said you need some FIRE WALLS around here."

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, March 30, 1994

In the year ahead factors which pertain to your finances or material security should begin to show improvement. If you do start accumulating surpluses, leave some with your friendly banker.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Progress is indicated today pertaining to an ambitious endeavor you've been recently pursuing. However, to be on the safe side, don't make any premature announcements about completion. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Diplomacy and persuasion can serve you better today than dictatorial, demanding methods. The secret is to get others to do you bidding without generating resentment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your intuitive perceptions regarding a development which affects your work or career could be on the mark today. Don't disregard strong feelings or hunches.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) One of your best assets today is your ability to be an effective organizer. Instinctively, you should know how to pick the right people for the assignments they can do best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It might take you a trifle longer than others to get things done today. However, the big difference is what you do is apt to be done to perfection. Mistakes aren't likely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Persons with whom you'll associate today will know when you say something you mean business, even when your demands are laminated in friendly phrases. What you say isn't apt to be ignored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Personal gains are probable today, but it might be necessary for you to first prime the pump. If large returns are indicated, it may be wise to spend a bit in order to make more.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Members of the opposite gender usually find you a charismatic person to begin with. Today, however, your allure could be even stronger.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you might be extremely fortunate in a commercial/financial development owing to a strong set of circumstances. Be alert for a peculiar twist you may be able to turn into a profit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even though you might be a bit of a day dreamer today that which you envision could still fall within the realm of attainability. Be realistic in ways that help make fancies facts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Recognition and achievement could be of extreme importance to you today. This is why you might be willing to put forth the extra effort that a runner-up or an also-ran wouldn't.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Companions might have problems identifying that which is truthful, but you're not apt to be so easily deceived today. Trust your intuition when weighing evidence.

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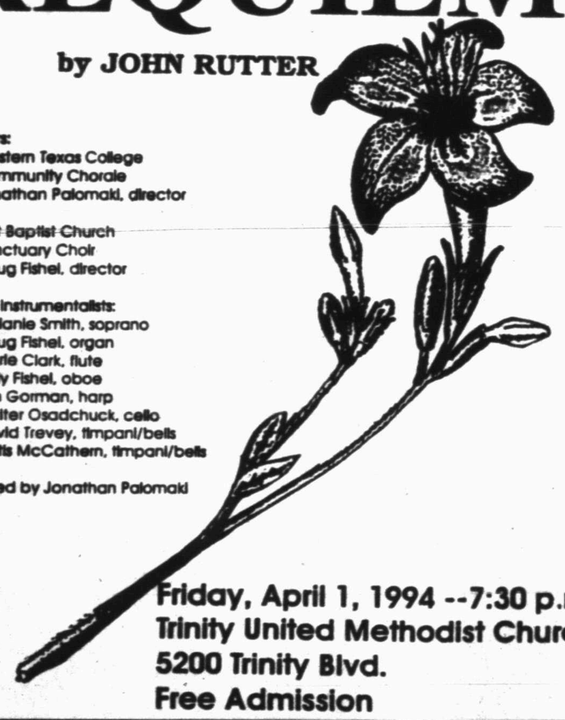

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Western Texas College Community Chorale
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First Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir
Doug Fishel, director
Soloists & Instrumentalists:
Melanie Smith, soprano
Doug Fishel, organ
Marie Clark, flute
Kelly Fishel, oboe
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Walter Osadchuck, cello
David Trevey, timpani/bells
Kurtis McCathern, timpani/bells
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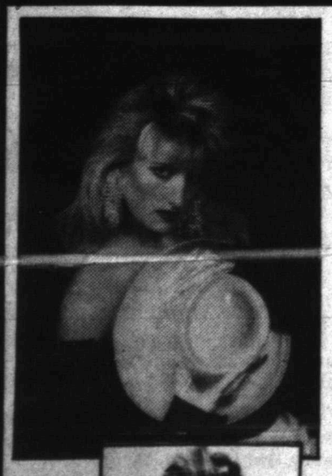

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SWISS TEAM TOURNAMENT — Snyder's "Spring Fling!" bridge Swiss Team tournament was held at the country club Saturday. Thirty tables played in the Alzheimer's charity tournament. Co-directors were Colleen Palmer of Abilene and Bette Byrd of Sweetwater. The A team (top photo) included, from left, Norma Walker and Sharon Haney, both of San Angelo, and Betty Crooker and Jerry Crooker, both of Midland. The B team (middle photo) included Jean Cook, Mrs. Hooper Sander, Betty J. Smith and Beverly A. Taylor, all of Big Spring. And the C team (botton photo) were Snyder players Durelle Gorman, Billisue Stuard, Julie Sentell and not pictured, Dorothy Rosson. (SDN Staff Photo)

New twist for an Easter brunch

By The Associated Press

Perk up Easter with a new twist on an old favorite.

Ham with pineapple is a time-honored main dish for Easter brunch, but this year, serve the ham with fresh pineapple. It makes a beautiful presentation when cut into serving size pieces and presented in the pineapple shell alongside the ham.

Fully-cooked ham is always a popular main dish choice because it only needs to be heated through in the oven prior to serving. A fully-cooked, smoked ham rump or shank half or portion will yield two to three 3-ounce cooked, trimmed servings per pound.

A simple glaze of orange juice and brown sugar flavors the ham during the last 20 minutes of heating.

The ham can be prepared that morning. Keep the accompaniments simple — hot cross buns from the bakery and steamed asparagus spears.

CITRUS GLAZED HAM WITH FRESH PINEAPPLE

6 to 8-pound fully-cooked smoked ham rump or shank half or portion

1 fresh pineapple

1/2 cup packed brown sugar

1 tablespoon orange juice

Do not preheat oven. Place ham (straight from the refrigerator), fat side up, on rack in shallow roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer into thickest part of ham, not touching fat or bone. Do not add water. Cover pan tightly with aluminum foil, leaving thermometer dial exposed. Roast in a 325-degree F oven until meat thermometer registers 135 degrees F, about 13 to 17 minutes per pound.

Meanwhile, cut pineapple in half lengthwise; cut each portion in half lengthwise to form two wedges. Remove core from each pineapple wedge. Cut pineapple away from skin, leaving 1/2-inch shell. Cut pineapple crosswise into 1/2-inch slices. Push every other slice toward opposite edge of shell; reserve.

In small bowl, combine 1/4 cup of the brown sugar and the orange juice. Remove foil and brush glaze over ham 20 minutes before end of cooking time. Remove ham when meat thermometer registers 135 degrees F. Tent with foil and let stand 10 minutes or until meat thermometer registers 140 degrees F.

Meanwhile, place pineapple on rack in boiler pan so surface of fruit is 6 inches from heat. Broil 10 minutes. Remove; sprinkle remaining 1/4 cup brown sugar over surface of pineapple and continue broiling 5 minutes. Serve ham with broiled pineapple. Makes 8 servings of pineapple.

Nutrition information per 3-ounce cooked, trimmed serving of ham with 1/8 of pineapple: 218 cal., 22 g pro., 5 g fat, 22 g carbo., 1.5 mg iron, 1,133 mg sodium, 47 mg chol.

Recipe from: Meat Board Test Kitchens.

Strange appetite

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Hawksbill sea turtles have one of the strangest palates known.

The turtles live almost exclusively on sponges that are unpopular with other animals because the subtropical sponges have glass spines, and they excrete poisons.

No one knows how the sea turtle digests the glass needles, which are a form of silica similar to opal. Nor does anyone know how the turtle deals with the sponges' poisonous secretions.

The Vitascope system for projecting movies onto a screen was demonstrated in 1896 at a music hall in New York City.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 3-29-94
♠ 8 7 4
♥ J 10 6 5 3
♦ K J 8 2
♣ 2

WEST
♠ Q J 10 5 3
♥ 9 2
♦ 9 3
♣ K J 6 5

EAST
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♥ A 8 7 4
♦ 10 7 6 5 4
♣ 10 9

SOUTH
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♥ K Q
♦ A Q
♣ A Q 8 7 4 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

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3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
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Opening lead: ♠ Q

To an innocent bystander, it appeared that South would now try the club finesse for his ninth trick. But South paused to work out the distribution. Because West echoed in hearts, it seemed that he had started with a doubleton. (He was very unlikely to echo when holding three low hearts.) If so, West would have length in clubs — and be ripe for an endplay. South played a spade to his ace and exited with the spade nine.

West took three spade tricks but then had to lead away from the club king into South's A-Q tenace.

South has been signed up for my team.

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Look for the signpost

Some silly signs have been produced from time to time. There used to be one in northern England that read, "Please do not throw stones at this notice." Another, put up in an airport during renovations, said: "Welcome to Ottawa. Sorry for the inconvenience."

In bridge, too, there may be signposts. The hard part is first realizing the signpost is there and then reading it correctly to find the right play.

After South opened with an artificial and forcing two clubs and North gave the negative response, the rest of the auction was natural.

Declarer won West's spade-queen lead with his king and led the heart king: nine, three, four. South continued with the heart queen: two, five, seven. Annoying! If only an opponent had won with the ace, the contract would have been easy.

Next, South cashed three diamond tricks, overtaking his queen with dummy's king on the second round. West discarded the club five on the third round.

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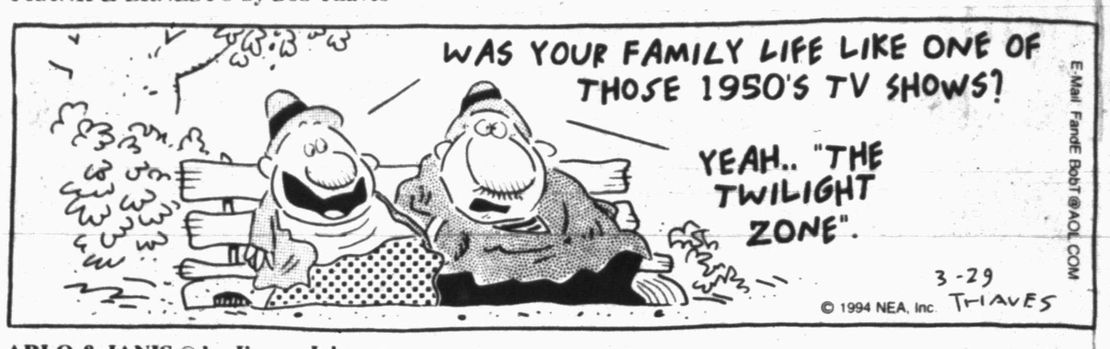

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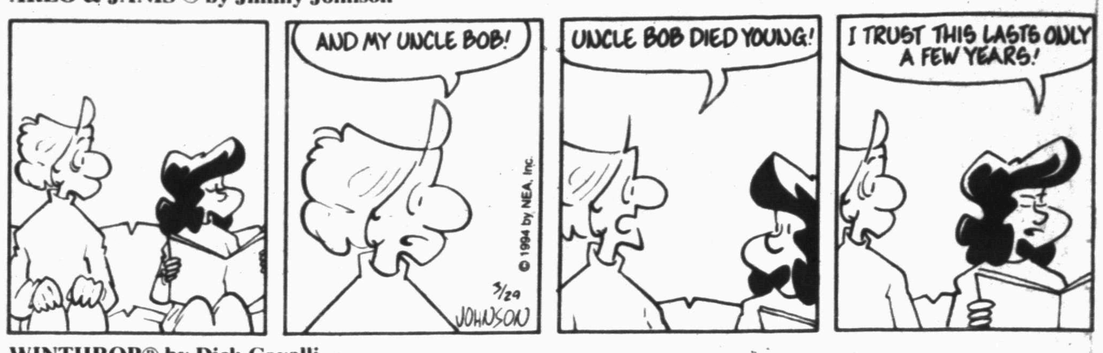

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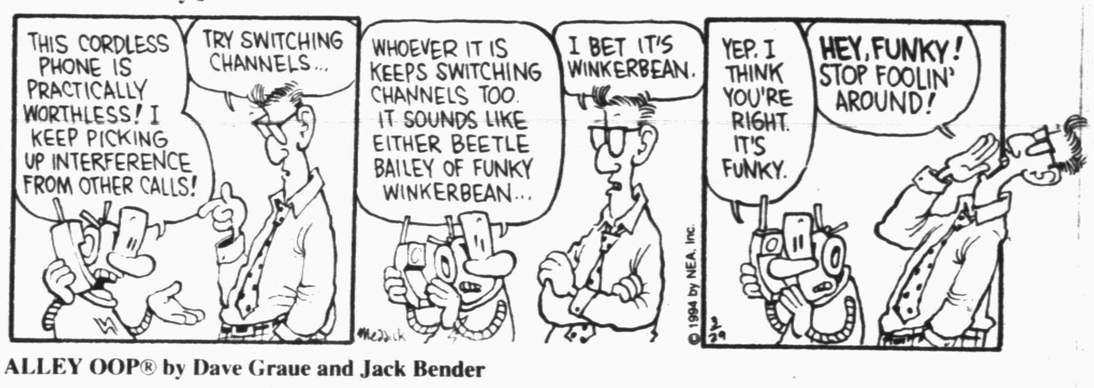

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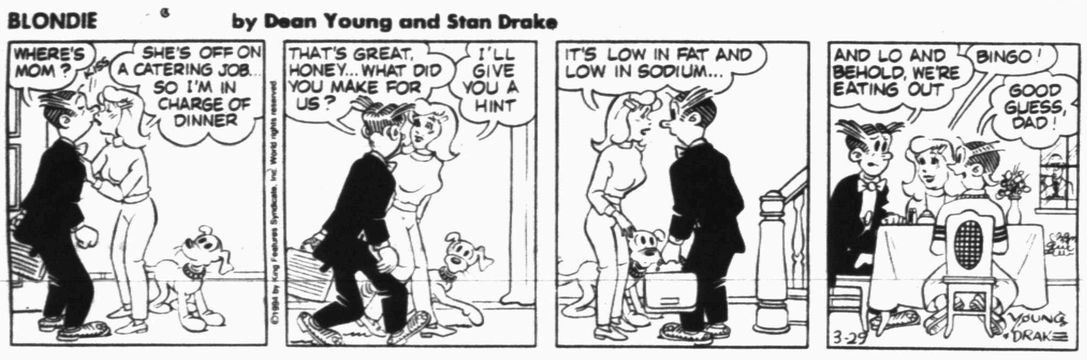

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17 Electrical unit
18 Cloth measure
20 Room in harem
21 Words of denial
23 Baseball stat.
24 Predator's victim
25 Norwegian capital
27 Afraid
29 Japanese sash
31 Exist
32 Victory
33 Permit to
34 Flair
37 Walk
40 Rabbit (var.)
41 Above (poet.)
43 — St. Laurent
45 Rubber tree
46 Low island
47 Much — About Nothing
48 Daze
51 Himalayan cedar
54 Phonograph inventor
55 Fruit ripener
56 Museum guide
57 Perches

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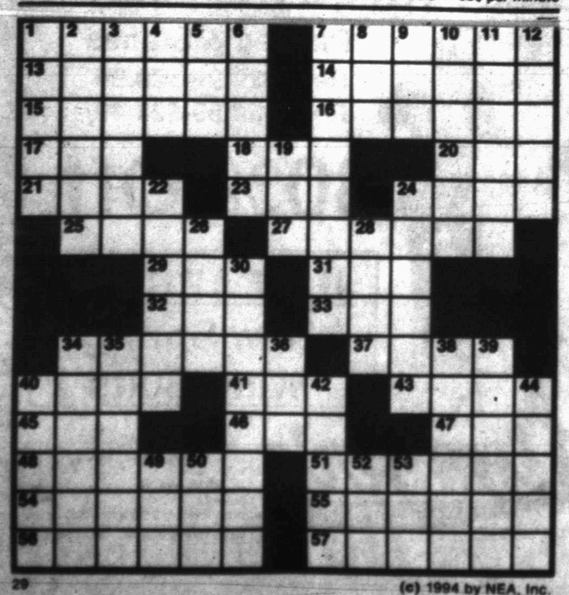

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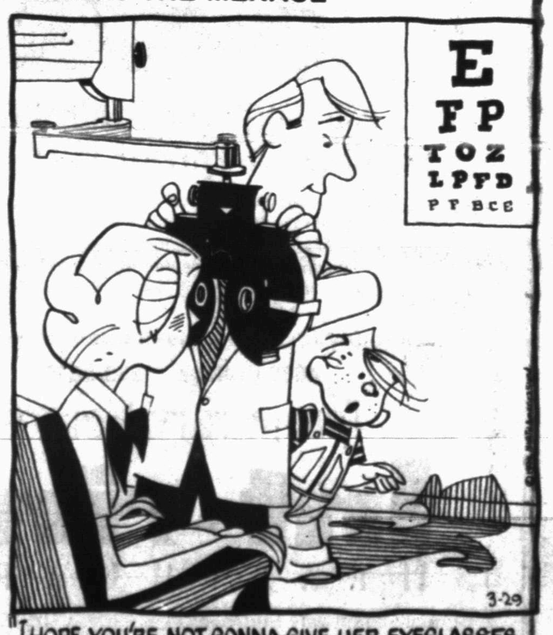

"I HOPE YOU'RE NOT GONNA GIVE HER EYEGLASSES. SHE SEES TOO MUCH ALREADY."

Lady Tigers' lead extends to 75 shots

PLAINVIEW — Snyder extended its lead in the District 2-4A girls' golf race to 75 strokes Monday, in spite of 40 mph winds at Plainview Country Club.

"It was cold and the wind was terrible," said SHS coach Matt Glenn. "We have a lot of high hitters on our team. When that ball gets up high the wind really plays a lot of tricks on you."

The Lady Tigers registered a team-total 363 to move to 1,062 on the season.

Second-place Lamesa carries a 1,137 score after three of five rounds in the loop season, including Monday's 386.

Snyder's attack on the Plainview Country Club course was led by junior Brooke Lowrance, who padded her district medalist lead with an 80.

Lowrance's 54-hole 240 leads second-place Mary Biddly of Frenship by 20 strokes.

Other SHS scores Monday included Kayla Drain's 89, Mandy Baker's 95, a 99 from Kelli Lacik, and Brooke Kubena's 100.

All five of the starters for Snyder are among the top 10 individuals in District 2-4A.

Trailing Lowrance and Biddly is Drain, who carries a 3-round 266, tied for third with Lamesa's Shelly Brannon. Kubena's 280 is good for sixth in the medalist standings, followed by seventh-place Lacik's 282 and a 292 from Baker, which is ninth best in the loop.

In spite of his team's gaudy lead, Glenn is not ready to claim the district title.

"We play at Frenship's Elm Grove Golf Course next. That's a sneaky course. A lot of strokes can be lost there if you don't play consistent golf."

The Lady Tigers will play at Elm Grove on Monday, April 4, then will wind up the regular season at home April 11.

District 2-4A girls golf
Plainview Country Club
Monday's results/season totals

Team scores: 1. Snyder 363-1,062; 2. Lamesa 386-1,137; 3. Plainview 396-1,148.

Medalists: 1. Brooke Lowrance, Snyder, 240; 2. Mary Biddly, Frenship, 260; 3. (tie) Kayla Drain, Snyder, 266; Shelly Brannon, Lamesa, 266; 5. Heather Howard, Plainview, 272.

Other Snyder scores: 6. Brooke Kubena 100-280; 7. Kelli Lacik 99-281; 9. Mandy Baker 95-292.

Snyder individuals: Paige Bell 102, Julie Doolittle 112.

Estacado tops Tiger JV 16-3

Snyder slapped six hits but couldn't stay with Estacado Monday, dropping a JV baseball contest, 16-3, to the Matadors.

Snyder's Patrick Jordan was 2-for-3 in the game, with a double, Gabriel Rios punched an extra-base hit in two at-bats, and Trent Owen, Jeremiah Johnson and Tye Parks each added a single.

Bubba Hildebrand, who lasted an inning against EHS, was Monday's loser.

The Tigers, now 6-2, will host Lamesa at 5 p.m. Thursday.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-New York	49	19	.721	—
Orlando	40	28	.588	9
Miami	37	31	.544	12
New Jersey	36	31	.537	12½
Boston	24	42	.364	24
Philadelphia	21	48	.304	28½
Washington	19	49	.279	30
Central Division				
x-Atlanta	48	20	.706	—
Chicago	45	24	.652	3½
Cleveland	39	30	.565	9½
Indiana	36	32	.529	12
Charlotte	31	36	.463	16½
Detroit	19	49	.279	29
Milwaukee	18	50	.265	30
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Houston	48	19	.716	—
x-San Antonio	49	20	.710	—
Utah	44	26	.629	5½
Denver	35	33	.515	13½
Minnesota	19	49	.279	29½
Dallas	8	60	.118	40½
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	51	17	.750	—
x-Phoenix	45	23	.662	6
Portland	41	28	.594	10½
Golden State	39	28	.582	11½
L.A. Lakers	29	38	.433	21½
L.A. Clippers	25	43	.368	26
Sacramento	23	45	.338	28

x-clinched playoff berth

Monday's Games
Indiana 126, L.A. Clippers 93
Seattle 111, Denver 97

Tuesday's Games
Washington at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at New York, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.

SPORTS

PHS stretches 2-4A golf lead

Snyder remains in second place after 338 at Plainview

PLAINVIEW — Plainview used the home course advantage to up its District 2-4A boys' golf lead to 44 shots with Monday's first-place 314 at Plainview Country Club.

The Bulldogs, led by medalists Bobby Edwards and Jay London, who each carded a 77, carry a 925 tally after three of five stops on the district circuit.

Plainview's B team snagged second place here, shooting a 325.

Snyder fired a third-place 338 on Monday to maintain a 17-stroke advantage over third place Lamesa, 969-986, for the loop's runner-up slot.

"Plainview dominated the tournament here," Snyder coach Bob O'Day said. "Their A and B teams had outstanding scores of 314 and 325 in adverse weather conditions.

"Our A team didn't play as consistent as we have in previous spring tournaments.

"We turned the front side at 18-over par, but played an inconsistent back nine going 36-over.

"But," said O'Day, "we still have a 17-shot lead over Lamesa with two district tournaments to go to be able to qualify for regionals."

Snyder was paced by senior Jeff Armstrong and sophomore Carl Strelecki, who each turned in an 84 in the cold and wind here.

Sophomores Matt Parker and Page Patterson added an 85 apiece and Bryan Word shot an 87.

An eighth-place 370 here dropped Snyder's B team into seventh on the season with a combined 1,053 total.

The SHS B leader was sophomore James Pilgrim, who registered an 86. Freshman Troy Allen added an 89, senior Chris Beaty contributed a 92, and sophomores Banyan Winkler and Marcus Byram each had a 103.

Plainview owns the top five individual scores on the season, led by Shawn Reeves' 3-round 228, a 233 from Edwards, London's 235, a 236 from Ramey Kimbrough, and Chad English's 237.

Patterson's 54-hole 238 is sixth, Armstrong is currently in ninth in the medalist race with his 244, and Strelecki, who boasts a 245, is in 10th.

The Tigers' next outing will be Monday, April 4 on Frenship's home course, Elm Grove Golf Course, in Lubbock.

The loop season winds down April 11 in Snyder.

District 2-4A boys golf
Plainview Country Club
Monday's results/season totals

Team scores: 1. Plainview A 314-925; 2. Snyder A 338-969; 3. Lamesa A 341-986; 4. Frenship A 337-997; 5. Plainview B 325-1,015; 6. Lamesa B 361-1,047; 7. Snyder B 370-1,053; 8. Levelland A 353-1,077; 9. Frenship B 388-1,122.

Medalists: 1. Shawn Reeves, Plainview A, 79-228; 2. Bobby Edwards, Plainview A 77-233; 3. Jay London, Plainview A, 77-235; 4. Ramey Kimbrough, Plainview A, 81-236; 5. Chad English, Plainview A, 81-237; 6. Page Patterson, Snyder, 85-238; 9. Jeff Armstrong, Snyder, 84-244l 10. Carl Strelecki, Snyder, 84-245.

Other Snyder A scores: Matt Parker 85-246; Bryan Word 87-246.

Snyder B scores: Chris Beaty 92-254; James Pilgrim 86-255; Troy Allen 89-277; Banyan Winkler 103-279; Marcus Byram 103-286.

Olajuwon suspended for bumping referee

NEW YORK (AP) — When the Houston Rockets take on the Kings in Sacramento tonight, they will have to do without center Hakeem Olajuwon.

Olajuwon, the league's third-leading scorer and rebounder, is sitting out a one-game suspension for hitting referee Bill Spooner in the stomach with an open hand during Sunday night's game in Phoenix.

The incident occurred with 7:26 left in the 113-98 loss. The 7-footer was gesturing at Spooner to protest what he thought should have been a foul on the Suns' A.C. Green when he struck the official.

Olajuwon was ejected two seconds after Dan Majerle scored on an offensive rebound to put Phoenix ahead 90-78. Olajuwon had 21 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks.

"Spooner felt a shot in the solar plexus," said NBA supervisor of officials Darell Garretson, who was at the game but did not work it. "That can happen with a guy running by, it can happen a thousand ways. I think he knew he had done something wrong by the way he left the floor."

Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said the team will abide by the ruling.

"But we want to emphasize that Hakeem showed no malice, or intended any harm toward the official," Tomjanovich said. "It was simply a gesture, and contact was made. We do understand the rules, and they must be enforced."

NIT glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
Semifinals
At New York
Monday, March 28
Vanderbilt 82, Kansas St. 76
Villanova 66, Siena 58
Championship
Wednesday, March 30
Championship
Vanderbilt (20-11) vs Villanova (19-12), 9 p.m.
Third Place
Kansas St. (20-13) vs. Siena (24-8), 6:45 p.m.

Final Four

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
The Final Four
At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.
Semifinals
Saturday, April 2
Arkansas (29-3) vs. Arizona (29-5), 5:42 p.m.
Florida (29-7) vs. Duke (27-5), 30 minutes after first game
Championship
Monday, April 4
Semifinal winners, 9:22 p.m.

Transactions

By The Associated Press
BASEBALL

HOUSTON ASTROS—Optioned Domingo Jean, pitcher, and Orlando Miller, infielder, to Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League.

BASKETBALL

CHICAGO BULLS—Signed Jo Jo English, guard, for the remainder of the season.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Signed Andres Guibert, center.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed Darrick Brilz, offensive lineman, to a two-year contract.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Released Chip Banks, linebacker.

Fussing coach, owner meet to discuss Cowboys' future

IRVING (AP) — The feuding JJ boys had a second face-to-face meeting today in their power struggle to determine the future of the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys, but the discussion lasted only an hour.

Jimmy Johnson and club owner Jerry Jones talked for 21/2 hours Monday and discussed the past. But neither would say Johnson is still the coach of the Cowboys.

Both returned to the team's Valley Ranch offices this morning and resumed their talks shortly after 9 a.m. CST.

Johnson, who was dressed in a three-piece suit, was in Jones' office about an hour before walking back to his office without commenting to the mob of reporters camping at the team offices.

After the meetings Monday, both said nothing had been resolved.

"We basically talked about the last five years and were candid about our feelings," said Johnson.

Said Jones: "Jimmy and I had an extensive visit. It was a real opportunity to discuss the last 51/2 years. He was very thorough, but nothing was resolved at all.

"We discussed the positive and the negatives of the past and how we had worked together. Today we talked about the past. Tomorrow, we talk about the future, and that's all I've got to say."

Jones was then asked the same question Johnson was asked earlier, whether Johnson is still the coach. He declined to answer.

It was their first face-to-face meeting since their high-profile battle escalated early last week during an NFL meeting in Orlando, Fla.

But those close to the men declined to predict Johnson's future with the Super Bowl champions.

Quarterback Troy Aikman met for an hour each with Jones and Johnson after a morning workout but said, "I have no sense of the way it's going to go."

Aikman said he was called into Jones' office after he, on his own initiative, visited Johnson.

"I told both of them what I felt and I left it at that. ... I know nothing more than I ever have," he said.

"I don't think they know for sure yet what's going to take place. These are two intelligent adults and they can solve their own problems," Aikman said. "But both of them are very volatile. I try not to be shocked by anything that happens around here."

Aikman, who guided the team to its consecutive Super Bowl victories, said Saturday he might not have signed his eight-year, $50 million contract last December if he had known Johnson's future with the team was uncertain.

The latest battle in the rocky relationship between the former college roommates erupted last week at the NFL's annual spring meetings when Jones discussed firing Johnson during a late-evening conversation over drinks.

That conversation came shortly after a perceived snub of Jones after the owner proposed a toast at a table where Johnson sat at a table of six, including two former Cowboys officials that Jones had fired.

Johnson said he was infuriated that Jones went so far as to mention former University of Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer as a possible successor.

Asked about the possibility of Switzer as coach of the Cowboys, Aikman said, "I think Barry would be a pretty good NFL coach, but maybe not here for this situation."

Though the feud has dominated the headlines since, Aikman said there was much more to it than Orlando.

"It would be easy to say what happened in Orlando was an isolated situation. But you have to realize that is not the case. It goes way beyond Coach Johnson's coaching ability."

Among the options reportedly being mulled were Johnson signing an agreement to stay through this season and Jones buying out Johnson's contract.

Johnson, who makes $1 million annually, has five years left on his 10-year contract.

Fans carrying signs patrolled outside Valley Ranch. One made reference to Jones and his Arkansas background.

"When hillbillies get hangovers this is what happens," the sign said.

WTC MGA to begin golf season

Western Texas College Men's Golf Association will begin weekly play Monday at 6 p.m.

Anyone interested is invited to join.

Bowers alleges wrongdoing after dismissal from Baylor

WACO (AP) — For the second time in as many years, Baylor has fired women's basketball coach Pam Bowers.

Bowers was let go Monday after working under a one-year oral agreement fashioned after she successfully appealed her initial dismissal on May 24, 1993.

"For reasons communicated to her today, the university does not plan to offer a new contract," the Baylor sports information office said in a statement late Monday afternoon.

Bowers became a controversial player in the school's athletic department last year when she made complaints about the men's team that led to an investigation resulting in four players missing the 1993-94 season.

"I tried to do things the right way, but that's not what Baylor wants," Bowers was quoted as saying in today's editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "All they care about is cheating and seeing what they can get away with.

"They claim to be a Christian institution, but they don't care about those kids. All they care about is winning any way they can."

LaNelle McNamara, Bowers' lawyer, said her client would call a news conference today.

"My client, as an employee of Baylor, has been under a gag order," Ms. McNamara told the Star-Telegram. "That's off now. And she has a lot to say."

Ms. McNamara, who termed the firing "a retaliatory act," said Bowers would file suit this week against Baylor and several university officials alleging violation of Title IX, Title VII and the Equal Pay Act.

The Southwest Conference and Baylor are to announce on Thursday the status of the investigations into the eligibility of the four men's players, all of whom transferred from junior colleges.

Bowers' contract expires May 31. She just completed her 15th season at Baylor and compiled a record of 168 victories and 257 losses, including a 50-128 mark in SWC play.

The Bears were 13-14 last season and 4-10 in the SWC.

Her only winning seasons were 16-11 in 1981-82, 16-14 in 1982-83 and 15-12 in 1983-84.

Baylor athletic director Dick Ellis said the school will initiate a nationwide search for a replacement.

Baylor President Herbert Reynolds said earlier this month that SWC officials would be in Waco for two weeks to talk about the four players, who sat out this past season while the investigations continued.

Bowers' attorney said in November that Bowers feared losing her job because she reported possible NCAA rules violations within the men's basketball program.

Bowers is a native of Ennis and a 1970 Dallas Baptist graduate.

She began her coaching career as the first women's coach at Waco's McLennan Community College. Starting from scratch in 1975, she quickly turned the program into a junior college power.

The school compiled a four-year record of 80-30 and won three consecutive Northern Texas Junior College Conference titles before she moved on to Baylor after the 1978-79 season.

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The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the estate of James Clinton Sellars, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by James R. Doolittle, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 25th day of March, 1994, hereby notifies all persons Indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Linda Carol Sellars, 1842 Tuscola, Snyder, Texas 79549; within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 25th day of March, 1994.

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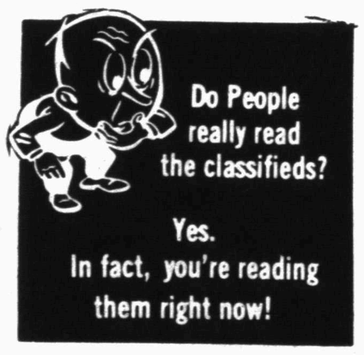

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Lottery sales top $4 billion mark in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The $4 billion success of the Texas Lottery should not be seen as a sign that legalized gambling is on its way to the Lone Star State, state leaders say.

Gov. Ann Richards and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock indicated Monday the success of the lottery shouldn't affect an expected vote on in-state legalized gambling when the Legislature convenes next January.

"It (the success of the lottery) hasn't influenced me," said Bullock, who criticizes state money raised from the lottery and any form of gambling as "undependable."

"I don't think that the success of the lottery means that casino gambling is the next big gambling industry in Texas," said Richards spokeswoman Leticia Vasquez.

"I know that the casino gambling people have said they are bringing some more legislation up in 1995. But the governor has said all along that she would like to see the parimutuel race tracks on line and working first because there is a limited amount of gambling money in Texas."

Casino officials are doubling down on efforts to bring gambling to Texas. Several companies are buying up property in cities like Dallas and Houston with hopes of operating casinos down the road.

Sales from the state's games of chance have topped $4 billion in less than two years, making it the fastest growing lottery in the country, according to lottery spokesman Steve Levine.

"Both Florida and California hit $4 billion after their second year," Levine said Monday.

Richards, who pushed for the lottery in Texas, is excited about the money it has generated since its start-up on May 28, 1992.

"We are real happy that the lottery has topped the $4 billion mark," said Richards campaign spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley. "She advocated the lottery because the people asked her to. It's provided money to state services we wouldn't have had otherwise."

Bullock, who put aside his own lackluster feelings for the lottery and went along with the will of the voters when the game was brought to Texas, said Monday he was somewhat bewildered by its success.

"I've got to admit I am a little surprised, I don't know how much longer the lottery will maintain this momentum," Bullock said.

"It looks like Oklahoma is about to start one and I think one is on the table in New Mexico, and a lot of our sales, as I understand it, have come from these border areas. At some point, and I don't know when, I think lottery will stabilize and perhaps drop."

About $1.25 billion has been contributed to the state's General Revenue Fund, which helps pay for state programs such as health and human services, parks, public safety, public schools and prisons, Levine said.

According to figures provided by Levine, the Texas Lottery has generated $4,001,787,956 through Saturday. About $2.4 billion has come from instant, scratch card games and $1.4 billion has come from Lotto Texas. Pick 3 has produced $78.3 million in revenues.

About $2.1 billion has been paid out in cash prizes, Levine said.

Travel agents fear recent slayings will hurt tourism

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Masako Easton was supposed to make a routine trip to Japan next month to talk to 600 high school students planning to visit Los Angeles over the summer.

That was until two college students from Japan were shot to death in a carjacking over the weekend. Now Easton's routine trip has become a major source of anxiety.

"I have a very big task," said Easton, marketing director for the Nippon Travel Agency. "I have to develop something to take to Japan to give them assurance. ... If they feel strongly I might lose the account."

After nightly doses of American violence, both fictional and real, on Japanese television, selling the United States and its big cities has become more difficult for travel agents.

In Los Angeles, Japanese tourists pump $480 million into the city's economy every year — more than visitors from any other country, said Michael Collins, senior vice president of the Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau.

But that figure was down 10 percent last year, in part because of the troubled Japanese economy, and many in the industry worry it may drop further because of fear.

"What we're seeing is because of (violence), more and more people are heading to Australia," said Dave Karraker, national account manager for the Japan Assistance Network, a 24-hour telephone translation service in Los Angeles for Japanese tourists. "You don't hear about stuff happening in Australia."

Over the weekend, Takuma Ito and Go Matsuura, 19-year-old students at Marymount College, were shot at a San Pedro supermarket in a carjacking. Ito is Japanese; Matsuura, a U.S. citizen, grew up in Japan. They died on Sunday.

Japan's consul general, Seiichiro Noboru, said he doubts the shootings will stop tourists from coming to "sunny and warm California."

But the headlines in Japan didn't mention the weather. "Gun Society ... Another Tragedy, in Los Angeles. For a Car?" asked the newspaper Sankei Sports.

Japan is largely gun-free, and between movies and television, many Japanese already think of the United States as a haven for gun-toting gangsters. Karraker said there were 10,567 murders by handguns in the United States in 1990, while Japan had just 87 murders total.

"The first thing that comes into their minds when they travel to the U.S. is not 'Where am I going to go?' It's security," Karraker said.

At Disneyland, foreign tourists account for about 30 percent of visitors, and foreigners have contributed to the amusement park's recent 15-20 percent decline in attendance, said Jeffrey Logsdon, a securities analyst.

"The earthquake is part of it. The violence quotient is part of it," he said. "Southern California has been hit by the Four Horsemen — fire, floods, riots and earthquakes."

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: D.N. Buchanan, 2616 41st; Jerry Grimmett, 1311 Ave. R; Zelpha Holdren, 513 34th; Donna Kruse, Ira; R.T. Lovelady, 5825 Pleasant Hill Road; Rachael McDonald, Rt. 2 Box 212; L.D. Cates, 3213 40th.

DISMISSALS: Lynda Baldwin and baby, Twilla Durrette, Lola Galasso, Ralph Lindsey.

Census: 49 (Med.-13, Long-Term Care-35, CCU-1).

SO investigates theft, burglary

Sheriff's deputies investigated a theft and a burglary Monday morning.

Commissioner Ralph Trevey contacted sheriff's deputies at 8 a.m. to report the theft of some equipment from Precinct Barn #1. The investigation is continuing.

At 11:40 a.m., Troy Koening reported the theft of some tools from a barn 12 miles southwest of Snyder. A report for burglary of a building was filed and the investigation is continuing.

In one other report, Larry Harding contacted officers at 7:35 a.m. Monday in reference to some damage at Towle Park Barn. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

National leader warns...

More violence likely in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Gunmen fired shots at the African National Congress headquarters today, a day after ANC security guards killed nine Zulu nationalists in an explosion of violence in downtown Johannesburg.

No one was hurt in today's shooting.

Zulu leaders rejected an immediate summit with the government and ANC following Monday's bloodshed.

Zulu nationalist leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi said the violence was the beginning of "a final struggle to the finish between the ANC and the Zulu nation."

Buthelezi, head of the Zulu homeland and the Inkatha Freedom Party, warned of an uprising by his people unless South Africa's first all-race election, scheduled for April 26-28, was postponed. Both the government and the ANC have said the vote will not be delayed.

"The only way to be sure of avoiding the degeneration of the South African situation into one of ungovernability and violence beyond control is to suspend the election date", and settle Zulu demands for autonomy, Buthelezi said in a statement.

One Palestinian killed, 40 wounded

JABALIYA REFUGEE CAMP, Occupied Gaza Strip (AP) — In a new threat to Israel-PLO talks, Palestinians rioted across the occupied lands today after troops killed six members of Yasser Arafat's PLO faction. One Arab was reported killed and 40 wounded by army gunfire today.

Meanwhile, a 70-year-old Israeli man was seriously wounded by two Palestinians with an ax at a construction site in a suburb of Tel Aviv, police said.

The unrest raised fears of a slowdown in the Israel-PLO peace process just as talks were scheduled to resume in Cairo, Egypt, for the first time since a Jewish settler killed 30 Muslims at a Hebron mosque Feb. 25.

In Tunis, Arafat summoned PLO officials to decide whether to resume talks. In an interview with The Associated Press, he said elements of the Israeli army killed his supporters in a deliberate attempt to undermine efforts to restart Mideast peace talks.

"The crime is deliberate, the timing is deliberate and the aim is to sabotage the peace process," he said.

Maj. Gen. Amnon Shahak, the head of Israel's negotiating team, called PLO negotiator Nabil Shaath in Cairo and said the attack was not premeditated. He said the deaths resulted because the Fatah Hawks were armed and failed to heed orders to halt.

An Israeli negotiating team left on schedule for talks with the PLO today in Cairo on security arrangements for Palestinians in the West Bank town of Hebron, where a Jewish settler killed 30 Muslim worshippers on Feb. 25.

But plans were scrapped for a quick resumption of talks on the main issue of limited self-rule for Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho, said an official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Fatah guerrillas vowed to attack Israeli soldiers in reprisal.

Accused spies allowed to spend money for son

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A federal judge today agreed to let accused CIA turncoat Aldrich Ames and his wife spend $500 a month to pay expenses for their 5-year-old son while they remain in jail.

But Mrs. Ames' attorney, William Cummings, criticized the ruling because U.S. District Judge Claude Hilton said the money must come from a bank account in Colombia that Cummings said contains only the pension of the child's grandmother.

In a 25-minute court hearing, Hilton refused to reconsider his March 10 order requiring the Ameses to bring to this country what the government alleges is $2.2 million in Russian espionage payments stashed overseas.

The judge also ruled that the government's move to hold the couple in contempt for not transferring the money was premature. He ordered them to keep negotiating over it.

Plato Cacheris, Ames' attorney, said they object to the order as a violation of rights against self-incrimination because "it requires us to acknowledge ownership of those accounts and we are not prepared to do that."

Cummings told the court that Mrs. Ames' mother, Cecilia Dupuy de Casas, planned to take their son, Paul, this week to her homeland of Colombia so he could lead a more normal life outside the publicity attracted by the case.

B&G Club

Scurry County Boys and Girls Club board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the chamber board room.

Buffet

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host an Easter buffet from 11:30 until 1:30 p.m. Sunday. The costs is $7.50 for adults and $3.50 for children age 10 and under.

Egg hunt

Snyder Chamber of Commerce and Don's Value King are sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for children age 12 and under at 2 p.m. Saturday at Towle Park.

Parents may obtain free passes for their children at Don's Value King.

4-Hers

A 4-H method demonstration workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Post Community Center. All 4-Hers and parents from Garza, Scurry, Borden and Mitchell counties are encouraged to attend.

Two plead guilty in district court

Two guilty pleas and a revocation of a deferred adjudication were action Friday afternoon in 132nd District Court.

Louis Speedon, 18, of 312 25th St. pled guilty to the Nov. 16, 1992 offense of burglary of a vehicle. Following his guilty plea, a Dec. 8, 1992 auto burglary case was dismissed.

District Judge Gene Dulaney assessed Speedon an 8-year probated prison sentence, a $500 fine and ordered him to make restitution.

Also pleading guilty was Johnnie Lou Evans, 39, who was charged with securing execution of a document by deception. The offense occurred Dec. 9, 1992.

Evans, whose address is Rt. 1 in Snyder, was given a three-year probated sentence and ordered to pay $2,959 in restitution to the Texas Department of Human Services.

Terry Blaine Hildreth, 24, who had received deferred adjudication for a April 30, 1992 burglary of a vehicle charge, received an 8-year probated sentence for violating terms of the deferred sentence. Hildreth, a former Snyder resident, lives in Colorado City.

Appraisal

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ion, property owners make sure that the appraisal district sends them a notice before placing a higher value on their property. This notice allows property owners the time to gather information to protect the appraisal if they believe the proposed value is too high.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office. Taxpayers may contact the Scurry County Appraisal District office at 573-8549 for the rendition forms, or they may call the Comptroller's property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121.

Trapped woman rescued

IRVING (AP) — A 25-year-old woman, missing for 21/2 days, has been discovered alive but "in pretty bad shape" in her wrecked pickup truck at the bottom of a wooded ravine.

Jamie Peavy of Irving suffered two broken legs, a broken wrist, a broken rib, a punctured lung, cuts, bruises and dehydration, officials said Monday after she was found by a construction worker walking near a D-FW International Airport side road.

Members of her family had searched for her since she failed to come home from work Friday night.

Fearful that she would die before she was found, Miss Peavy said, she scribbled a farewell note with lipstick: "Nobody killed me. I had a wreck."

Her mother, Martha Peavy, said: "She's in pretty bad shape. But she's alive. Her first words to me were, 'I'm glad to see you,' and 'I thought you were never going to find me.'"

She was reported in serious condition late Monday at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, battling severe infections brought on by the fractures.

Miss Peavy said she got lost after missing her exit from Texas Highway 360, near the airport.

"She was going down a road under construction, and it just ended. She went off into a ravine and landed in a creek," her mother said.

Airport spokesman Joe Dealey Jr. said she used a road on the east side of the airport that isn't restricted, but is rarely used by the public.

"Looking at the truck, I'm surprised she's alive," said Patricia Peavy, her sister, who lived with her.

"The roof was gone, the windshield was gone, and the back end of the truck was twisted. They had to cut the steering wheel off to get her out. Both legs were pinned."

Obituaries

Lerline Cogdell

1902-1994

Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday at the Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene for Lerline Cogdell, 91, who died this morning in Snyder Healthcare Center. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A resident of Scurry County since 1950, Mrs. Cogdell was a housewife and lived on the Colorado City Highway. Born on Oct. 5, 1902, she married Willard A. Cogdell on Jan. 20, 1924 in Sweetwater. Mr. Cogdell died in 1977. She was a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Willard and LaNell Cogdell of San Angelo; a sister, Doris Jackson of Cascade Falls, Ore.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Wilma Smith

1924-1994

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Wilma Baugh Smith, 69, who died about 8:40 a.m. today at her home, 409 29th St.

Peace Justice Wanda Rushing ruled death due to natural causes.

A long-time resident of Snyder, she was a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

Born on July 18, 1924 in Trickham, she married Jimmie Smith on April 3, 1946 in Sweetwater. He died in 1976.

Survivors include two sons, Morris Smith of Snyder and Leon Smith of Abbeyville, La.; two brothers, Chester Baugh of Snyder and Raymond Baugh of Lucedale, Miss.; a sister, Irene Richey of Farmington, N.M.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Briana DeLeon Michaela DeLeon

Twin Infant Daughters

EARTH — Graveside services were set for 2 p.m. today in the Earth Memorial Cemetery for Briana Marie DeLeon and Michaela Nicole Deleon, twin infant daughters of Jeremiah DeLeon and Lea Tarter of Earth.

The infants were stillborn Sunday in Lubbock's University Medical Center.

Other survivors include a brother, Johnathan Tarter of Snyder; grandparents, Fred and Mary Jo DeLeon of Earth and Bill and Connie Tarter of Snyder; great-grandparents, Fred and Gregoria DeLeon Sr. of Earth, Carl and Carry Tarter and Arvel and Luella Cox, all of Snyder; and Palestine Perez of Muleshoe.

BCD meets Wednesday

Election of officers, a request from the college rodeo team and establishing a budget panel are items to be considered by the Board of County Development, which meets at noon Wednesday in the Development Corporation of Snyder board room.

The Development Corporation of Snyder (DCOS) is asking for input from the Board of County Development to establish a committee to make recommendations for the DCOS' annual budget. The board is expected to be made up of the vice president and president of both the DCOS and BCD, and economic development executive director Doug Hutchinson.

Western Texas College rodeo team will be requesting funding to be used for awards at the annual WTC NIRA Rodeo, scheduled April 14-16.

The only other action items are review of previous minutes and approval of bills payable.

Following regular business, the board will go into executive session to discuss land acquisition.

Markets
Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	601/2	591/4	593/8	-3/4
Albtsn s	29	283/4	283/4	-3/8
Alldsignal s	373/4	37	373/8	+1/4
Alltel s	265/8	261/8	261/4	-1/2
AmStores	521/8	511/4	511/4	—1
Amer T&T	523/4	521/8	521/8	-5/8
Ameritech	403/8	401/4	401/4	-3/8
Amoco	541/2	533/4	541/8	-1/4
AndarkPtr	457/8	455/8	455/8	-3/8
Arkla	71/4	71/8	71/8	-1/8
ArmcoInc	51/4	51/8	51/8	-1/8
AtlRichfld	98	975/8	977/8	-1/8
ATMOS	291/8	287/8	29	
Avialt n	153/4	151/2	151/2	-3/8
BakerHughes	185/8	181/2	181/2	-1/4
BancTexas	11/2	13/8	11/2	+1/8
BellAtl	533/4	531/8	531/4	-1/2
BellSouth	575/8	563/4	571/2	+7/8
Beth Steel	211/4	207/8	207/8	
Borden	14	137/8	137/8	-1/8
Brit Pet	64	631/2	631/2	—1
Caterplr	1141/4	1123/4	1123/4	—11/4
CenSoWst	251/2	251/4	251/4	-1/4
Chevron	881/4	875/8	875/8	-5/8
Chrysler	541/2	531/2	535/8	-3/4
Coastal	331/4	327/8	33	+1/8
CocaCola	421/4	42	42	-1/8
ColgatePalm	587/8	577/8	581/8	-7/8
ComlMetl s	241/2	241/4	241/2	-1/8
Cooperin	39	381/8	381/8	-7/8
CyprusAmax	303/8	301/8	301/8	-1/2
DallSemicn	171/8	167/8	167/8	-1/8
DeltaAirl	475/8	463/4	47	-1/2
DigitalEq	311/8	305/8	307/8	
Dillard	341/4	333/8	333/8	—11/8
DowChem	641/8	635/8	635/8	-1/2
DresserInd	23	223/4	227/8	+1/8
DuPont	567/8	561/8	561/4	-5/8
EastmnCh n	413/8	411/4	411/4	-1/8
EstKodak	45	447/8	447/8	-1/8
Enserch	145/8	141/4	143/8	-3/8
Entergy	323/4	321/4	321/4	-5/8
Exxon	647/8	645/8	645/8	-3/8
FlowerInd	173/8	173/8	173/8	
FordMotor	603/4	593/4	597/8	-1/4
GTE Cp	317/8	311/2	315/8	-1/4
GnDyn	861/8	853/8	855/8	-3/8
GenElct	1035/8	1027/8	1027/8	-5/8
GenMills	561/8	551/2	561/8	+3/8
GenMotors	58	571/8	571/4	-1/8
GenMotors E	355/8	351/4	351/4	+1/4
GaPacif	655/8	651/4	651/4	-1/4
GlobalMar	4	37/8	4	
Goodrich	43	43	43	+1/8
Goodyear s	425/8	413/4	413/4	—1
GtAtlPac	265/8	261/4	261/4	-1/8
Haliburtn	301/2	301/4	301/2	-1/2
Hanson ADS	201/8	197/8	20	-1/8
HoustInd	363/4	363/8	361/2	-3/8
IBM	543/8	535/8	54	+3/8
IntlPaper	691/8	683/4	683/4	-1/8
JohnsnJns	39	381/2	385/8	-1/4
K mart	191/8	19	191/8	
Kroger	251/8	247/8	25	+1/8
Litton	313/4	311/8	311/4	+1/4
vjLoneStar	21/4	21/8	21/4	+1/8
Lowes	647/8	643/8	645/8	-5/8
Lowes wi	33	323/4	323/4	+1/8
Lubys	231/4	231/8	231/4	
Maxus	43/4	45/8	45/8	-1/8
MayDS s	421/2	421/4	423/8	+1/4
Medtronic	82	813/8	82	+3/8
Mobil	781/4	775/8	773/4	+1/4
Monsanto	79	781/2	785/8	-5/8
Motorola s	1053/4	1021/2	1025/8	—1
Motorola wi	52	511/2	515/8	-1/4
Nationsbk	465/8	461/4	463/8	-1/8
Navistar s	241/4	237/8	237/8	-1/2
Nynex s	361/4	353/4	357/8	-1/8
OryxEngy	165/8	163/8	161/2	
PacTelesis	551/8	541/4	543/8	—1
PanhECp	213/4	215/8	213/4	
PenneyJC s	55	533/4	537/8	—11/4
Pennzoil	525/8	52	521/8	-3/8
PepBoys	281/4	28	28	-1/8
PhelpDodge	555/8	551/4	553/8	-3/4
PhilipPet	281/4	277/8	281/4	
PilgrmPrd	9	9	9	-1/8
Polaroid	313/4	315/8	315/8	-3/8
Praxair	187/8	181/2	181/2	-3/8
ProctGamble	541/2	54	541/4	
PubS NwMx	131/8	13	13	
RoyalDutch	1013/8	1005/8	1005/8	-1/4
SFePacCp	243/8	241/8	241/8	
SaraLee	225/8	221/8	225/8	+1/4
SearsRoeb s	453/8	443/8	445/8	-3/4
SherwinW	321/4	32	32	-1/8
SmthBchADS	281/4	281/4	281/4	-1/4
SmthBc eqt	26	257/8	257/8	-1/8
SouthCo s	201/8	197/8	20	-1/8
SwAirlines s	333/8	331/8	331/8	-1/8
SwBell s	407/8	405/8	405/8	-1/4
Sprint	341/2	34	34	-5/8
SterlingChm	61/8	6	6	-1/8
SunCo	34	321/2	33	—11/8
TNP Ent	171/8	17	17	-1/4
Tandy	387/8	371/4	373/8	—13/8
TemplInl	473/8	471/4	471/4	-1/8
Tenneco	541/4	531/4	531/4	—1
Texaco	645/8	643/8	641/2	+1/4
TexasInd	387/8	387/8	387/8	
TexasInst	787/8	78	783/8	-1/8
Tex Util	377/8	375/8	373/4	-1/8
Textron	551/4	543/4	55	
Travelers s	361/8	353/8	353/8	-7/8
Trinty s	41	405/8	405/8	-3/8
TritonEngy	283/8	275/8	275/8	-7/8
Tyler	57/8	53/4	57/8	+1/8
US West	407/8	403/8	403/8	-1/4
USX Delhi	147/8	143/4	143/4	-1/4
USX-Marathn	167/8	165/8	165/8	
USX-USS	391/8	385/8	383/4	-3/8
UnCarbde	241/2	241/4	241/4	-1/4
UnPac	573/4	573/8	571/2	-5/8
UnitedTech	66	65	65	—11/8
Unocal	263/8	261/8	261/4	-1/4
WalMart s	271/4	267/8	27	-1/8
WstnGasRs	291/4	291/4	291/4	
WestghEl	127/8	121/2	121/2	-3/8
WinnDixie	567/8	561/2	561/2	-1/2
Woolwth	183/8	18	181/8	-3/8
Xerox Cp	951/4	941/2	941/2	—1
ZenithE	103/4	103/8	103/8	-1/4

No indictment for father who shot 17-year-old

MISSOURI CITY, Texas (AP) — A Fort Bend County grand jury Monday refused to indict a man who shot a top high school basketball player he found in bed with his 14-year-old daughter.

Jason Williams was shot by Earl Russell, who told authorities the two got into a struggle after he discovered the youth in his daughter's bed around 4 a.m. on March 6.

Grand jurors declined to indict Russell on attempted murder charges, and the panel also refused to indict Williams on sexual assault charges. Williams, at age 17, is an adult in Texas, while the girl is a juvenile.

Prosecutors said both families had asked that no charges be filed against Russell and Williams, who is still recovering from his injuries.

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Branch Davidian to visit son in Florida before sentencing

WACO (AP) — Branch Davidian Kathryn Schroeder is headed to Florida for a long-awaited, although likely short, reunion with her youngest son.

Ms. Schroeder, who testified for the government in a trial against 11 other sect members, was released from jail Monday on a personal recognizance bond.

"I want to spend Easter with Bryan and as much time as I can until I have to go back to be sentenced," Ms. Schroeder told the Waco Tribune-Herald.

"That is my only real thought right now. I have been in jail a year, and I need a vacation. I want to push Bryan on the brand new swing he just got for his birthday," she said. Bryan turned four on March 7.

Ms. Schroeder and eight other former followers of David Koresh are expected to be sentenced to federal prison within the month for charges stemming from their Feb. 28, 1993, gunbattle with federal agents.

She's hoping her sentence will be light after pleading guilty to forcibly resisting federal officers during the siege that killed four agents and six Davidians, including her husband Michael Schroeder.

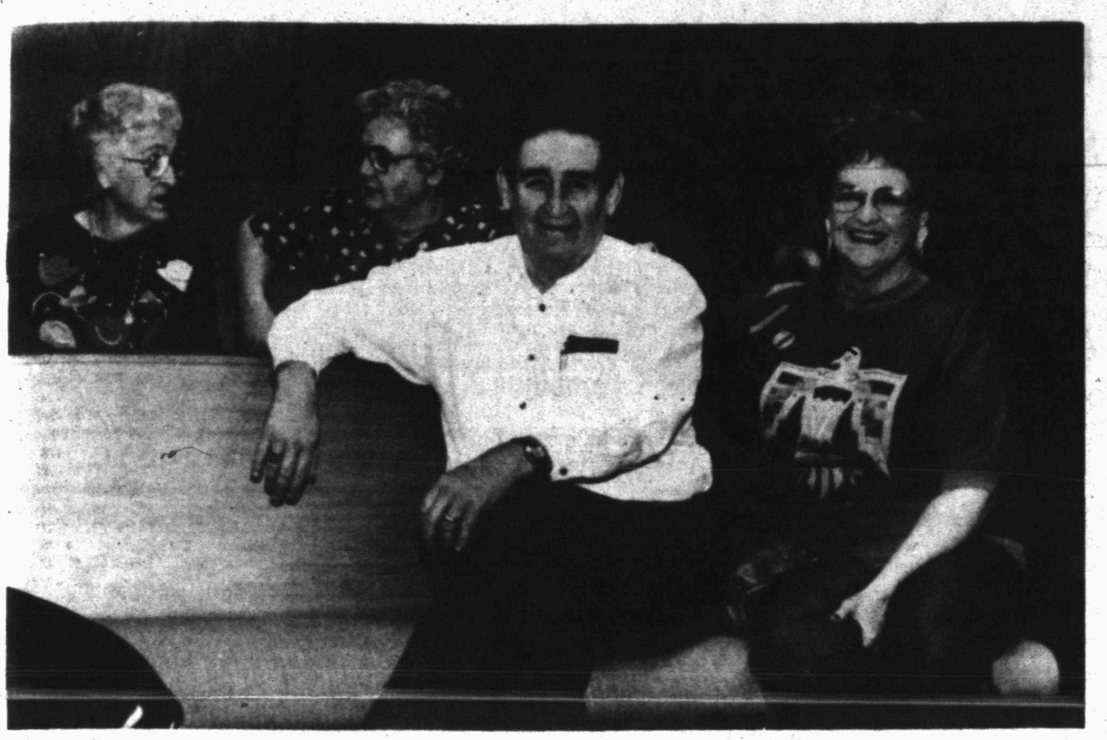
The firefight led to a 51-day standoff with authorities that ended with an April 19, 1993, fire that killed Koresh and about 80 followers.

Eleven Davidians were indicted for allegedly conspiring to murder agents during the attack. Ms. Schroeder also was indicted, but she traded her guilty plea and her testimony in hopes for a more lenient sentence.

Eight of those 11 were convicted of lesser charges and Ms. Schroeder expects to go to prison with them.

"I am not going to get my hopes up that I could get probation only to be disappointed. I have to be realistic about things," Schroeder told the Tribune-Herald in a telephone interview from her attorney's office after her release from the McLennan County Jail.

Ms. Schroeder said she agreed to testify in the San Antonio trial mainly because she wants to spend as little time as possible in prison so she can be with Bryan and her other three children from a previous marriage.



DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION — The local Democratic Convention was held Saturday at the County Courthouse. Among those present were (back row from left) Georgene Galloway, Wanda Falls, (front row) Charlie Freeman and Durell Freeman. Charlie Freeman is the new Scurry County Democratic Party Chairman. (SDN Staff Photo)

For some home buyers...

IRS change means higher deductions

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a last-minute change affecting potentially millions of home buyers, the IRS is expanding the deductibility of "points" paid on mortgages.

The retroactive change, announced Monday with less than three weeks left in the current filing season, means people who bought homes in 1991, 1992 and 1993 could reap hundreds of dollars by filing amended returns.

Points — each equal to 1 percent of the loan — often are charged as fees by mortgage lenders. Until now, the Internal Revenue Service allowed home purchasers to deduct only the points they paid.

Often, home sellers paid all or part of the points on the buyers' behalf but buyers were not allowed to deduct those. Usually, the sellers simply raised the price of their home by an amount equal to the points they paid.

In effect, sellers acted as middlemen between the buyer and lender. The practice disadvantaged buyers by reducing their tax deduction but it helped them by reducing their closing costs.

Effective immediately, buyers will be able to deduct all of the points.

"We looked at the transactions and decided there was no difference between the seller paying points and the purchaser paying points," IRS spokesman Wilson Fadley said.

Here's an example of how the change will work:

OLD RULE: The Smiths buy a house from the Joneses and borrow $100,000 from a bank to pay for it. In addition to the mortgage interest, the bank charges three "points" — or $3,000 — as a loan origination fee. The Smiths and Joneses agree to split the points evenly. The Smiths then deduct $1,500 from their income on their tax return.

NEW RULE: Under the same set of facts, the Smiths will be able to deduct $3,000 — the $1,500 they paid and the $1,500 the Joneses paid.

The change affects homes purchased after Dec. 31, 1990.

The IRS advised taxpayers who purchased homes in 1993 and have not yet filed their 1040 forms to deduct the full amount on line 9a of Schedule A, if the points were reported to them by the lender on a Form 1098. If the points weren't reported on a Form 1098, then the taxpayer should deduct them on line 10 of Schedule A.

Individuals who have already filed their tax returns for 1993 or who are entitled to claim an additional deduction for 1991 or 1992 should file amended returns on Form 1040X. They should write "seller-paid points" in the top right-hand corner of the form and attach a copy of their settlement statement, known as a HUD-1.

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Dear Abby

Musical Rivals' Friendship Is Now Playing Out of Tune

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Please help my friend and me settle an argument. We have agreed to abide by your decision.

"Matt" and I both play cello for a small community orchestra. Although it is not a full-time vocation for either of us, it is a hobby at which we both excel. For two years, we have enjoyed a friendly rivalry as we compete for various solos and other honors.

The competition took an unfriendly turn several weeks ago when Matt "inadvertently" ran over my cello with his station wagon when I was loading our instruments into the back. My cello was destroyed, and it was right before a concert in which I had a solo. Because I had no instrument, Matt got the solo that night.

My cello is certainly replaceable, and Matt has offered to purchase a new one for me. Our concern is this: Because Matt had demolished my cello, I felt that he should have offered me the use of his cello for that evening's concert. Matt, however, feels that he had no obligation to surrender his cello. What do you think, Abby?

KATHI

DEAR KATHI: Since Matt deliberately ran over your cello — which you implied by placing "inadvertently" in quotes — why would you have expected him to offer you his cello for the evening concert? His objective was to play the cello solo that night — and he succeeded.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 25-year-old divorcee. Two years ago, while going through my divorce, I met "Sidney" and his 4-year-old daughter, "Tiffany."

Sidney offered his friendship, and we became friends first — then we became lovers. I was in heaven until his mother entered the picture. (I'll call her "Alice.") Alice's husband had left her 20 years ago. She's now an alcoholic and has no friends, and no life other than Sidney and Tiffany.

She's at Sidney's home daily "to clean Tiffany's room." She has her own key and runs Sidney's life, and he lets her. She does their laundry and frequently brings dinner to his house — for Sidney and Tiffany only. The woman hates me. (I've heard some of the vicious things she's said about me.)

I told Sidney how hurt I was, and he said he couldn't tell his mother to back off because she'd probably sit home and drink herself to death, and he couldn't bear to watch this happen. He said if he had to choose between me and his mother, he'd have to choose his mother.

I left the relationship three days ago, and I feel lost. I love him with all my heart, but I can't let Alice walk all over me. Please give me your thoughts.

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DEAR OVERWROUGHT: In Alcoholics Anonymous, there is this saying: "Alcoholics do not have relationships — they take hostages." It appears that Sidney is being held hostage.

I think you did the right thing in ending the relationship. His mother is in control, and she has made Sidney co-dependent. He has already told you that Mama comes first. You are only 25 years old and you have made one marital mistake. I'd hate to see you make another.

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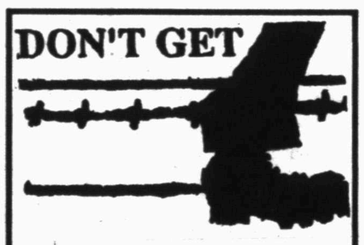

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Slashing aid to immigrants eyed as way to cut welfare

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moderate Democrats are joining a conservative push to cut off welfare benefits to immigrants as a way to free up money for another welfare priority — helping single mothers escape a life of poverty.

Few issues are as emotionally and politically volatile. But hard economic times, the search for dollars to finance welfare reform and examples of immigrants defrauding the system have pushed the question to the fore and divided Democrats.

The party's liberal supporters say even the suggestion that immigrants are taking advantage of the system "panders to xenophobia." They warn that cuts in benefits threaten the health of elderly or disabled immigrants and that cash-strapped states would object to picking up those costs.

But moderate and conservative Democrats are now joining 162 House Republicans in supporting a plan to raise more than $21 billion by denying welfare to the mushrooming numbers of immigrants on the rolls.

The money would be used to provide education, training, day care and work for single mothers at risk of long-term welfare dependency.

It also allows the Mainstream Forum, a group of 90 moderate and conservative House Democrats, to try to reach more mothers on welfare than the administration's $15 billion draft plan.

"There are young people in this country who are now second- or third-generation welfare recipients," said Rep. Dave McCurdy, D-Okla., leader of the forum. "We felt that they are such a high-risk population for continued dependency, for just being caught in this downward spiral, that we needed to put the emphasis on them."

Most of the savings are wrung from Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income, which provides cash benefits to low-income seniors, the elderly and disabled. One in 10 of SSI's 6 million recipients is an immigrant and investigators say some of them are defrauding the program.

At a recent congressional hearing, investigators described how immigrants are using unscrupulous middlemen, translators and doctors to help them fake disability and get SSI. Rep. J.J. Pickle, D-Texas, estimated the cost to taxpayers in the millions of dollars.

Congress also has been looking at the number of elderly immigrants who end up on SSI after their children or other relatives have promised to support them.

"There is a consensus forming that we should curb abuses in welfare spending on non-citizens," said Will Marshall, president of the Progressive Policy Institute, the policy arm of the moderate Democratic Leadership Council.

President Clinton says the Republicans' financing strategy is "too hard" on immigrants. "I think it goes too far there," he says.

Members of his Cabinet are debating a more modest proposal that would make it tougher for elderly immigrants to collect welfare when their relatives can afford to support them.

Susan Drake, a senior attorney with the National Immigration Law Center, an immigrant advocacy group, said it makes no sense to finance welfare reform with cuts from anti-poverty programs.

"They are not making a net investment in low-income communities by taking money away from one person in the low-income community and trying to put it in the pocket of their neighbor. It's a shell game," she said.

Fort Worth planning several steps to fight youth gangs

FORT WORTH (AP) — The primary reasons that youth join gangs are a sense of belonging, family, peer pressure and protection for gang membership, experts say.

Now, add the sense of thrill.

"The in-thing to be right now is a gangster," said Patsy Thomas, executive director of the Citizens Crime Commission of Tarrant County. "Kids have always wanted to kind of do the wild thing and take risks and that kind of thing, but they've never been armed and dangerous before."

Fort Worth police Lt. Ed Daniels agrees that it's popular among young kids to be a gang member.

As commander of the city's gang unit, he knows firsthand the level of Fort Worth's problem and said it's "as bad as it has ever been, particularly in the area of violent crimes committed by young offenders."

Economics, education, narcotics and broken homes are partially responsible, he said. But images in the media, including those on the big screen and in some rap music, also are contributors.

Already, Fort Worth's death toll from gang-related violence this year is at 10, compared with 17 in 1993. The statistics make the city a prime example of how deadly gang violence is becoming in Texas.

The problem has swept across the state and nation from the major cities to rural areas.

—In San Antonio, police said a teen-ager who avoided gangs was slain Friday in a shootout between rival groups who targeted the wrong house. The boy's cousin was critically wounded in the hail of gunfire.

—At Irving Mall, a man who was eating pizza with his wife and two daughters was fatally shot in the head in a gang-related shooting two days after Christmas.

—In the South Texas town of Alice, which has fewer than 20,000 residents, five drive-by shootings were reported in a single month last summer.

Dallas Mayor Steve Bartlett recently announced plans for a youth crime summit. During next month's two-day conference, several of the nation's big-city mayors and police chiefs will focus on developing a plan to combat gang violence.

In Fort Worth, leaders of six warring factions have called a truce as community leaders pledged to help gang members find alternatives to street violence.

Three days after the truce was declared on Feb. 24, a shooting involving gang members claimed the lives of three men and wounded another.

In a drive-by shooting last week, two girls, ages 4 and 17, were injured outside a Fort Worth home. The week before, a 10-year-old boy was accidentally shot in a gang attack.

Last month, a mother with gang-member sons was killed as 18 bullets from a drive-by shooting ripped through the side of her Fort Worth house, which had become a frequent target of rival gangs.

Police say the fear of death or injury has many gang members looking to sever their ties to the increasingly violent organizations.

Yet, getting out is tougher than it seems. The fear of retaliation by hard-core gang members is a significant deterrent to those hoping to escape.

"More and more of them are becoming scared, for lack of a better word, now that they're in a gang and seeing that, not only is it their friends and stuff, but family members that are being killed and shot as a result of their being in a gang," Daniels said. "On the other hand, the're also afraid to get out of it."

DATE BOOK

March 29, 1994

Today is the 88th day of 1994 and the 10th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1886, John Pemberton brewed the first batch of Coca-Cola, over a backyard fire in Atlanta.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Tyler (1790-1862), U.S. president; Cy Young (1867-1955), baseball great; Howard Lindsay (1889-1968), playwright; Eugene McCarthy (1916-), U.S. politician, is 78; Walt Frazier (1945-), basketball great, is 49; Earl Campbell (1955-), football great, is 39; Jennifer Capriati (1976-), tennis player, is 18.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1990, Michael Jordan scored a career-high 69 points to lead the Chicago Bulls to a 117-113 overtime win over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Being a politician is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game, but dumb enough to think it's important." — Eugene McCarthy

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1848, Niagara Falls eased to a trickle, then was "silent" for 30 hours. The cause was an ice jam at the neck of Lake Erie and the Niagara River entrance between Fort Erie, Ont., and Buffalo, N.Y.

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